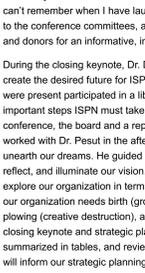




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Sara Horton-Deusch, PhD, PMHCNS, RN, ANEP

I am honored to be your president this next year and energized by the exciting work ahead. I want to thank Evelyn Parrish, our past president, who has laid the foundation for much of this work. She continues to serve as a guide and sage as we work to bring ISPN to new heights.

The 7th Annual Psychopharmacology Institute and 16th Annual ISPN Conference in Greenville, South Carolina, were an enormous success with terrific attendance. I was excited to meet a number of new members as well as connect with seasoned friends and colleagues from around the world. Participants were pleased with the location as well as the outstanding podium and poster presentations. I am always in awe of the significant and meaningful work of our members. For those of you who attended the foundation event, what can I say, we will forever be known as the "cra cra". The comic duo who entertained us for the evening was absolutely hilarious and I will always treasure the full night, light-hearted evening. I can't remember when I have laughed so hard. I would like to send a warm thank you to the conference committees, abstract reviewers, and Foundation board members and donors for an informative, insightful, and enjoyable week.

During the closing keynote, Dr. Daniel Pesut challenged us to consider how we can create the desired future for ISPN and Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing. Those who were present participated in a liberating structures activity identifying the most important steps ISPN must take to ensure that preferred future. Following the conference, the board and a representative from the foundation, Gen Pearson, worked with Dr. Pesut in the afternoon to consider your feedback and dig deeper to unearth our dreams. He guided us through a number of exercises to further assess, reflect, and illuminate our vision. One of the activities I found most helpful was to explore our organization in terms of the Ecocycle where we asked ourselves what in our organization needs birth (growing), has reached maturity (harvesting), needs plowing (creative destruction), and needs renewal (sowing). Feedback from the closing keynote and strategic planning meeting that followed was collected, summarized in tables, and reviewed by the board in May. This valuable information will inform our strategic planning process over the next year.

The three most prominent findings from both the closing keynote and strategic planning meeting were that our divisions have reached maturity, our journals need to be reevaluated and realigned with a preferred organizational structure, and we need to thoughtfully honor and document our past. As such, the board will explore how to phase out the divisions and bring ISPN together with special interest groups defined by the members over the next year. Second, the board will send a letter to each of you in the next month outlining the fiscal issues with our three journals and seek your feedback on the best way to move forward. Dr. Jane Neese will lead a task force to review the findings and make formal recommendations to the board. Third, Dr. Susan Krupnick will lead a task force that will begin to archive materials from ISPN and the divisions over the past 15 years in a manner that honors and clearly defines the contributions of the divisions and the history of ISPN.

These are truly exciting times. While the board will focus on the three items above many of you are already engaged in activities that define our future. From forming strategic partnerships to building our national and international membership and reaching out to graduate students, this organization is moving forward to a preferred future because of your efforts. I am confident that by addressing the three elements above we will begin to realize our purpose with our current and future practices.

A happy belated Nurses Week to each of you. I hope you've all recognized in a triler manner than this coming to you now. As the heart and soul of mental health, you are essential providers of care. On a related note, shortly after the conference, Edilma Yearwood, ACAPN Division Chair, represented ISPN at the 2014 National Nurses Week Annual Stakeholder Meeting with HHS Secretary Sebelius and HRSA Administrator Wakefield. Please see Dr. Yearwood's comments about her attendance at this meeting under her ACAPN report.

In May 2014, members approved a bylaws change allowing the president to appoint a recording secretary to take minutes during the monthly board meetings. I am pleased to announce beginning in June 2014, Dr. Dawn Vanderhoef will serve as recording secretary for one year.

Have you saved the date for the 2015 Psychopharmacology Institute and Annual Conference? If not, now is the time. Please mark your calendars for March 24th -28th in Seattle, Washington. Note the call for abstracts submission deadlines have changed this year. Information about submitting an abstract online is available on the [ISPN website](#).

