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Student Section Newsletter

Making a Space for Student Voices in Palliative Care

Greetings from Montreal! The initial efforts to raise the profile of students in Palliative Care at the upcoming international congress have begun to pay dividends. In addition to a strong endorsement from the Congress Executive, we have already received an encouraging response from students in multiple countries expressing their interest to attend the scheduled student events. Thinking of becoming a student in Palliative Care? This is a great chance to establish networks, meet potential supervisors, converse with other students, and make new friends in the evolving discipline of Palliative Care.

Eminent Speakers for the Student Forum

We are very excited to have Dr. Bernard Lapointe and Dr. Mary Ellen Macdonald as key-note speakers at the student forum. Both are excellent presenters who have made significant leadership and research contributions to the discipline. Dr. Lapointe is a palliative care physician who holds the Eric M. Flanders Chair in Palliative Medicine and is Executive Director of Palliative Care McGill. Dr. Mary Ellen Macdonald is Assistant Professor in the Division of Oral Health and Society at McGill. She has published in the areas of pediatric palliative care and is currently chair of the McGill Qualitative Health Research Group. Both will speak of current trends in palliative care research, practice, and how as students we can make important contributions to the field. It promises to be a memorable event!

Other Student Activities at the Congress

The student section executive has been hard at work planning for various student activities at the congress. First, the Speed Networking Event is intended to allow attendees the quick and entertaining opportunity to introduce themselves and share their ideas and interests with colleagues. Second, we will be mounting a student bulletin board where we will display a brief description of the students and their research interests. This identification board will give researchers in palliative care the opportunity to find students interested in palliative care research and will allow students the opportunity to see what other students in palliative care research are interested in. Finally, the Student Night Out will be a friendly evening event. Montreal is a great city and it will be our pleasure to show you a piece of it! See the congress website for more details on these activities!

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The Poster Deadline is Fast Approaching!

The deadline for poster submission is May 31st, 2010. Submission can be done through the congress website. Student posters are highly valued at the congress. It is a great opportunity to showcase your current work with like-minded individuals, get feedback, and network! An award will be given for the top student poster of the congress.

Looking Ahead...

Montreal has a pioneering history in Palliative Care that we are very proud to be a part of. Our goal is to invite to the congress as many students as possible who are training as clinicians and/or conducting research in end-of-life topics. We remain open to any suggestions from you and invite you to contact us at studenticpc@gmail.com. We would ask that you forward this newsletter to all those who may be interested. See you in the fall!

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