

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

**08:00-08:50**

**Getting going with research**

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**Dr Bee Wee** is Consultant and Senior Lecturer in Palliative Medicine at Sir Michael Sobell House, Fellow of Harris Manchester College and Associate Director of Clinical Studies at Oxford University, and Head of the Oxford WHO Collaborating Centre for Palliative Care. Originally from Malaysia, she trained in Ireland and worked in Hong Kong before being appointed Consultant/Senior Lecturer in Palliative Medicine and, later, Deputy Director of the Medical School, Southampton University. Whilst working as a full-time consultant, she undertook her PhD on death rattle (awarded 2003) so she has experienced first-hand the struggles of juggling the conflicting demands of clinical, teaching and research commitments.

Her research interests continue in the area of living with disability in end of life care. She co-edited, with Nic Hughes, an OUP publication "Education in Palliative Care: Building a Culture of Learning" (2007).

In 2009, she was appointed the national Clinical Lead for e-learning in end of life care for the Department of Health ([www.e-elca.org.uk](http://www.e-elca.org.uk)). She takes up the two-year Presidency of the Association for Palliative Medicine of Great Britain and Ireland in March 2010.

In her spare time, she walks, punts, cooks and enjoys the many pleasures of Oxford!

**Marilyn Kendall** is a Research Fellow in the General Practice Section of the University of Edinburgh. Having completed a Ph.D. concerned with service users' experience of severe mental illness, she has since worked with patients, and their carers, in the last year of life on a number of community based palliative care studies. She has a particular interest in narrative inquiry and service user involvement in research.