



Don't Forget Prevention

One 400 microgram tablet of folic acid taken every day by all women who are capable of becoming pregnant will prevent many cases of neural tube defects. Folic acid may also help prevent miscarriages.

Annual Reports

Annual reports of the Boyne Research Institute are available at: <http://www.boyneresearch.ie/annual-reports.html>



Fourteenth PanCare Meeting, Lucerne, Switzerland, 2014

The fourteenth meeting of PanCare (www.pancare.eu) was held in beautiful city of Lucerne in north-central Switzerland from 8th – 10th October 2014. PanCare now has charitable status. Tomáš Kepak (Czech Republic) gave an update on the PanCare website with its new links e.g. application form and payment of fees. Our Swiss colleagues gave presentations on their Childhood Cancer Registry, Childhood Cancer Survivor (CCS) Study, and studies on Swiss Parents of Long-Term Childhood Cancer Survivors and Physical Activity Intervention for CCS. Survivorship Passports, to inform and empower survivors, were highlighted by both the Swiss and ENCCA representatives. Updates were provided on both the PanCareSurFup and PanCareLIFE projects. Dr. Julianne Byrne ended the conference with a presentation, on behalf of Patricia McColgan, on Dublin as the next venue for the PanCare meeting in May 2015.

PanCare Meeting, Dublin, May 2015

Plans are well underway for the forthcoming PanCare meeting in Dublin from the 27th – 29th May 2015. Register and find out more about the meeting here: <http://www.pancare.eu/en/meetings/dublin-2015/>

The meeting will be held in the Alexander Hotel and is being organised jointly by the Boyne Research Institute and co-founders of the new survivor/parent organisation CanCare4Living (www.cancare4living.ie), Patricia McColgan and Garry Owens.



PanCareLife

The PanCare LIFE consortium completed their third successful consortium meeting in Mainz, Germany on the 29th – 30th October 2014 (www.pancarelife.eu). Representatives from all work packages, data providers and survivor organisations attended. Highlights included progress updates and discussions on ethical issues with the PanCareLIFE ethics advisory board. Dr. Byrne and Ms Campbell travelled to Mainz for two further meetings of the PanCareLIFE management team in October and January 2015.



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The PanCareSurFup consortium had their semi-annual meeting in Lucerne in September (www.pancaresurfup.eu). Data collection is continuing, guideline development is proceeding and the dissemination groups are working hard. Dr. Byrne contributed a report from the PLAIN working group on work translating into everyday English the PCSF guidelines as they are published.

Thank You

We thank our donors and volunteers for their generous gifts of time and energy and for philanthropic donations to the Boyne Research Institute



Welcome to our new Staff Member



Welcome to Niamh Corbett who joined our staff on 2nd February 2015. Niamh has a Masters in Media Studies (DIT), a Postgraduate Diploma in Computing (HETAC) and a

Graduateship in Marketing (MII). Her background is in third level education where she worked in various administration positions including marketing, admissions and examinations. Ms Corbett will assist Dr. Byrne with PanCareSurFup, especially in arranging the International PanCareSurFup meeting in Brussels in May 2016, and in preparing the Final Report from PanCareSurFup for the European Commission.

Recent Publication from BRI

Walsh PM, Byrne J, Kelly M, McDevitt J, Comber H (2014) *Socioeconomic Disparity in Survival after Breast Cancer in Ireland: Observational Study*. PLoS ONE 9(11): e111729.

Data from the Irish National Cancer Registry was evaluated to assess the way that living in an area of relative socioeconomic deprivation influenced survival after breast cancer, compared to living in more advantaged areas. The most deprived groups were more likely to present with advanced stage, high grade or hormone receptor-negative cancer, and less likely to have breast-conserving surgery. Persistent survival disparities highlight the need for further research to understand and remove the behavioural or other barriers involved.



CanCare4Living

A new advocacy group called CanCare4Living (www.cancare4living.ie), has been founded by Patricia McColgan and Garry Owens, two parents of childhood/adolescent cancer survivors. CanCare4Living (CC4L) held its inaugural meeting in the Mansion House in Dublin on Tuesday, 21st October 2014. The remit of the new organisation is to promote long-term follow-up care for survivors of childhood and teenage cancers in Ireland. CC4L will help to raise awareness of the side-effects and establish a community of people who can help survivors live their lives to their full potential. Dr Julianne Byrne has joined the Advisory Board of CC4L.



L-R Patricia McColgan, Dr Julianne Byrne & Garry Owens at the Inaugural Meeting of CC4L

Mission The Boyne Research Institute is a community-based research facility that conducts research directed towards a better understanding of the origins and prevention of birth defects and the long term consequences of cancer during childhood. www.boyneresearch.ie

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