

ITONF UPDATE



**Saturday 7 September 2024
WCLC San Diego**

Mary Duffy/Caitlin Broderick ITONF Co-Chairs



International Thoracic Oncology Nursing Forum

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ITONF, formed in 2009, focuses on delivering Thoracic Oncology Nurse Education with workshops at WCLC & iMig & virtually

- iMig
- IASLC - WCLC Congresses



The ITONF Steering Committee, re-structured in 2022, is working well



Caitlin Broderick
Australia



Mary Duffy
Australia

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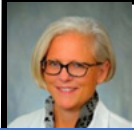
IASLC Nursing &
Allied Health
Committee, iMig etc

ITONF Secretariat



Education
Subcommittee

Led by Dianne Zawisza
(CAN) & Kate Kuhns (USA)



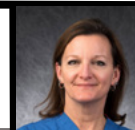
New Members/
Membership
Subcommittee

Led by Kate
Slaven (UK)



Communications &
External Relations
Subcommittee

Led by Melanie
Rabbets (AUS)



Research
Subcommittee

Led by Melissa
Culligan (USA)



Mesothelioma
Subcommittee

Led by Leah
Taylor (UK)



UK National
Representative

Julia McAdam

ITONF Membership

- **800+** members is growing. Our aim is to increase our membership, thereby increasing our global reach.
- **Majority** of membership working in a **clinical role**
- And our membership regularly:
 - **Present** on Lung Cancer & Mesothelioma, nationally & internationally
 - Are on **External Advisory Boards & Committees**
 - **Publish** regularly
 - Are invited to speak at **International Conference**
 - Are involved in **Advocacy Campaigns**
 - Contribute to the development of **Guidelines & Patient Pathways**
 - Provide **vital support groups** for people living with thoracic cancers
 - Hold regular educational **webinars**

ITONF Works at Building & Strengthening Global Relationships

International Association of the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC)

IASLC Committees

International Mesothelioma Interest Group (iMig)

International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care (ISNCC)

Australian Lung Foundation

Mesothelioma UK

European Oncology Nursing Society (EONS)

Lung Cancer Nursing UK (LCNUK)

Global Lung Cancer Coalition (GLCC)

All ITONF Steering Committees have Terms of Reference

1. MISSION

To lead the international thoracic oncology nursing community with a united expert voice, to deliver contemporary, strategic and meaningful education, research-related, and advocacy professional development opportunities, to facilitate evidence-based optimal nursing care for people living with thoracic malignancies.

2. FUNCTION

A quadrennial Strategic Plan informs an annual priorities Workplan. The Workplan aims to ensure the timely and successful delivery of education, research-related, and advocacy professional development activities. The Strategic Plan and Workplan are determined by regular strategic planning under the imprimatur of the Committee.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Committee provides leadership, mentorship, education and expert level advice on a variety of issues and activities to the broader ITONF membership, at strategic scientific and social fora, and to the public. At times, the Committee may be called upon to provide input on specific issues or activities, for example, policy development or the release of new or updated clinical practice guidelines.

Each ITONF Subcommittee has delivered successfully in 2023-24

Communications Sub-Committee – Sent out a quarterly eNewsletter to engage the ITONF Membership, sharing stories & experiences of thoracic oncology nursing on a global basis covering all regions

Membership Sub-Committee – Drive recruitment for ITONF as we strive for 1000 members by 2025. Please join today if you are not already a member

Mesothelioma Sub-Committee – Had a very successful ‘Foundations in Mesothelioma Nursing – An Update’ webinar in February with key leaders in Mesothelioma presenting. Over 100 watched online and on catch-up. Planning next one in May 2025 as a precursor to workshop at iMig.

National Leads – Have met regularly – Started work on the first editorial (...the work of international thoracic oncology nurse leaders to better improve global patient outcomes... with invited authorship of colleagues reflecting developing to developed nations)

Education & Research Sub-Committees – more to follow

Today we are showcasing ITONF's work in two main areas:

EDUCATION

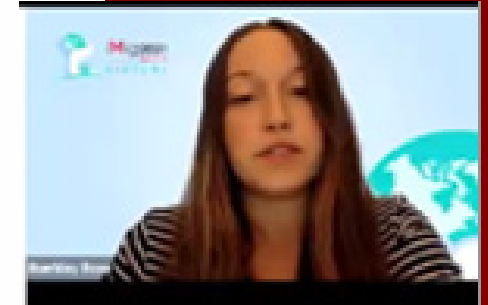
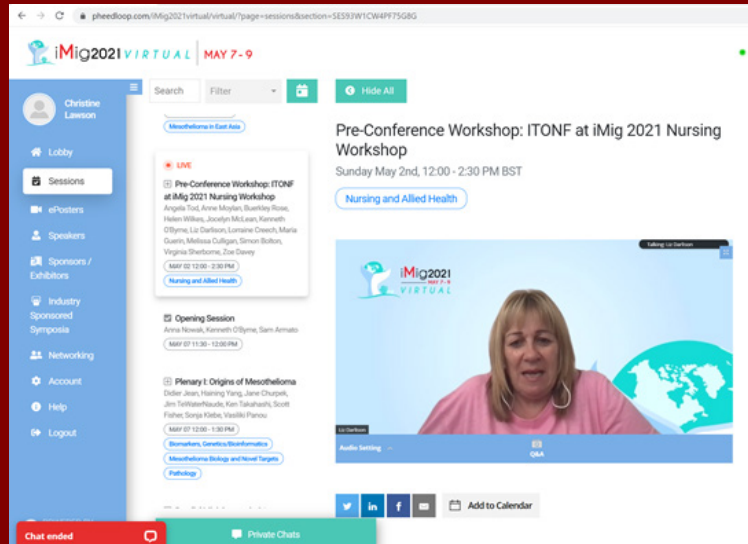
RESEARCH

The Education Subcommittee has been very busy...

EDUCATION



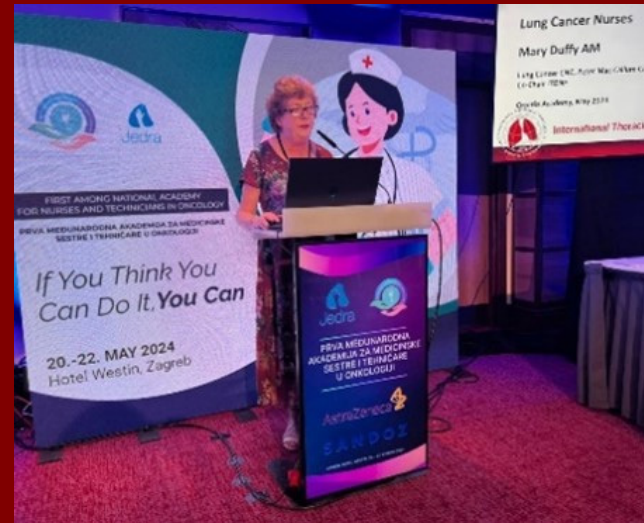
On a global basis we aim to deliver thoracic oncology nurse education – here we are, online at iMig & in Egypt in 2021



ITONF was in Croatia in May 2024 at the Croatian Nurse Academy



Charlotte Smith, UK



Mary Duffy, Australia



Croatian Minister of Health Representatives with attendees from the Nurse Academy including the Faculty

ITONF Webinars 2023-2024

ITONF Delivered: 4 Webinars over past year to 482 registered delegates from: 21 countries. All recordings can be viewed on 'catch-up' via the ITONF Website. This is a Phenomenal resource for all Nurses, so please use it!

Go to www.itonf.com



Education tab



Webinars tab

Past Webinar	Past Webinar	Past Webinar	Past Webinar
ITONF Webinar: 7 May 2024 Exploring Thoracic Surgery & Lung Cancer Treatment: The Nursing Perspective More details	ITONF Webinar: 6 February 2024 Foundations in Mesothelioma Nursing – An Update More details	ITONF Webinar: 21 November 2023 Update in Thoracic Oncology Nursing: Getting the Basics Right – A Global Perspective More details	ITONF Webinar: 4 April 2023 Update in Thoracic Oncology Nursing, Inequities in Lung Cancer Care More details
ITONF Webinar: 15 November 2022 Updates from 2022 International & National Conferences on Lung Cancer & Mesothelioma More details	ITONF Webinar: 24 May 2022 Update in Thoracic Oncology Nursing, New Options in Small Cell Lung Cancer, Immunotherapy in Meso, Survivorship More details	ITONF Webinar: 9 March 2022 Targeted Therapies for Lung Cancer Treatment More details	ITONF Webinar: 23 November 2021 Recent Advances in Lung Cancer & Mesothelioma Nursing 4: ITONF Year in Review, Vaccines, Early Drug Development, Stigma & Shame in Lung Cancer More details

The Research Subcommittee has also been very busy

RESEARCH



The Research Subcommittee

The ITONF Research Subcommittee (IRSC) have been meeting regularly since 2023. Its main objectives are to raise awareness and interest in thoracic oncology nurse-led research and provide research related education and mentorship.