We have an exhilarating year ahead. This is an opportunity for each of us to honor our past and enact a vision for the future. I am eager to hear from each of you so please respond to the letter you will receive this summer. This organization is truly defined by its members and the relevant and innovative work that we do.

From the bottom of my heart thank you.

Sara

From the President



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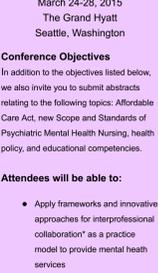
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2015 ISPN Psychopharmacology Institute and Annual Conference

Save the Date!
March 24-28, 2015
The Grand Hyatt
Seattle, Washington

Conference Objectives

In addition to the objectives listed below, we also invite you to submit abstracts relating to the following topics: Affordable Care Act, new Scope and Standards of Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing, health policy, and educational competencies.

Attendees will be able to:

- Apply frameworks and innovative approaches for interprofessional collaboration* as a practice model to provide mental health services
- Integrate approaches for interprofessional education* in psychiatric nursing education
- Synthesize research for evidence-based psychiatric nursing practice that improves patient outcomes in a changing healthcare environment.
- Share models of leadership that transform psychiatric mental health practice.

*includes peer support specialists

More information to come.

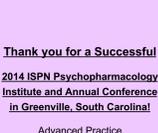
Thank you for a Successful 2014 ISPN Psychopharmacology Institute and Annual Conference in Greenville, South Carolina!

Advanced Practice Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurses: Advancing Mental Health Across the Lifespan

March 25-29, 2014 at The Hyatt Regency in Greenville, South Carolina

[Click Here to see Conference Pictures](#)

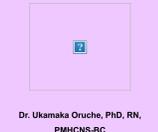
Congratulations to our 2014 Award Winners!



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2014 Research Award



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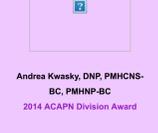
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2014 President's Award



Peggy Dulaney, MSN, RN
2014 President's Award



Dr. Gretchen LaGoda, PhD, RN, CS, FAAN
2014 Living Legend Award

[To see our 2014 Poster Award Winners, click here!](#)

Looking for a dynamic and creative ISPN Board Member?

The ISPN Foundation Board is looking for a dynamic and creative board member who can help us to promote research, diversity and scholarship, and long term sustainability for ISPN. We are looking for someone who can help with our fundraising, and annual Foundation Event and Silent Auction. We are a fine group of dedicated mental health nurses who meet monthly on Fridays at 12 noon eastern via teleconference who believe in the mission of our organization to bring mental health out of the shadows!

If you are interested, please respond to Bobbie Posmontier, Foundation President at [bp98@drexel.edu](#).

Your ISPN Members at Work

The 2014 Edition of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice will be released in June...

Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice articulates the essentials of psychiatric-mental health nursing at multiple levels and settings. It reflects the diverse activities in which general and advanced practice psychiatric-mental health nurses are engaged and serves them in their clinical practice, education, research, and community service.

Special thanks to the Task Force composed of psychiatric-mental health nurses from ISPN and APNA who reviewed and updated the publication.

Kris McLoughlin, DNP, APRN, PMHCNS-BC, CADC-II, FAAN - APNA Co-Chair, Catherine Kane, PhD, RN, FAAN - ISPN Co-Chair, Carol Bickford, PhD, RN-BC, CPHM, Kathleen Delaney, PhD, PMHNP, RN, Amanda DuWick, BSN, BC-RN, Carole Farley-Torrens, MS, RN, NEA-BC, Kay Folsom, PhD, MSN, RN, Sara Horton-Deusch, PhD, PMHCNS, RN, ANEP, Susan Krupnick, MSN, PMHCNS-BC, ANP, C-PREP, Marlene Nadler-Modine, MSN, APRN, PMHCNS-BC, Sus Odgerarden, MA, MS, BSN, R, Peggy Plunkett, MSN, PMHCNS, APRN, Diane Snow, PhD, RN, PMHNP-BC, CAR, Victoria Solis-Jarrett, PhD, PMHCNSNP-BC, Christine Tobaldi, MS, PMHNP-BC, Edilma Yearwood, PhD, PMHCNS, BC, FAAN

Renew Your Membership

It is time to renew your ISPN membership for the 2014-2015 membership year. While other organizations include advanced practice psychiatric-mental health nurses among a broader membership, ISPN is the only organization solely dedicated to the professional development of this unique group.

