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**Committee Duties and Responsibilities**

* The purpose of the Research Committee is to advance the conduct, dissemination, and use of family nursing research worldwide.
* The Research Committee contributes to excellence and leadership in family nursing research, meeting the research needs of the members and promoting international family nursing research.

**Goals for 2018 - 2019**

* Expand Research Resources on Website based on identified member needs and identify new strategies to obtain assistance with this work.
* Continue to facilitate international family nursing collaborative research through continued growth of research clusters focused on a specific area and collaborative activities within the International Research Collaboration Subcommittee.
* Provide research-related programs for members, such as webinars and preconference workshops.
* Conduct activities for conference planning in collaboration with the Conference Planning Committee.
* Provide leadership in the abstract review process and program development for the conference.
* Disseminate family nursing research findings of studies conducted by members through the newsletter, Research Resources on the website, committee work, and collaboration on research projects and publications.
* Support member development in the area of family nursing research.
* Develop mechanisms to promote involvement of doctoral students in IFNA through a mentorship program, presentations, publications, and research clusters.
* Coordinate and collaborate with the Board of Directors and Conference Planning, Communications, Education, and Practice Committees of IFNA in order to promote family nursing research within the membership and across other nursing organizations.

**Action Plan**

After the 2017 conference, H. Moriarty agreed to continue as Research Committee Co-chair for the next two years because S. Meiers stepped down to assume her position as President-Elect. This plan will ensure continuity. K. Mooney-Doyle agreed to serve as Co-chair in summer 2017. She has been active in IFNA and in the Measurement Subcommittee of the Research Committee.

The leadership team of the Research Committee will continue to meet every month via conference calls to review the work of the committee and the sub-committees and make decisions to accomplish the goals as outlined. We will continue to connect with the other IFNA committees to align our strategies.

Currently, there are three subcommittees: the International Research Collaboration Subcommittee (led by Cindy Danford), the Research Measurement Subcommittee (led by Marcia Van Riper), and the Research Newsletter Subcommittee (led by Melanie Lutenbacher). The International Research Collaboration Subcommittee meets every month. The Research Newsletter Subcommittee had developed a plan for responsibility for news every month, and they communicated via e-mail as needed. However, two members of this Subcommittee have recently left, and M. Lutenbacher needs assistance. An email sent to all IFNA members will be distributed seeking volunteers for this subcommittee, and the leadership group will identify and implement additional strategies for gathering news. The Research Measurement Subcommittee had several meetings and created a comprehensive survey distributed to all IFNA members in February 2017. The intent of the survey was to identify family measures used by our members and to provide information about members’ current experiences with using these measures in their research. The Subcommittee is now in the process of compiling the results and preparing measurement resources and information from the survey that will be posted on the Research Resources section of the IFNA website.

**Specific goals include:**

* Continue to examine responses from the 2016 IFNA membership survey to identify members’ needs and guide development of Research Resources on the website, webinar offerings, and other committee activities.
* Continue work to develop an online resource database around measurement that will include family instruments, critiques of measures, cross cultural use, and online links to tool information.
* Further develop systematic processes to solicit intercontinental news, such as through regular communications with country family nursing organizations, other groups, and country liaisons.
* Produce a paper from the presentation and project on “Strengthening Support for Families Worldwide: Potential Directions for an International Collaboration in Family Nursing Research,” conducted by members of the International Research Collaboration Subcommittee.
* Support the development of two research clusters within the International Research Subcommittee. One focuses on family centered care in the adult and pediatric ICU, the second on families and pediatrics. Document the development and strategies of the research clusters to provide a model for future clusters. Conduct a survey of all members to identify areas of interest for other research clusters.
* Conduct two or more webinars on research-related topics:
	+ Conduct one webinar on abstract preparation.
	+ Conduct two webinars focused on a family interviewing, family nursing research methods, or models.
* Work with the IFNA Conference Planning Committee to lead the abstract submission structure and process for the IFNA Conference, coordinate the review process, and slot the program.
* Continue the poster competition started for the 2017 conference, and refine the process for the call and for review of posters. Consider additional awards and different categories.
* Evaluate the Late Breaking Abstract opportunity introduced for the 2017 and based on this, refine and offer the opportunity for the 2019 conference.