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ESTRO background

I have represented the IIRRT at the National Societies meetings to engage and collaborate with colleagues internationally. This allowed us to prioritize topics within the IIRRT based on international considerations. As president of the IIRRT I had the pleasure of signing our society up to the ESTRO RTT Alliance which has afforded numerous benefits for our members and to our professional society. I attend regular RTT Alliance meetings representing the IIRRT. I have recently joined the ESTRO Artificial Intelligence focus group. I regularly attend and present research at annual ESTRO conferences and will be an invited speaker at ESTRO 2024.

Experience

I have over 20 years of experience as a radiation therapist (RTT). I have worked in numerous centres over the years in Ireland and Australia. Most of my career has been in Cork University Hospital where I progressed from junior RTT to Clinical Specialist RTT and deputy Radiotherapy Services Manager. I have always taken an interest in student education. This led me to my current role as lecturer on MSc Radiation Therapy program which opened in September 2020. I am member of the editorial board of Journal of Radiotherapy in Practice and the BJR Open WPN Editorial Advisory Board and a reviewer for several journals. These roles allow me to meet and collaborate with professionals internationally across multiple disciplines which would be of benefit in a representative role within the RTT Alliance.

Education and Qualifications

2023: PhD student, University College Cork (UCC)

2023: President's Award for Excellence in Teaching (Early Career Category), UCC

2018: Dean's Award for Innovation in Teaching, Trinity College Dublin

2014: Pg C, Advance Practice in Radiotherapy & Oncology: Sheffield Hallam University, UK.

2010: Master of Health Science (Clinical Education): National University of Ireland, Galway

2002: BSc (Hons) Therapeutic Radiography: University of Dublin, Trinity College Dublin.

Personal

I am proud to be Irish. My pronouns are she/her. My husband, two daughters (aged five and seven) and I live in west Cork. Life is busy and lots of fun with two young girls whose latest fascination is make-up! We don't have any animals, but our neighbours' cats spend a considerable amount of time at our house, so they are very much part of the family.

Final statement

I am passionate advocate of the importance of the role of the RTT and in raising awareness of the profession. If elected I would bring that passion to this position. I would take immense pride in representing the IIRRT in this forum to promote the role of the RTT within the multidisciplinary team, and to further progress the RTT role in research, patient care, education, and outreach.