Membership in ISPN affords these benefits:

- An annual international [conference](#)
- An annual business meeting with opportunities to discuss and influence the position, policies, and functioning of the organization
- A triannual newsletter, [Connections](#)
- Subscription to 1 (or more) division journals: *Archives of Psychiatric Nursing*, *Journal of Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Nursing*, *Perspectives in Psychiatric Care*
- [Online Searchable Membership Directory](#)
- International networking
- ISPN website [www.ispn-psych.org](#):

- e-Bookstore with discount for ISPN members
- [Member ENews](#) - Get all the latest ISPN information delivered right to your computer!
- [Member Listserve](#)
- [Members Only Section](#)

Renew today! [Online](#), mail, email, or fax the [2015 ISPN Membership Application](#) to the main office at:

ISPN
Membership Coordinator
2424 American Lane
Madison, WI 53704

We are looking forward to another great year!

News from the Membership Committee

The Membership Committee has been very busy bringing new life into our esteemed group of fabulous colleagues. Please celebrate with us and check out what we have done and our plans to grow ISPN this year:

1. We are recovering from a successful year of fruitful activities.
2. We are celebrating and thanking ISPN leadership, the Board, and the Foundation Board for their support.
3. We recognize the superlative presence of the ISPN Leadership community at the New Member Breakfast: it was amazing and great fun!
4. We will carry through the IMIN initiative with paired mentors/mentees growing and developing from the inside.
5. We will continue to work with Diversity/Equity Committee, especially with regard to the conference and a united presence.
6. We celebrate our members at ISPN and endeavor to grow quality committed relationships with one another with a diverse and global effort.
7. Hopefully, the following will assist in bringing membership up past 700 well before the Seattle Conference:

We will be looking at surveying key military ISPN members to how two things: launch a serious effort through military members by asking how we can serve them, and focus on our international presence/membership by our linkages with key military members.

We are searching for additional members willing to be on the military member sub-committee. Please contact Mandy Penisten at [info@ispn-psych.org](#) if you are interested.

Thank you ISPN and warmest regards for assisting, supporting, and celebrating with us! It has been a great year.

Kathleen McCoy

ISPN 2015 Call For Abstracts

The ISPN Call for Abstracts is now open! ISPN is accepting abstract submissions for the Psychopharmacology Institute and the Annual Conference. [View the submission site here.](#)

Deadlines

- General Abstract Submission Deadline is Monday, June 30, 2014 at midnight Pacific time
- Student Poster Submission Deadline is Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at midnight Pacific time

Types of Submissions

The ISPN Conference Planning Committee seeks oral presentations, workshops, and poster presentations that address cutting-edge issues related to clinical practice, education, and research in the psychiatric-mental health field.

- Psychopharmacology Institute Concurrent Session (90 minutes)
- Annual Conference Concurrent Session (50 minutes)
- Annual Conference Workshop Session (90 minutes or 3 hours)
- Poster Presentation

Instructions

Complete instructions for the ISPN Abstract Submission can be found on the [Abstract Submission Page](#).

Foundation Update

We are so thrilled that our Foundation Event was so successful in Greenville! We were very proud to announce the travel award winners - Dr. Steven Pyljanchuk and Kristina Stevens, and the recipient of the Foundation Grant award - Dr. Abir Bekhet. Our [LampLighters donor program](#) was also very successful with several members pledging to donate \$100 for the next 5 years. These generous donations will help us immensely with our capability to offer more substantial travel scholarships, research awards and global initiatives.

Thank you for all your Foundation Support,

Bobbie Posmontier, PhD, CNM, PMHNP-BC
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Shine a light in the Darkness

Becoming a LampLighter for the ISPN Foundation.

