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CEO December Update

Dear Member,

As 2024 is coming to a close it gives us time to reflect on the ups and downs of the past year. This year has been an extremely busy one for the staff in the IAPC, we kicked off with our first in person Education & Research Seminar in the Gresham Hotel which was a great success. Dr. Lauren Boland won the coveted 1st place in platform presentations and Dr. Barry Coffey won 1st place in poster presentations.

During the year we also collaborated with a number of organisations delivering workshops : Galway Hospice, University of Ulster, University of Limerick, Motor Neurone Disease Ireland and The Irish Hospice Foundation. These workshops were well supported and attended. We enjoy the collaboration with other organisations as we feel it gives our members a variety of education:

opportunities, which of course, is one of our key strategic aims. We finished the year with the AGM and our Lecture Series, with Dr. Rachel Clarke.

As you are aware, I will be leaving the IAPC in early 2025 and as we enter into the new year the recruitment of the new CEO will commence, with a view to ensuring the stability of the workplan and maintenance and future development of the organisation. I would like to wish the new incumbent the very best in their future in the IAPC.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cathy Herbert and Zara O'Reilly who worked closely with me on delivering the aims of the Strategic Plan. I believe that both of these staff are the core of the very small but very efficient team in the IAPC. They worked hard and demonstrated professionalism and commitment to the organisation resulting in a jam-packed year.

I would like to wish you all a very happy and restful Christmas. I look forward to finishing out my workplan with the members of the Board until the new CEO takes over.

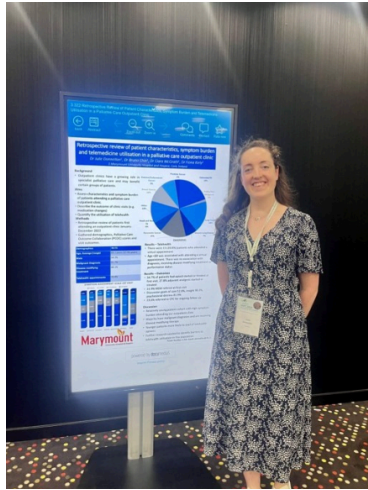
See you all in the new year,

Jacinta Cuthbert

Stay tuned to our X account [@palliativeire](#), email admin@iapc.ie and visit our website at www.iapc.ie for further updates and information.

IAPC, A Year in Photos





Education and Research Seminar 2025

This is a friendly but firm reminder that our Education and Research Seminar will take place on Tuesday, 11th February 2025, at the Camden Court Hotel in Dublin. Please ensure you've marked your calendars and made any necessary travel or accommodation arrangements. This event promises to be an engaging and informative day, and your participation is essential to its success. If you have any questions or need further details, please don't hesitate to reach out. We look forward to seeing you there!

The details for our 3 virtual workshops can also be found below. The option to attend these workshops is available on our registration forms, and we look forward to your participation and engagement in these highly engaging and thought-provoking topics. To book your place, the registration will open on our website on the 6th January 2025. For further updates and information, follow us on X or visit [our seminar page](#). We look forward to your participation!

The IAPC Presents
'Death and Dying at the Margins - a View from the Ground'

Virtual Workshop
20th February 2025
16:00pm - 17:00pm

Chaired by
Dr. David Byrne
Presented by
Dr. Patrick O'Donnell
Dr. Eiríde Barron
Dr. Anna Marie Naughton

To Register Please Complete the form on our X: [@palliativeire](#)
For further enquiries please email: admin@iapc.ie

Irish Association for Palliative Care

IAPC
Paediatric to Young Adult Palliative Care Challenges

Virtual Workshop
27th February 2025
16:00pm - 17:00pm

Chaired by
Dr. David Murphy
Presented by
Dr. John Allen
Dr. Hannah Lincoln

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IAPC
'Prisoners and Palliative Care'

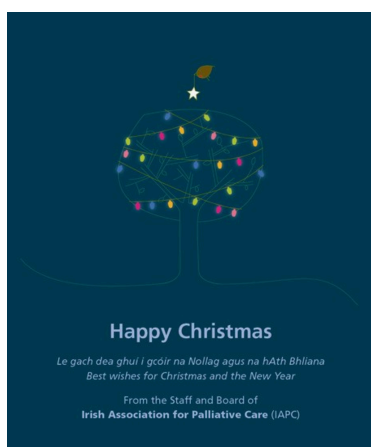
Virtual Workshop
6th March 2025
16:00pm - 17:00pm

Chaired by
Dr. Thomas Cahill
Presented by
Professor Audrey Roulston

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Irish Association for Palliative Care

IAPC 2024: A Year in Review



As we reflect on 2024, the Irish Association for Palliative Care (IAPC) is proud to share the progress, milestones, and collective efforts that shaped an impactful year for palliative care in Ireland. From advocacy to education, strategic planning to member engagement, the IAPC has worked tirelessly to advance the standard of care for patients and families nationwide.

