



ISPOG

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Newsletter

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We are pleased to bring ISPOG members a holiday edition of Newsletter. It contains an important announcement, a call for information from member societies and an offer of help.

Announcing the new Editors of the Journal of Psychosomatic Obstetrics and Gynecology

We are pleased to announce that after an exhaustive international search, Taylor & Francis, the publishers of JPOG, have appointed new editors of the journal. As is usual, the pair of editors represent the OBGYN and Psychology disciplines.

Professor Julie Quinlivan

Professor Julie Quinlivan is a Fellow of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and has also completed a PhD in Maternal Fetal Medicine. She has been an active clinician in Obstetrics and Gynaecology for 25 years and been Head of Unit in several States within Australia. She is currently Chair of the Clinical Senate of Western Australia, a leading policy unit for government. She is also a Non-Executive Director of South Metropolitan TAFE and South Metropolitan Health Service Boards and a Member of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal of Australia. She is a former Pro Vice Chancellor and Executive Dean of Medicine at the University of Notre Dame Australia and currently holds academic appointments with the Institute for Health Research at the University of Notre Dame Australia and the South Australian Medical Research Institute. She has 240 publications covering high risk pregnancy and the psychological and social

aspects of women's health including family violence and teenage pregnancy. She has secured \$35 million in research and infrastructure funding and has authored several Government reports.

Professor Linda McGowan

Linda McGowan is Professor of Applied Health Research with a special interest in women's health. She has a clinical background in nursing and midwifery and a PhD in health psychology; she is a member of the British Psychological Society (BPS) and registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC).

Linda's research has a special emphasis on psychological and social factors that impact on women's health and wellbeing across the lifespan. Her research spans maternal health, including perinatal mental health, and gynaecology. She contributes to global women's health agenda with research on involving partners in the treatment of mother-to-child transmission of HIV in pregnancy in East Africa.

She has a particular interest in developing self-management resources for women who present with conditions that can be viewed as difficult to treat and manage. This includes research related to women with chronic pelvic pain (CPP) with or without a definitive diagnosis and how women engage in the consultation process. Her qualitative research has offered insights into the effects that living with CPP has on quality of life, psychological and social functioning. She has published widely in a range of journals and contributed to national reports. Linda leads the Maternal,

Family and Child Health research theme within the School of Healthcare, University of Leeds. She contributes to a national steering group on service provision for women with chronic pelvic pain (Public Health England, UK). She is recognised for her capacity building work, is a core panel member for the National Institute of Health Research (NIHR) Postdoctoral Fellowships committee and holds a Leadership Chair.

Professors Quinlivan and McGowan are commencing immediately. They each bring extensive and highly salient expertise, and we expect that the journal will flourish under their stewardship. ISPOG extends best wishes to them both in their new editorial positions.

Member Contact Details – please check your entry!

We are endeavouring to keep your contact details correct and up-to-date.

Please visit the ISPOG website and check the contact details of your national society. If they are not correct, please forward the correct details to Bianca at admin@ispog.org

Please let us know if you do not wish your email address to be listed on the website

If your society has a website and it is not listed, please forward the link. We will include it on the ISPOG website.

<http://ispog.org/national-societies/member-societies>

Is your POG society recognised by the national OBGYN society?

At the ExCo meetings in Málaga there was discussion about the relationships between national POG and OBGYN societies. It was agreed that strong POG societies usually have good relationships with their national OBGYN society.

ExCo members hope to understand how the relationships between POG and OBGYN societies are developed and maintained. Ideas about how to improve these relationships can then be passed on to others wishing to strengthen their links to OBGYN societies.

Please send us your experiences and ideas!

Developing societies - How can ISPOG help?

We are aware that a number of countries are in the process of developing a POG society. Although ISPOG cannot provide financial assistance, we are here to help in other ways. Please let us know how we can assist you to set up your society.

ISPOG has new Logo



The new logo is attached to the newsletter. We hope that you will use this on your websites with a link to ISPOG www.ispog.org

2017 ExCo Meeting Dublin

You will also receive an email with full details of the 2017 ExCo meeting:

**Wednesday 8 March 2017
1400-1800
Clayton Hotel Ballsbridge**
Please save the date.

A dinner for ExCo members will be held the night before the meeting (Tuesday 7th March). We will send full details of the restaurant and a map closer to the time.

ISPOG wishes you, and your families and colleagues a peaceful and safe holiday season.

Heather Rowe
Secretary General
on behalf of the ISPOG Board

Look out for the next Newsletter

We intend to publish a Newsletter in the first few months of 2017.

We hope to include updates from member societies. Please send us your news.