By becoming a LampLighter your donation will help bring mental illness out of the shadows through research and education. The Foundation plays a critical role in raising the bar for the profession. Through the years many people have been touched by the shared knowledge and expertise of ISPN members – and many don't even know it.

Thank you to the following LampLighters for lighting the way and being the first in this new pledge program:

Bobbie Posmontier, Caroline McKinnon, Catherine Kane, Cynthia Handrup, Dawn Brewer, Elizabeth Bonham, Fabienne Williams, Ciriwcham LaGoda, Jane Neese, Janice DeSocio, Jeanne Stewart, Jim Kane, Joyce Shery, Judith Coucouzantis, Kandy Abound, Linda Fink, Marilyn Shirk, Pamela Galehouse, Pamela Minarik, Peggy Dulaney, Peggy Plunkett, Rene Love, Sara Horton-Deusch, Susan Krupnick, Sylvia Whiting, Vicki Hines-Martin, Vicki Lachman, Victoria Solis-Jarrett

ACAPN Division Update

National Nurses Week:

I had the exciting opportunity to represent ISPN at the May 8th Nursing Stakeholders Meeting at the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in Washington, DC, as part of the National Nurses Week Celebration. DHHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and Dr. Mary Wakefield, Administrator for the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), conducted the meeting. The theme of the week-long celebration was, "Nurses: Leading the Way." After photos of the attendees by the Secretary and Dr. Wakefield, Secretary Sebelius opened the meeting by graciously thanking the approximately 25 nurse attendees, who were representing different organizations, for all the hard work and dedication of nurses in improving the health of all here in the United States. She then proceeded to provide the group with an update on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the current status of the newly insured in this country. The message from both her and Dr. Wakefield was that nursing is at the table and will remain at the table as providers of care across all specialties for newly insured individuals. They verbalized a commitment to continue developing the nursing workforce and to continue support of existing nursing workforce initiatives.

Dr. Wakefield summarized her proposed budget to Congress for the period inclusive of 2015-2019. The budget includes continued or additional funding for APRNs to work in primary care, behavioral health and substance abuse, the National Health Services Corps and the Nurse Corps, and to expand Home Visiting Programs by nurses. Of note, psychiatric-mental health nurses were mentioned several times during their talk with the group. Dr. Wakefield also introduced the attendees to Rear Admiral Sylvia Trent-Agley, the Chief Nurse Officer of the US Public Health Service, and Dr. Mary Beth Bigley, Director of the Division of Nursing at HRSA. Leaving this meeting, I personally felt proud to know that ISPN is at the table and that psychiatric-mental health nurses have a variety of opportunities to contribute to the well-being of others.

[Information about these and other initiatives can be found here.](#)
[www.hrsa.gov](#) or [HHS.gov](#)

UN Sustainable Development Goals:

Dr. Pam Galehouse represented ISPN at a recent meeting in New York City to discuss the new UN Sustainable Development Goals. Pam summarized the meeting as follows:

On April 5, a day-long workshop was conducted to examine the relationship between national and global initiatives and to invigorate nurses in promoting the UN's post 2015 agenda: The New Global Sustainable Development Goals and the UN family of organizations. The event was sponsored by the Nighthale Initiative (NIHI) in collaboration with NYU Langone Hospitals and the Regional Initiative (THA) Trust International Global Initiatives Committee. Attended by a diverse group of nurses, including dozens of enthusiastic undergraduate and graduate students, the day's agenda included presentations of a wide range of nursing initiatives that address global health concerns and nursing education, practice and advocacy. Prominently featured were Holly Shaw, PhD, RN, Director of the UN Department of Public Information/NGOs, Deva-Marie Beck, PhD, RN, International Co-Director of NIHI, and Barbara Waldorf, BSN, MPH, the Executive Director of the Global Nursing Caucus. While the presentations were not specific to mental health, Dr. Shaw is working to develop relationships with NGOs whose focus includes recovery following bereavement, violence, and crises. Additional meetings are scheduled to occur in New York in late August. ISPN members in New York have expressed an interest in attending and representing ISPN.