Education and Research Leadership

In early 2024, we hosted the 23rd Annual Education and Research Seminar, which served as a cornerstone of professional development and knowledge-sharing. This event brought together experts and practitioners from across Ireland to explore advancements in palliative care, address emerging challenges, and foster collaboration. The seminar continues to be a key platform for driving innovation and improving practice standards.

Enhancing Professional Development through Forums

Our specialised forums provided essential support to practitioners across disciplines:

- The Pharmacy Forum continues to provide an excellent opportunity for Pharmacists across the country to share information on many topics, not least of which is ensuring standards are seamless for patients, especially at discharge back to the community. They also share important information regarding medical shortages and have recently worked closely with the Regulator to ensure that they are kept informed by them and share that information at forum meetings.
- The Education and Research Forum work diligently throughout the year to bring members to the Education & Research Seminar and workshops, providing an opportunity to network and gain valuable insights into the new and innovate research being carried out across the country.
- The Ethics Forum offered a dedicated space for addressing complex ethical challenges in palliative care, equipping professionals with guidance and clarity in their decision-making processes.
- The Nursing Forum provided targeted professional development opportunities, focusing on the unique needs and contributions of these critical roles in delivering palliative care.

These forums have been instrumental in fostering professional excellence and collaboration across the palliative care community.

Strategic Progress

Guided by our Strategic Plan 2023–2025, we remained focused on implementing key objectives to enhance our impact. From advocating for improved access to palliative care to strengthening educational initiatives, the plan continues to drive our mission forward. Significant progress has been made this year, laying the foundation for future success.

Strong Governance and Leadership

The IAPC's Board of Directors has provided steadfast leadership throughout 2024, ensuring that all initiatives align with our mission and values. Their commitment to strategic oversight and member engagement has been instrumental in sustaining the organisation's growth and relevance in a rapidly evolving healthcare landscape.

Fostering a Thriving Membership Community

Our members remain the core of the IAPC's success. In 2024, we strengthened our membership base, creating an environment of collaboration, professional development, and shared learning. By working together, we have continued to amplify the voice of palliative care professionals and promote best practices across the sector.

Commitment to Education and Training

Education remained a central pillar of our work in 2024. In addition to the Annual Seminar, we prioritised ongoing training and development opportunities to equip palliative care teams with the knowledge and skills required to meet evolving patient needs. These efforts are critical to ensuring the sustainability and quality of palliative care in Ireland.

Looking Ahead

As we close out 2024, we reflect on a year of progress and collaboration. Through the collective efforts of our members, stakeholders, and the wider palliative care community, the IAPC has advanced its mission of improving access to and quality of palliative care in Ireland. While we celebrate the achievements of this year, we remain focused on the work that lies ahead in 2025. Together, we will continue to lead, advocate, and educate to ensure that palliative care remains a priority for all who need it.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our shared mission.





Enhancing Expertise in Palliative Care

The Dublin Certificate in Evidence-Based Palliative Care is a 13-week blended learning programme for healthcare professionals, including doctors, nurses, and therapists. It builds confidence and skills in palliative care symptom management, focusing on a holistic approach to improve the quality of life for patients with life-limiting conditions in any care setting.

Further Information



IAPC End of Year Survey 2024

We value your input! As we plan for the year ahead, we want to hear from you—our valued readers and members—about how the IAPC can better serve your needs and support the palliative care community. Your feedback will help shape our events, seminars, newsletters, and initiatives in 2024, ensuring they address the topics and opportunities most important to you. Please take a few moments to answer the questions below and share your thoughts. Together, we can continue to grow and make a meaningful impact.

