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## TRANSNATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR GENETIC COUNSELING

### Transnational Alliance for Genetic Counseling (TAGC)

#### Fourth International Meeting & Tenth Anniversary

Universitat Pompeu Fabra

Barcelona, Spain

May 19 -20th, 2016

#### Thursday 19 May - The Global state of Genetic Counseling

##### 10:00 Welcomes and Introductions

Janice Edwards, President

Meeting chairs: Kelly Ormond (USA)

Clara Serra-Juhé (Spain)

Tina Marie Wessels (South Africa)

##### 10:00-12:00 Current international state of the profession, workforce and training status

Chairs: Tina-Marié Wessels (South Africa)

Lian-Hua Huang (Taiwan)

##### Panel:

**Australia** Kristine Barlow-Stewart, Sydney Medical School

**Canada** Jennifer Fitzpatrick McGill University

**France** Emeline Davoine, Oscar Lambret Cancer Centre, Lille

**Philippines** Mercy Laurino, University of Manila

**South Africa** Shelley Macaulay, University of the Witwatersrand

**Spain** Clara Serra-Juhé of University Pompeu Fabra

**Taiwan** Lian-Hua Huang, School of Nursing, National Taiwan University

**UK** Diana Scotcher, Manchester Centre for Genomic Medicine

**USA** Cathy Wicklund, Northwestern University

##### 13:00-15:00 The state of credentialing and plans for reciprocity across the globe

Chairs: Anna Middleton (UK)

Milena Paneque (Portugal)

##### Panel:

**Australasia** Ivan Macciocca, representing the Board of Censors for Genetic Counselling

**Canada** Kate Gardiner, representing the Canadian Association of Genetic Counsellors

**Europe** Debby Lambert, representing the European Board of Medical Genetics

**South Africa** Tina Wessels, representing the Health Professions Council of South Africa

**UK** Diana Scotcher, representing the Genetic Counsellor Registration Board

**USA** Karen Potter Powell, representing American Board of Genetic Counseling

##### 15:30-17:00 -- Open discussion about global workforce issues

Moderator: Barbara Biesecker (USA)

##### 17:00 - Poster session

#### Friday 20 May -- Global trends in genetic counselor education

##### 10:45-12:15pm Workshops

##### (1) Teaching technology and genomics in a rapidly changing environment

During this session we will discuss the current efforts in the UK to educate genetic counselors and other medical professionals around genomics, and efforts in the US and Australia that focus on introducing genetic counselors to genomics concepts such as variant interpretation as part of the curriculum. We will

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facilitate a discussion about what concepts are seen as core to genetic counselor training and continuing education, as well as how various countries balance the rapidly changing pace of technology with other core genetic counselor competencies.

**Presenters:** Kelly Ormond (USA)  
Kristine Barlow-Stewart (Australia)  
Anna Middleton (UK)

### **(2) Online teaching methods**

During this session we will be discussing how online teaching can be utilized in genetic counselling training. The format will be formal presentations followed by group discussions:

**Presenters:** Kunal Sanghavi (Skype) (US/India)  
Tina-Marié Wessels (South Africa)  
Alexandra Obregon Tito (USA)  
Sonia Margarit (Chile)

### **(3) Supervision in Genetic Counseling Training**

This discussion-based, interactive workshop will focus on various aspects of clinical supervision. Topics for both novice and experienced supervisors will be addressed, including nuts and bolts of establishing a clinical rotation, styles of supervision, strategies for working with students at different developmental stages, and handling challenging situations.

**Presenters:** Jennifer Fitzpatrick (Canada)  
Andrea Hanson-Kahn (USA)

### **(4) Facilitating family communication about genetic risk-development of novel interventions**

Review the current state of interventions in promoting family communication. Small group exercises will assist participants develop techniques to support family communication. The session will conclude with facilitated discussion of the benefits and the challenges of introducing family communication techniques into genetic counseling curricula, with reference to cultural implications.

**Presenters:** Louisa Di Pietro (Australia)  
Allison Metcalfe (UK)  
Margaret Sahhar (Australia)  
Diana Scotcher (UK)

**13:15-14:00 Open discussion regarding international trends in genetic counseling education**

### **TAGC Barcelona 2016 Planning Committee**

#### **Executive Planning Committee**

Kelly Ormond (United States) Co-Chair  
Tina Wessels (South Africa) Co-Chair  
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Margaret Sahhar (Australia)  
Anna Middleton (United Kingdom)  
Lian Hua Huang (Taiwan)

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