Respectfully submitted,
Edilma L. Yearwood, PhD, PMHCNS-BC, FAAN
ACAPN Division Director

AGPN Division Update

Dear Adult Geriatric Psychiatric Nursing Colleagues,

It's time to start thinking about what you liked about the 2014 Annual Conference and what you need to know to help the planning committee for the 2015 conference. Give it a think, send me an email, or post your ideas on Yammer in that section.

You've likely received an invitation to join Yammer. Please go to [www.yammer.com/ispnyammer](#) and look for invitation. Put in your own ID and your own password. Then join your Adult Geriatric psychiatric nursing colleagues. This is a way to stay connected with ISPN 365 days of the year when you are not at the annual conference.

Yammer is a way to stay connected. Sign up and in. Meet our colleague in Nigeria. Say hello to someone you met at the conference.

Please post your ideas or start a topic of your own creation. If it's of interest, it's likely you have peers that are also interested.

What interest groups are you thinking about?

- Many of us in the Adult Geriatric Division are practitioners. Has your practice or organization moved to DSM-V coding? Is everyone on an electronic medical record?
- Has your practice updated to include genomic testing for what drugs do to the patient's body? Debbie Thomas made a presentation about how she uses genomic testing in her private practice as does Cynthia Handrup. In my organization, I shared this information with the medical director when I returned from the conference. He has contacted the company representative. I'm so looking forward to this new tool in my tool box. It takes best clinical practice to a new standard of care, don't you agree?
- How many of you work in an integrated practice? If so, what does integrated mean to you? Does it include mental health and primary care? Does it include treatment for both brain and substance disorders? Does it include mental health and alternative health practices, such as acupuncture, mindfulness, and meditation?
- Some in our division are educators preparing our colleagues who will join us in the future. Are you doing some clinical mentoring? If so, what's your experience with students? Are they in online programs needing to find their own clinical experiences?

Yammer it up!

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Benson
Chair of Adult Geriatric Psychiatric Nursing Division

ISPCLN Division Update

Hello ISPCLN Division Colleagues;

I hope this message finds you all well. This is my final Division Director message, as you all know, a battle for the ISPCLN Division Director position has been emailed to all ISPCLN Division members. So if you have not voted please do so, and, if you have taken the time to review the candidates and voted, I want to thank you. Also I want to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to Lynda Zibell-Milsap and Claudia Mitzelwitols who both agreed to be candidates after discussions about the position and what the role responsibilities entail. Again, ladies thank you very much.

It has been my sincere pleasure to have been the ISPCLN Division Director over the last several years. I developed many friendships and relationships with Division members and have felt the support from members when requests were made for working on task forces or committees. I am confident that will continue with the next Division Director. I want to thank you all for continuing to work in PCLN roles, support new members, and mentor individuals new to the PCLN role. I look forward to participating to see you all at conferences. So hold that date March 24-28, 2015, and plan to travel to Seattle, Washington. Start working on those abstracts now to showcase your very important work as a PCLN!

16th Annual ISPN Conference and 7th Annual Psychopharmacology Institute was another Successful

I wanted to let you know what a wonderful experience I had as the ISPCLN Division Director while I was attending the conference this year in Greenville, South Carolina. First, it was just wonderful to be in such a relaxing environment with colleagues and friends that I typically see once a year. During the conference, I had numerous opportunities to reconnect with long-time PCLN colleagues, and to participate in an equally rich educational experience. There were several presentations conducted by ISPCLN Division members that were diverse and demonstrated the breadth of knowledge and expertise that PCLN possess and utilize in their daily practices. I am hoping that for the 2015 Annual Conference many of you will consider submitting an abstract for consideration to continue making visible the often invisible practice of PCLN work.

