

**NETworks** is the new CIHR Cross Cultural Palliative NET bulletin for Investigators, Trainees and other members of the NET community. Published near the end of every month, each edition will attempt to include news for and about the people of the CIHR Cross Cultural Palliative NET to help facilitate communication and collaboration between our partners.

# NETworks

## Welcome:

Palliative Care in the Cross-Cultural Context: A New & Emerging Team (NET) for Equitable and Quality Cancer Care for Culturally Diverse Populations is a five year research grant funded by the Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR) that seeks to develop research and training capacity in the area of culture and cancer palliative care. It brings together a multi disciplinary research team from across the county to advance knowledge and translate it into practices that promote a health system that provides equitable care for culturally diverse Canadians and improves the quality of life of patients and their caregivers.

Over the last year, the NET has been working hard to ensure our research findings translate

into improved clinical practices. Loosely defined as a process of knowledge translation, the NET is dedicated to creating a strong research foundation for the cultural aspects of palliative care. Yet, despite these efforts, more work is needed. This is especially true in providing students and new researcher's exposure to palliative care research opportunities that work to transfer their results quickly to front line clinicians.

As we move toward the end of our grant, it is anticipated that interest in palliative and end-of-life care research will continue to grow. To better facilitate awareness, NETworks will assist our dedicated and multidisciplinary research team in ensuring this important scientific community continues to thrive.

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## Kudos - recognizing our accomplishments:

Congratulations to Andrea Con's team for publishing the document *Cross-Cultural Considerations in Promoting Advance Care Planning in Canada*, to be available shortly on the Health Canada and CIHR Cross-Cultural Palliative Care NET websites.

Congratulations to Mark Anthony Ferro, a former NET trainee, and his team for publishing *The Impact of Acculturation on the Use of Traditional Chinese Medicine in Newly Diagnosed Chinese Cancer Patients in Support Cancer Care* (2007).



## Did you know?

According to Ipsos Reid, in 2004 only 60% of Canadians 18 and over have ever heard of hospice / palliative care.

## Mark your calendars - upcoming development opportunities & meetings

### Canadian Association of Psychosocial Oncology 2008 Conference

Taking Difference into Account: Issues of Diversity in Psychosocial Oncology  
Halifax, Nova Scotia May 7 – 9th, 2008  
[http://www.capo.ca/eng/2008\\_conference.asp#top](http://www.capo.ca/eng/2008_conference.asp#top)

### British Columbia Hospice Palliative Care Association 2008 Annual Conference

BOLD STEPS: Creating Opportunities  
May 23 – 25, 2008  
Sheraton Guildford Hotel, Surrey  
[http://www.hospicebc.org/annual\\_conference.php](http://www.hospicebc.org/annual_conference.php)

### International Psycho Social Oncology Society: 10th World Congress

Advancing Culturally Diverse Approaches in Psycho Oncology and Palliative Care  
June 9 – 13th, 2008 Madrid, Spain

### National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization

2nd Annual Conference on Access to Hospice and Palliative Care  
Aug 18-20th, 2008 Minneapolis MN  
<http://www.nhpco.org/i4a/pages/Index.cfm?pageID=5401>

### 17th International Congress on Care of the Terminally Ill

Sept. 23-26th, 2008 Montreal  
**Abstracts:** Jan 31st, 2008 – **Posters:** May 28th, 2008  
<http://www.pal2008.com/index.html>

#### Find us on the web:

<http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/RES/ResearchPrograms/NET/default.htm>

## Request for updates

To help keep our partners informed of our progress, please provide us an update of your [CIHR Cross Cultural Palliative NET](#) research.

## Next CIHR Cross Cultural Palliative NET Investigator Meeting

February 11, 2008 Vancouver, B.C

**To let us know about an upcoming event; to submit an article or posting; or, for more information please contact:**

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