[Start Survey](#)

Dates for your Diary:

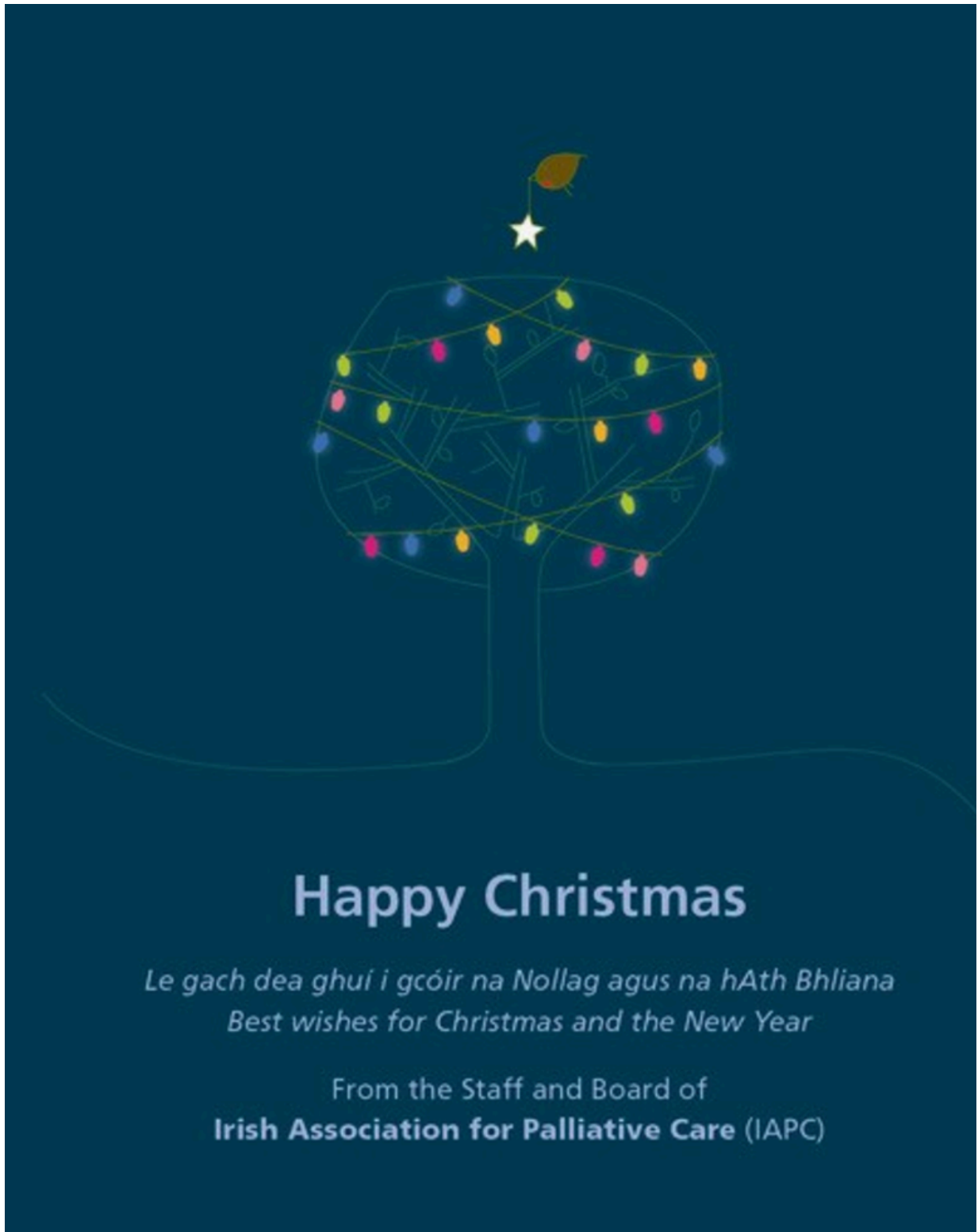
20th January: Closing date for Platform and Poster Final Presentations to be presented at the Education and Research Seminar 2025

11th February: IAPC Education and Research Seminar 2025, Camden Court Hotel

20th February: IAPC Virtual Workshop 1: 'Death and Dying at the Margins - a View from the Ground', registration forms can be found on our website or X.

27th February: IAPC Virtual Workshop 2: 'Paediatric to Young Adult Palliative Care Challenges', registration forms can be found on our website or X.

6th March: IAPC Virtual Workshop 3: 'Prisoners and Palliative Care', registration forms can be found on our website or X.



Happy Christmas

Le gach dea ghuí i gcóir na Nollag agus na hAth Bhliana
Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year

From the Staff and Board of
Irish Association for Palliative Care (IAPC)

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