

The monthly information and organizational update for IACRN members.

In the Loop...

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Dear IACRN Member,

Happy spring! Changing seasons is always a good time for reflection into the meaning of what we do personally and professionally, as such I offer you Merriam Webster's definition of spring: a flourishing stage of development. This certainly describes the first three months of 2015 for our organization. This month's *In the Loop* reports on key developments in education, membership growth and conference planning since the beginning of the year.

In addition I want to take this opportunity to share with you an important initiative undertaken to expand the IACRN Education Committee in order to meet the growing educational needs of our specialty practice. Immediately after last year's conference in Boston, and with the advocacy of the Education Committee Chair, it became clear to the Board of Directors that we needed to help the committee grow once again to meet the needs of this organization and align educational opportunities with our mission and strategic plan. As such, a plan to restructure the committee has been developed and is now being operationalized. This newly formed committee structure consists of five workgroups: CEU Planning, Virtual Education Content, Annual Meeting Content, Certification Curriculum and Dissemination, each with a distinct charge and new leadership. These workgroups will report directly to the Board on a monthly basis. You can find information on the workgroups, the leaders and the charges on the [Education Committee Webpage](#).

I want to personally thank all of the Education Committee members who have helped our organization grow over the years. I also want to extend a warm welcome to new Education Committee members. Thank you for taking time out of your busy professional lives and committing to the continued growth of this

organization. If you have not yet seized the opportunity to grow your specialty practice but would like to do so now by joining one of these newly formed workgroups please complete the standard [IACRN Volunteer Application](#) and forward it to Helaine Labovitz. Also feel free to reach out to the workgroup leaders.

I thank all of our members for your continued commitment to improve the experience of clinical research participants we serve by engaging in your own professional development. Reaching our organizational mission cannot happen without you. As always, feel free to reach out to any one of your Board members if you ever have suggestions on how we can improve your experience with our organization or if you would like to volunteer.

Sincerely,

Liza Behrens MSN, RN, CCRC

IACRN President

Registration for the 2015 7th Annual Conference

"Clinical Research Nursing in Global Health Care:

Strengthening Practice through Evidence"

IS NOW OPEN!

[Register Now](#)

October 14-16, 2015

Embassy Suites Baltimore Inner Harbor

Baltimore, Maryland

If you have any questions regarding the Conference registration, please feel free to contact Helaine Labovitz at hlabovitz@iacrn.org.

**Hotel information for the 2015 Annual
Conference in Baltimore, Maryland is now
available.**

Please book your room now as our room block is filling up quickly - the Baltimore Marathon is October 17th and rooms in Baltimore will be at a premium!

[Click here](#) for hotel details.

Call for Pre-Conference Workshop Sessions

The IACRN Conference Planning Committee would like to hear from any members with ideas or interest in conducting a Pre-Conference Session at the 2015 Annual Conference on Wednesday, October 14th.

Anyone interested in pursuing this avenue should respond to Kathy Hall at khall7@partners.org by April 30th.

IACRN would like to officially welcome our

NEW pilot chapter!

Northeastern Oklahoma region Chapter

Contact: Candida Barlow - candida.barlow@sjmc.org

The following areas have begun working on possible local chapters. If you are interested in becoming involved or just finding out more about your local area, please contact the Chapter Governance Committee Chair, Mary Larkin - mlarkin1@partners.org

Alabama region
New York City
Washington, DC
Wisconsin region

The IACRN webinar

Developing A Leadership Role in Clinical Research Nursing

Receives Rave Reviews!

We offered this webinar to both IACRN members and non-members and had over 40 participants.

Our two expert presenters, Shaunagh Browning, MSN, RN, FNP-BC and Cheryl Fisher, EdD, RN were exceptional and received nothing but rave reviews!

We plan to offer more webinars and would love to hear from you - what topics would you be interested in learning about?

Please send any feedback or suggestions to iacrn@iacrn.org.

Save the Date!

May 8, 2015 1pm EDT for our next webinar -
more information coming soon!

Slide presentations from the
2014 Annual Conference
are now available on the IACRN website under the Conferences tab.

[Click here](#) to access the page.

Calling All Members!!!

With the New Year upon us, our outstanding Committees are looking for a handful of dedicated volunteers to help make IACRN even better. Be even more "In the Loop..." than you are now!

The following Committees are all in need of members:

Chapter Governance

Conference Planning

Education Committee Work Groups:

- Virtual Education Content
- Annual Meeting Content
- Certification Curriculum (core curriculum)
- Dissemination

Membership, Marketing & Communication

Research

To become more involved in your organization, please fill out the Committee Interest Form by clicking [here](#), filling it out and returning it to Helaine Labovitz at hlabovitz@iacrn.org.

Welcome to our newest members!

The Membership, Marketing and Communications committee would like to cordially welcome the following members who joined IACRN since February 26th, 2015:

Zipora Regev Avraham

Zafed Ziv Hospital, Korazim, Israel

Paulette Cooke

Henry Jackson Foundation, New York

Jennifer Lancaster

MedStar Health Research Institute

Roxanne Merkel

Arlington, Virginia

Cortney Michalak

Seattle Children's Research Institute

Melynn Nuite

Dana-Farber Community Cancer Care

Linda Roth

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

Kimberly Sheppard

Massachusetts General Hospital

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