

Title:

SPECIAL SESSION: Advancing Research and Researcher Training by International Research Collaboration

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Oral

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Description/Overview:

This presentation will discuss current experiences of international research collaboration between European and USA partners in advancing care of cancer patients and their family caregivers. This session will highlight the importance of a longstanding program of research for knowledge development as well as impact on health policy and practice.

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Slot:

J 16a: Saturday, 29 July 2017: 1:30 PM-2:00 PM

References:

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Learning Activity:

LEARNING OBJECTIVES	EXPANDED CONTENT OUTLINE
The learner will know of the importance of international research collaboration	Describe current guidelines
The learner will get familiar with European funded project	Discussion of the Inexca project background
The learner will become familiar with advantages and challenges in international research collaboration	Describe the challenges and advantages

Abstract:

This presentation will discuss background and current experiences of international and multidisciplinary research collaboration between European and USA partners in advancing care of cancer patients and their family caregivers. This session will highlight the importance of a clear, longstanding program of research for knowledge and innovation development as well as impact on health policy and practice.

International research collaboration has been a high priority in national research strategies in major research economies (European Science Foundation 2010, Adams & Kurney 2016). Research is driven by international collaboration between research groups. Research problems are complex and that is why multidisciplinary and international approaches are imperative. Collaboration contributes to impact and relevance of research results on several levels. Research intensive universities usually have active international research collaboration with joint projects, publications and systematic researcher career support. As such the demand of nursing to be global is evident (Callister et al. 2006, O'Keefe et al. 2016). International nurse organizations such as Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) Honor Society of Nursing (<http://www.nursingsociety.org>) and International Council of Nurses (ICN) (<http://www.icn.cd>) emphasize the international research collaboration.

During the presentation the background of European Union funded INEXCA project (www.uef.fi/inexca) for four years 2015-2019 will be described as well as challenges faced so far in international research collaboration. Inexca –project was built on two main activities: exchange of researchers in different career phases as well as actual research and data collection on cancer patients, their family caregivers and health professionals. The countries involved are Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Italy, Finland, United Kingdom and USA as well as a business partner and hospital from Finland. The project aims to provide multi-scientific research data to promote evidence-based health care across borders. The project outcomes will strengthen the roles played by patients, employees, employers and researchers in modern health care service sectors and research institutions.