Research Subcommittee Members are:

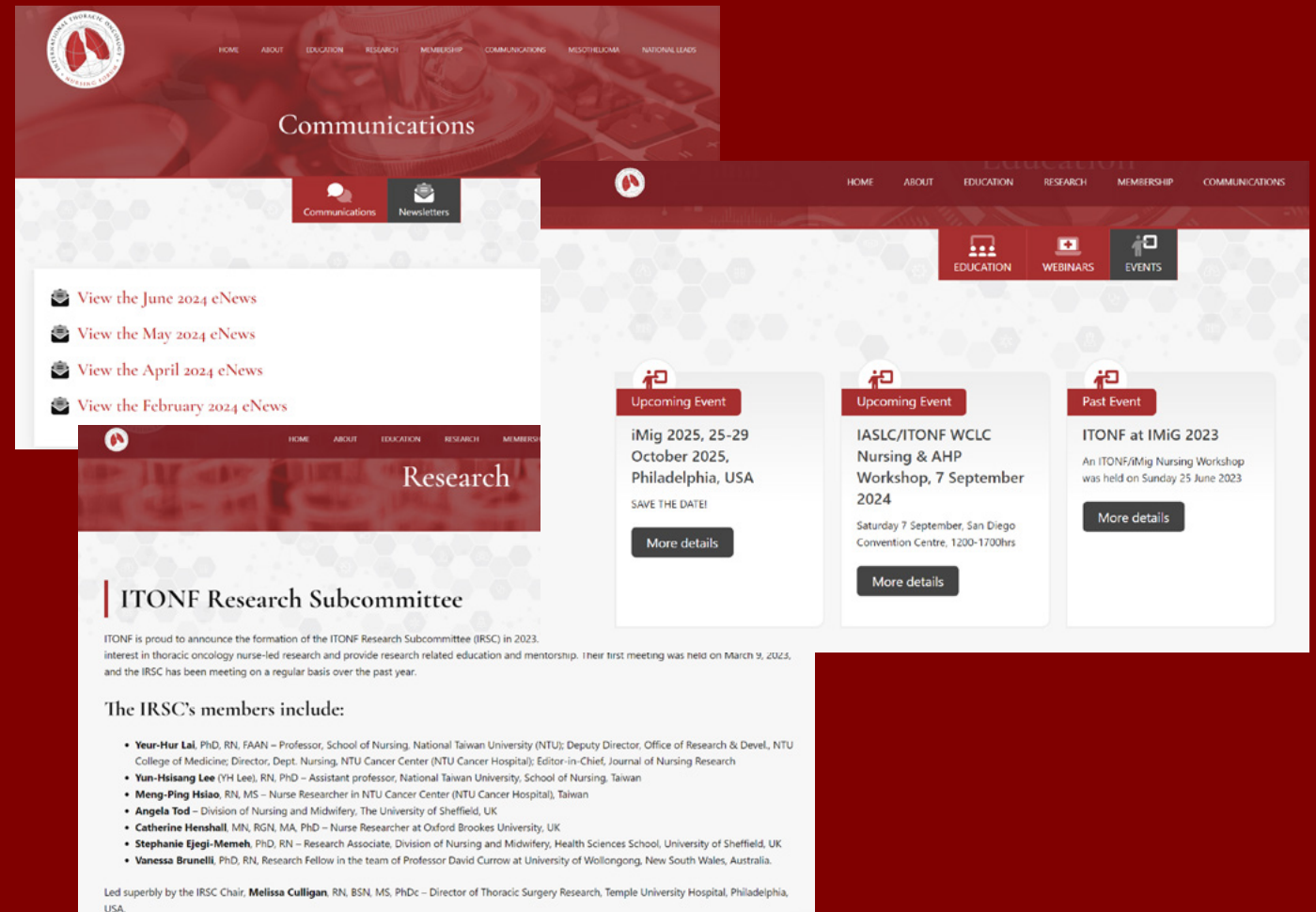
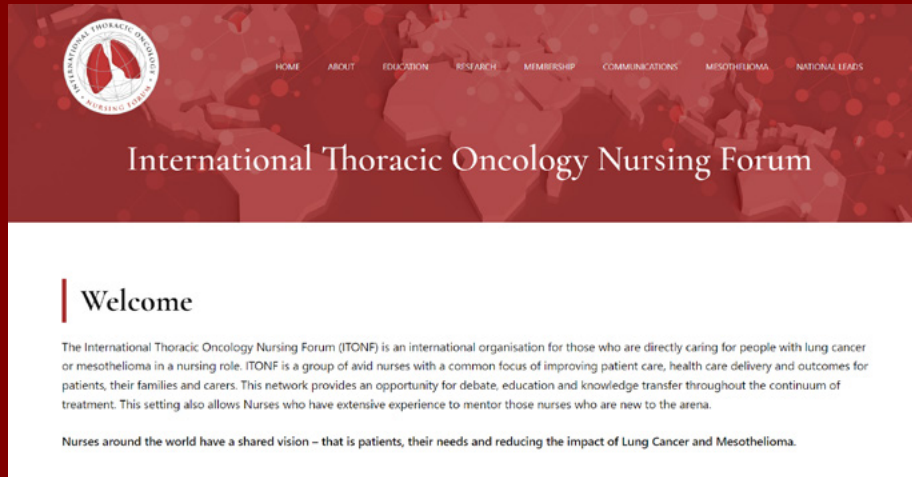
- **Led superbly** by the IRSC Chair, **Melissa Culligan**, RN, BSN, MS, PhDc – Director of Thoracic Surgery Research, Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia, USA
- **Yeur-Hur Lai**, PhD, RN, FAAN - Professor, School of Nursing, National Taiwan University (NTU); Deputy Director, Office of Research & Devel., NTU College of Medicine; Director, Dept. Nursing, NTU Cancer Center (NTU Cancer Hospital); Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Nursing Research
- **Yun-Hsisang Lee** (YH Lee), RN, PhD - Assistant professor, National Taiwan University, School of Nursing, Taiwan
- **Meng-Ping Hsiao**, RN, MS – Nurse Researcher in NTU Cancer Center (NTU Cancer Hospital), Taiwan
- **Angela Tod** - Division of Nursing and Midwifery, The University of Sheffield, UK
- **Catherine Henshall**, MN, RGN, MA, PhD – Nurse Researcher at Oxford Brookes University, UK
- **Stephanie Ejegi-Memeh**, PhD, RN - Research Associate, Division of Nursing and Midwifery, Health Sciences School, University of Sheffield, UK
- **Vanessa Brunelli**, PhD, RN, Research Fellow in the team of Professor David Currow at University of Wollongong, New South Wales, Australia

