Thursday 19 May - The Global state of Genetic Counseling

10:00 Welcomes and Introductions
Janice Edwards, President

Meeting chairs:
Kelly Ormond (USA)
Clara Serra-Juhé (Spain)
Tina Marie Wessels (South Africa)

10:00-12:00 Current international state of the profession, workforce and training status

Chairs:
Tina-Marié Wessels (South Africa)
Lian-Hua Huang (Taiwan)

Panel:
Australia
Kristine Barlow-Stewart, Sydney Medical School

Canada
Jennifer Fitzpatrick McGill University

France
Emeline Davoine, Oscar Lambret Cancer Centre, Lille

Philippines
Mercy Laurino, University of Manila

South Africa
Shelley Macaulay, University of the Witwatersrand

Spain
Clara Serra-Juhé of University Pompeu Fabra

Taiwan
Lian-Hua Huang, School of Nursing, National Taiwan University

UK
Diana Scotcher, Manchester Centre for Genomic Medicine

USA
Cathy Wicklund, Northwestern University

13:00-15:00: The state of credentialing and plans for reciprocity across the globe

Chairs:
Anna Middleton (UK)
Milena Paneque (Portugal)

Panel:
Australasia
Ivan Macciocca, representing the Board of Censors for Genetic Counselling

Canada
Kate Gardiner, representing the Canadian Association of Genetic Counsellors

Europe
Debby Lambert, representing the European Board of Medical Genetics

South Africa
Tina Wessels, representing the Health Professions Council of South Africa

UK
Diana Scotcher, representing the Genetic Counsellor Registration Board

USA
Karen Potter Powell, representing American Board of Genetic Counseling

15:30-17:00 -- Open discussion about global workforce issues
Moderator: Barbara Biesecker (USA)

17:00 - Poster session

Friday 20 May -- Global trends in genetic counselor education

10:45-12:15pm Workshops

(1) Teaching technology and genomics in a rapidly changing environment
During this session we will discuss the current efforts in the UK to educate genetic counselors and other
medial professionals around genomics, and efforts in the US and Australia that focus on introducing
 genetic counselors to genomics concepts such as variant interpretation as part of the curriculum. We will
facilitate a discussion about what concepts are seen as core to genetic counselor training and continuing education, as well as how various countries balance the rapidly changing pace of technology with other core genetic counselor competencies.

Presenters:  
Kelly Ormond (USA)  
Kristine Barlow-Stewart (Australia)  
Anna Middleton (UK)

(2) Online teaching methods  
During this session we will be discussing how online teaching can be utilized in genetic counselling training. The format will be formal presentations followed by group discussions:

Presenters:  
Kunal Sanghavi (Skype) (US/India)  
Tina-Marié Wessels (South Africa)  
Alexandra Obregon Tito (USA)  
Sonia Margarit (Chile)

(3) Supervision in Genetic Counseling Training  
This discussion-based, interactive workshop will focus on various aspects of clinical supervision. Topics for both novice and experienced supervisors will be addressed, including nuts and bolts of establishing a clinical rotation, styles of supervision, strategies for working with students at different developmental stages, and handling challenging situations.

Presenters:  
Jennifer Fitzpatrick (Canada)  
Andrea Hanson-Kahn (USA)

(4) Facilitating family communication about genetic risk-development of novel interventions  
Review the current state of interventions in promoting family communication. Small group exercises will assist participants develop techniques to support family communication. The session will conclude with facilitated discussion of the benefits and the challenges of introducing family communication techniques into genetic counseling curricula, with reference to cultural implications.

Presenters:  
Louisa Di Pietro (Australia)  
Allison Metcalfe (UK)  
Margaret Sahhar (Australia)  
Diana Scotcher (UK)

13:15-14:00 Open discussion regarding international trends in genetic counseling education

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