Another Successful and Fun ISPN Foundation Event

Additionally, the ISPN Foundation, under the leadership of Dr. Bobbie Posmontier, put on a special event with wonderful Southern-style food and an outrageously funny comedy routine by two local female comedienne. Once again, Peggy Dulaney both entertained and engaged the participants into parting with their money in such a truly enthusiastic manner. This event was both fun and another opportunity to network with colleagues while contributing to the ISPN Foundation. Kudos goes to ISPCLN division member Peggy Dulaney who worked the participants as a finely tuned auctioneer- encouraging a bidding frenzy over several auction items. These monies are used to promote research efforts and facilitate participation of colleagues at the ISPN conference.

ISPCLN Division Receive Awards During the Awards Program

Dr. Elizabeth Kaiser, Director of Patient Care Services (St. Elizabeth's Medical Center) in Boston, MA, was presented the ISPCLN Leadership Award for 2014. Elizabeth, during the awards program each year, ISPCLN presents this award to a member for their outstanding work as a PCLN. Her contributions to PCLN practice and to the organization. This year Elizabeth Kaiser was supported by her ISPCLN colleagues for the continued outstanding work she does in a role as a PCLN at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, and in creating a PCLN position at her recent medical center. Dr. Kaiser has a long standing commitment to the PCLN role and continues to support that PCLN's engage in duty to improve the care delivered.

Additionally, Dr. Evelyn Parrish, President of ISPN, selected Peggy Dulaney to receive the President's Award for continued support of ISPN. Peggy was one of the founding members and has continued to work diligently over the last 16 years in many roles to support the growth and development of ISPN. She is truly deserving of this coveted award. Peggy, thank you for all you have done on the behalf of ISPN and also the ISPCLN Division of ISPN.

Farewell and Hello

I would like to take a moment to express my personal appreciation to Dr. Evelyn Parrish for her incredible leadership of ISPN during her presidency over the last year. She worked diligently to shepherd this organization and continue promoting our visibility and encouraging members (both new and long time) to become involved in the organization. Evelyn worked with colleagues and other organizations to "get the work done." Thank you Evelyn for your masterful leadership and collegiality.

Additionally, I want to welcome Dr. Sara Horton-Deusch, the current president of ISPN, and ask that we all support her in the next wave of leadership to promote the strength and continued development of ISPN. I also want to extend my sincere appreciation to each ISPCLN Division member who served on committee(s), task force, or assisted a colleague in obtaining some information or resource. I have relied on the members of this division very often to assist our colleagues both nationally and internationally, and I am indebted to you for your kindness and generosity in facilitating their questions. That is after all the nature of PCLN practice.

Thank you ever so much as I bid you farewell as Division Director and will hail the next Division Director and support her in any manner that I am requested.

Warmly,
Susan L.W. Krupnick
ISPCLN Division Director

SERP Division Update

Well, it seems like spring has sprung around the country. As a matter of fact, it appears that we have jumped into more summertime-like weather pretty quickly. It is the time of year when we are revitalized and energetic. The birds are singing, the sun is shining and bright flowers are coming up everywhere.

The excitement also continues after the conference. For the friends that were able to attend, we had a wonderful time catching up with each other. We also enjoyed meeting new friends. We had expert speakers that delivered new information and challenged us in a variety of ways.

During the SERPN meeting, we talked about the projects that we accomplished over the year as well as the ones that are ongoing. It is important to note that Lynn Shell continues to work diligently on coordinating the updating of white papers. She also has several people that are interested in working on new white papers. The white paper by Karen Stanley and Peggy Dulaney on Lateral Violence has already been completed and placed on the website. Lynn is currently coordinating the following white paper updates and development: Foster Care; Schizophrenia; The Essentials of Psych-Mental Health Nursing in the BSN Curriculum; Female Genital Mutilation; and Integrative Care. If you are interested in helping her or if you have an idea, you can contact her at [ishell.apn@gmail.com](#)

We also want to thank Wendy Umberger for her continued willingness to represent us on the LACE network calls. I was able to attend the recent LACE update in Chicago as a representative of ISPN. As you can imagine, we have made progress nationwide but there are still needed changes to meet our goals. If you are interested, you can view the updates at <https://www.ncsbn.org/4621.htm>.

As always, please feel free to contact me at [rene.love@vanderbilt.edu](#)

Have a wonderful summer,
Rene Love

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