

CERTIFICAT INTERUNIVERSITAIRE EN PSYCHO-ONCOLOGIE



21 & 22 April 2017

Advances in Psycho-oncology

MEETING PROF. D. KISSANE





FRIDAY 21 APRIL PROGRAM

8H30	REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST
9H00-9H20	Introduction and presentation of Prof. Kissane <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Isabelle Merckaert
9H20-10H10	'The art and science of psycho-oncology': Overview and challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none">• D. Kissane
10H10-10H30	Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I. Merckaert
10H30-10H50	COFFEE BREAK
10H50-11H40	The diagnosis and treatment of Demoralization in cancer care <ul style="list-style-type: none">• D. Kissane
11H40-12H00	Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I. Merckaert
12H00-13H30	LUNCH
13H30-14H20	Existential challenges towards the end-of-life: Meaning and Purpose (MaP) Therapy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• D. Kissane
14H20-14H50	Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I. Merckaert
15H00 -15H30	Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I. Merckaert



SATURDAY 22 APRIL PROGRAM

8H30	REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST
9H00-9H20	Introduction of the day • I. Merckaert
9H20-10H10	Presentation of a Randomized Controlled Trial of Family Therapy in Advanced Cancer Continued Into Bereavement • D. Kissane
10H10-10H30	Discussion • I. Merckaert
10H30-10H50	COFFEE BREAK
10H50-11H40	Running a family meeting : communication skills training workshop • D. Kissane
11H40-12H00	Discussion • I. Merckaert
12H00-13H30	LUNCH
13H30-14H20	Career in psycho-oncology • D. Kissane
14H20-14H50	Discussion • I. Merckaert
15H00-15H30	Closing Remarks • I. Merckaert

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Professor David KISSANE

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- ▶ David Kissane is an academic psychiatrist, psycho-oncology researcher and author.
- ▶ He is currently the Head of Psychiatry for Monash University in Australia, recently the Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York and previously the Foundation Chair of Palliative Medicine at the University of Melbourne.
- ▶ **RESEARCH INTERESTS:**
 - ▶ Psycho-oncology, palliative care, psychotherapy trials, family/couples/group therapy
 - ▶ Communication skills training
 - ▶ Existential distress
 - ▶ Ethics of end-of-life care
- ▶ **RESEARCH METHODS:**
 - ▶ Cognitive-existential model of group therapy for women with early stage breast cancer, which ameliorated fear of recurrence, and his trial of supportive-expressive group therapy for advanced breast cancer showed the prevention of depression alongside improved quality of life.
 - ▶ Model of family therapy delivered to 'at risk' families during palliative care, which prevents complicated grief and depression in bereavement.
 - ▶ His work on demoralization as a variation of depression in the medically ill has preceded interventions to promote meaning-based coping.
- ▶ **CLINICAL ACTIVITIES:**
 - ▶ 2003-2012
Attending Psychiatrist, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and Memorial Hospital, New York, NY
Liaison attachments with Breast, Head and Neck and Gynecologic Disease Management Teams. Outpatient clinics twice weekly. Inpatient consultation and Psychiatry Fellow Supervision once weekly.
 - ▶ 1998 - 2003
Development of a Psycho-oncology Service at St. Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne. Conduct of weekly outpatient and inpatient consultation-liaison service to the oncology unit and hospice inpatients.
 - ▶ 1996 - 2003
Monthly supervision of psycho-social services at Melbourne City mission and Eastern Palliative Care, community-based programs.
 - ▶ 1996 - 2003
Provision of a consultation-liaison service to Caritas Christi Hospice at its Kew and Fitzroy Campuses.
 - ▶ Communication Skills Training and Research Laboratory, which developed an applied curriculum for oncology, training over 700 clinicians.
 - ▶ His books include the Handbook of Communication in Oncology and Palliative Care with Oxford University Press, Handbook of Psychotherapy in Cancer Care with Wiley-Blackwell, Cancer and Depression for the World Psychiatric Association and Family Focused Grief Therapy with Open University Press.
 - ▶ He was awarded the Jimmie C. Holland Chair in Psycho-oncology at MSKCC and was recognized by the International Psycho-Oncology Society in 2008 with their Arthur Sutherland Award for lifetime achievement.