

CONFERENCE ABSTRACT

Emerging Researchers and Professionals in Integrated Care (ERPIC) Network Meeting and Co-design workshop

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Introduction:

The core aim for this workshop is to provide opportunity for members of the Emerging Researchers and Professionals in Integrated Care (ERPIC) Network to contribute to the future plans and activities of ERPIC.

Background:

Integrated care models aim to deliver tailored coordinated and linked care at system, service, and patient levels based on emerging research. The next generation of students, academics, researchers and practitioners are fundamental in shaping the integrated health and social care systems of tomorrow.

It is important to foster interdisciplinary knowledge exchange, building connections and enabling mentorships for emerging researchers and professionals in the field of integrated care. As such, the Emerging Researchers and Professionals in Integrated Care (ERPIC) network was launched.

ERPIC is a unique international platform founded to connect emerging researchers and professionals and to provide interdisciplinary learning about the science and practice of integrated care, and opportunities to participate in networking and mentorships.

ERPIC will achieve this by strengthening the presence of emerging professionals and researchers in the integrated care community and empower them to develop research skills and inter-professional competencies.

An initial focus was to grow the network of ERPIC members, and a survey of the members was conducted in March 2018 to determine topics and activities of most interest of the members. A sample of ERPIC members (n= 38) from across the world from 15 countries responded and found the following:

- when asked what their most desirable way to engage with ERIC is, 82% of respondents indicated monthly webinars with guest speakers.
- when asked what they hope to get out of the ERIC network, 87% indicated international knowledge exchange and 82% indicated they wanted to collaborate with other young professionals on projects.

The network now has approximately 230 members, working and studying in 39 countries around the world. The ERPIC Executive team wish to re-engage and find out whether these needs are still relevant.

Aims and objectives of the meeting:

- Conduct a co-design ERPIC member workshop:
 - o Provide a updates on current ERPIC activities and opportunities
 - o Share ideas about future of ERPIC

Target audience:

- This workshop is designed for current ERPIC network members, and any emerging researchers and professionals in the integrated care field interested in joining a supportive network.

Learnings/Take away:

- Participants should gain a broad overview of the current and future activities of the ERPIC network
- Participants should feel they have had a chance to design the network that can support their study and work in the integrated care fie

Format:

- Provide an update on current ERPIC activities and opportunities (20 minutes)
- Workshop future of ERPIC (40 minutes)

Lead presenter:

- Nereide Alhena Curreri, President ERPIC

Preferred length:

Total time for this activity is 60 minutes