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## In the Loop...

May 2014



Join us for a ***FREE WEBINAR!!***

### "Writing a Conference Abstract: Tips for Success"

Learn how to create a winning abstract and receive tips on writing an abstract specifically for the IACRN conference.

Thursday, May 15  
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The Call for Abstracts for the  
IACRN 2014 Conference in  
Boston, Massachusetts on November 5-7

***IS NOW OPEN!***

**Important Deadlines:**  
**Abstract Submission Deadline: *June 1, 2014***

**Notification Letters Sent Week of: *July 1, 2014***

Return the completed abstract submission form to Helaine Labovitz at [hlabovitz@iacrn.org](mailto:hlabovitz@iacrn.org).

For instructions on how to fill out your application, [click here](#).

For the abstract submission form, [click here](#).



**Save the Date!!!**

# 6th Annual Conference

**Feeling the Pulse of Clinical Research Nursing**  
*Impact and Value Through  
Caring, Communication, and Compliance*

**November 5-7, 2014**  
**Revere Hotel, Boston Common**  
Boston, Massachusetts, USA



For more information about IACRN, go to [www.iacrn.org](http://www.iacrn.org).

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## Conference Registration is NOW OPEN!!!

Register for your place at the 2014 Annual Conference early to take advantage of the early bird discount! Simply log on to [www.iacrn.org](http://www.iacrn.org) and click on the Conference in the Events section of the home page. Please read all registration options carefully as we have provided a number of choices for your convenience and budget.

### Hotel Information:

Revere Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts USA

Discounted Room Rate: \$249/night

IACRN Room Block is from November 4-November 7

To reserve your room online, [click here](#).

If you have any questions or difficulties in registering, please send a message to [hlabovitz@iacrn.org](mailto:hlabovitz@iacrn.org) for assistance.

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## Welcome to our newest members!

The Membership, Marketing and Communications committee would like to cordially welcome the following members who joined IACRN since April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014:

Amber Abaigar	Makati Medical Center
Roya Aghajani	AAPS
Cecilia Bleeker	Center for Clinical Transfusion Research, Sanquin Research Leiden, Netherlands
Christina Dresser	St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center
Mariko Pusinelli	NIH

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## Education Committee - Practice Corner

Greetings from Scotland!

My name is Gordon Hill and I am the newest member of the IACRN Education Committee. I am the Associate Director of the Edinburgh Academy of Clinical Research Education and the founder of the Scottish Research Nurse and Coordinators Network ([www.srnscot.nhs.uk](http://www.srnscot.nhs.uk)).

By way of an introduction, in my first teleconference, I gave a bit of background as to my own experiences and the developments here in Scotland. Dana and the others felt that this might be interesting to others, so here goes...

My first position as a Clinical Research Nurse (CRN) was in 1994, when I blindly wandered into research in an acute pancreatitis trial. Other than an interest in research, I had no experience of clinical trials and really had no idea what I was letting myself in for! My induction was a half hour chat with the PI and then I was handed a pager (yes, this was pre cell phones), and told to get on with it. Well, I did. However, it was some time before I got to grips with things, and a matter of months before I had even heard of GCP!

From there I moved on to help to set up one of the first 5 Clinical Research Facilities in the UK (based on the GCRCs in the US). That was a fantastic opportunity and allowed me to look into the education and support for CRNs. This coincided with my Masters, and I completed my dissertation on this topic. The results of this were quite startling, with many CRNs feeling very isolated and some working on rolling 3 month contracts. In response to this I set up the SRNCN to help to provide a focus for the education and support needs of CRNs. The network has been a great success and we had our 5<sup>th</sup> conference late last year. The theme of the conference was CRNs taking informed consent and over 150 CRNs attended from all over the UK.

In 2006 I moved to Edinburgh Napier University as a lecturer. Very soon after we started a Post Graduate Certificate in Clinical Research with Covance and we now offer a Masters in International Clinical Research and Technology, and (I am very pleased to say) the only Degrees and Post Graduate Certificates in Clinical Research, designed specifically for CRNs.

I hope to bring all this experience to the IACRN and am very much looking forward to working with you all.

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