



## Research Committee

### Annual Report 2023

Submitted by: Co-Chairs A/Prof Joanne Shaw and A/Prof Sylvie Lambert

#### The Research Committee's (RC) mission is to:

- a. Facilitate research activities by IPOS members, particularly those that have international significance, address cross cultural differences or address issues of importance to developing countries;
- b. Act as a clearing house for, or develop, resources to support Psycho-Oncology researchers;
- c. Provide advice to IPOS member organisations on research standards when necessary; and,
- d. Identify strategies to promote research training and development in psycho-oncology, in collaboration with the IPOS Education Committee.

**Committee Members:** Sylvie Lambert (Co-Chair) Joanne Shaw (Co-Chair), Nick Hulbert-Williams (Immediate Past Chair), Lisa Beatty, Tihana Gašpert, Melissa Henry, Paul Jacobsen, Sophie Lebel, Ursula Sansom Daly (IPOS Board Representative).

#### Committee Governance

The committee last met in person at IPOS World Congress, Milan in 2023. Committee members were also asked to confirm continued engagement via email in February 2024.

- The Committee recognizes the need to recruit new members from geographic areas currently under-represented and will put out a call out for new committee members in due course.

#### Facilitating Research

In 2023 the Research Committee received the following requests for support:

- *Exploring Attitudes and Beliefs Toward Psychedelic-Assisted Therapies for People Living with Cancer* - request was for access to IPOS members for advertising the study / recruiting participants. As the Investigator team met the IPOS peer review terms of reference, the RC determined this study was appropriate to be circulated to members.



- *Research Leadership Training Academy (RLTA)* to build the future generation of psycho-oncology researchers in low-to-middle income countries (LMIC) – the RC continued to provide in-principle support as this grant application moved from EOI to full application submission through the Global and the National Cancer Institute funding scheme.
- *The FRAME Implementation Study (Focused Recognition, Assessment and Management of late Effects)*- grant review request. As the Investigator team met the IPOS peer review terms of reference, the RC conducted a per review of the study protocol.

#### **Liaison with other committees:**

##### **i. Collaboration with Survivorship SIG**

- In 2022 the RC provided peer review for the IPOS Survivorship SIG project: *An international survey of psychosocial care for cancer survivors in low/middle and high-income countries: current practices, barriers, and facilitators to care*. Throughout 2023 the RC representative attended study meetings and contributed to the completion of the survey study. The manuscript for this study has now been accepted for publication:

*Signorelli, C., Høeg, BL., Asuzu, C., etal. On behalf of the International Psycho-Oncology Society Survivorship Special Interest Group. Accepted for publication by JCO Global Oncology on 21st February 2024*

- In 2023 the RC Chair (and subsequently Co-Chair) were invited to collaborate with the Survivorship SIG to undertake a scoping review of Implementation of psychosocial interventions targeting adult cancer survivors– A scoping review. This collaboration will continue in 2024.

#### **Engagement with Journal of Psychosocial Research and Practice**

- In 2023 the RC was approached by the Editors of JPORP on behalf of the IPOS Borad to explore the feasibility of the RC acting as the journal's Editorial Advisory Board. After calling for expressions of interest from RC members and discussion with the journal editors Prof Brian Kelly and Prof Linda Carlson, due to capacity issues the RC was unable to support this recommendation.

#### **Goals for the next 12 months**

In 2024 the RC has committed to the following activities:

- A webinar focused on implementation frameworks/ key ingredients for implementation science proposals is in preparation / scheduled for June 2024 with a follow up webinar proposed for later in the year.
- An environmental scan of implementation science training that is free to access.
- Approach Journal of Psychosocial Research and Practice to curate an Implementation Science special issues – meeting with JPORP Editors to explore possibility is planned for March 2024.