Plans for the Research Subcommittee, 2023-2026

Strategic Plan for 2023-2026

- Development of the Research section of the www.itonf.com website.
- Hosting a quarterly thoracic oncology nursing journal club, highlighting nurse-led research within the website and hosting research related educational programs, both in-person and virtually.
- The IRSC developed the Pillar III research session of this Workshop.
- The IRSC have a webinar in early 2025 focusing on mixed methods research in thoracic oncology nursing.
- It is through nurse-led research that we will be able to improve the care we deliver, optimizes quality of life, and enhance treatment outcomes for thoracic oncology patients around the world. If you want to get involved with the Research Subcommittee or any of the ITONF subcommittees, talk to any of the ITONF Committee Members.

We have a new improved & updated ITONF website - www.itonf.com



The ITONF Future..

- Keep doing what we do well: **partnering with other global organisations**, e.g. webinar with ISNCC on Mesothelioma on **25 Sept 2024. Registration via the ISNCC website.**
- ITONF Webinar on **‘Highlights from WCLC 2025’ - 20 Nov 2024**
- Qualitative Research webinar **early 2025**
- Deliver **educational nursing & AHP annual workshops** in conjunction with WCLC & iMig, Philadelphia in 2025 – work to gain funding for both workshops
- **Deliver via all our ITONF Subcommittees**
- Launch our **updated website** so it is educational, informative & full of resources for nurses
- Continue to **engage the ITONF Membership**
- Encourage engagement in the **ITONF global conversation – Be the global voice in thoracic oncology nursing**
 - ITONF are on  @thoracic_forum and Facebook