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Speaker Biography

Professor Julia Downing

Professor Downing is an experienced palliative care nurse, educationalist and researcher, with a PhD that evaluated palliative care training in rural Uganda. She has been working within palliative care for 25 years, with fifteen of those working internationally in Uganda, Africa and Eastern Europe. She is an Honorary Professor at Makerere University, Kampala, a Visiting Professor at the University of Belgrade, Edge Hill University and the University of South Wales, and the Director of Education and Research for the International Children's Palliative Care Network (ICPCN). She has extensive experience in research, presenting at conferences and writing for publication, and is on the editorial board of the International Journal of Palliative Nursing (IJPN). She is soon to take over as Chair of the Palliative Care Research Society (PCRS) and will be Chairing PCC in 2018.

Professor Downing serves on the Boards of several international NGOs including the International Association of Hospice and Palliative Care, is on the Board of the Palliative Care Association of Uganda (PCAU), Hospice in the Weald, and APCA UK. She is also an Honorary Research Fellow with the Cicely Saunders Institute at King's College London, England. She was the recipient of the IJPN's Development Award in 2006, the ISNCC Robert Tiffany Lectureship in 2014 and the ONF Pearl Moore Making a Difference International Award in 2015.

She is also a keen musician and spends much of her spare time playing the piano, organ, violin and viola in orchestras, at church, and in running the local church choir. She also enjoys playing tennis and swimming.