

Nomination of Dr. Fabie Duhamel

International Family Nursing Association, Excellence in Family Nursing Award

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It is my pleasure and honour to nominate **Dr. Fabie Duhamel**, a Full Professor in the Faculty of Nursing, University of Montreal, Canada, for the IFNA Excellence in Family Nursing Award. From my knowledge and review of Fabie's academic career, she not only meets but exceeds the criteria for this recognition. She is one of those gifted academics who has made significant outstanding contributions to family nursing in all three areas of clinical practice, research, and education over many years both in Canada and worldwide. Dr. Duhamel has provided sustained leadership in disseminating and implementing family nursing theory, research, and practice.

Fabie has had a number of significant firsts in her distinguished career since being recruited to the Faculty of Nursing, University of Montreal in 1990:

- establishing the first Family Nursing Unit for research and education at the University of Montreal in 1993 (the Denise Latourelle Family Nursing Unit);
- co-chairing the 3rd International Family Nursing Conference held in Montreal in 1994;
- establishing the first-ever Center of Excellence in Family Nursing at the University of Montreal in 2010, which focuses on examining the transferability and sustainability of family nursing theory to practice settings;
- receiving Canadian Institute for Health Research funding in 2012 to establish the first international research collaboration in Family Systems Nursing knowledge translation.

A superb scholar always has an impressive and extensive list of publications and presentations that disseminate knowledge. Since completing her Masters in Nursing in 1983 (specializing in Family Systems Nursing) and her PhD in 1987 at the University of Calgary, Dr. Duhamel has presented her advanced knowledge, practice, and research findings in family nursing in both French and English at over 98 international and 180 national conferences.

Dr. Duhamel has consistently published in refereed journals, including the Journal of Family Nursing. Publishing in both French and English, several of her articles are co-authored with her research teams, current/former students, in addition to her solo publications. Her 24 chapters in various books and her 45 articles have been widely read, used internationally in teaching, and cited frequently by other colleagues. She has also written three editions of a family nursing textbook in the French language: La santé et la famille: une approche systemique en soins infirmiers.

Her research reports have stimulated family nursing development and practice. Fabie has been awarded over \$3,375,000 (Canadian dollars) in research funding over the past 20 years for various studies that she led or co-led with colleagues from nursing and other health care professions. Dr. Duhamel's research focus has clearly and consistently been on families' health experiences and family systems nursing interventions from an inter-professional perspective. It is admirable that she was often invited to join various interdisciplinary research teams and always ensured that a family component was included in the various teams' research projects.

Over 20 years ago, Fabie began using the participatory methodological approach when it was barely known. Her expertise in this approach and her in depth understanding of knowledge translation models have benefitted and extended the field of family nursing. Her skill in developing and refining participatory approaches has increased the congruence between knowledge translation models and the systemic theoretical underpinnings of family systems nursing.

As a professor at the University of Montreal, Faculty of Nursing, Dr. Duhamel created and taught family nursing courses and supervised numerous graduate masters and doctoral nurses in clinical practice and research. None of this would have been possible to accomplish without her deep commitment, skilled clinical knowledge, and actual practice with families. Since 1987, Fabie has maintained a part-time clinical therapy practice. For over 25 years, she has provided live and video supervision to interdisciplinary masters and doctoral level health professionals on a weekly basis at the Argyle Institute in Montreal, a post-degree program accredited by the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Commission on Education.

Fabie's devotion to the important ideas of family nursing and her quiet selfless ways, hard work, energy, and commitment have inspired and expanded a new wave of scholarship. Throughout all the ways Fabie has led family focused care in Montreal and beyond at an inter-professional level, she has been the first leader in family nursing to prioritize knowledge translation in her research and publications. She is one of the foremost thinkers about knowledge translation of family nursing theory to practice settings. At the 13th International Family Nursing Conference in Pamplona, Spain, Fabie will present an Expert Lecture on Knowledge Translation in Family Nursing. Our colleagues will be very fortunate to learn from her timely lecture.

In 2005, Dr. Duhamel was recognized by the Journal of Family Nursing with an award for Innovative Contribution to Family Nursing. It is timely for IFNA to now recognize Fabie's cumulative academic career contributions to family nursing theory, practice, education, and research over 26 years by honouring her with the prestigious Excellence in Family Nursing Award.

Thank you for your consideration of this outstanding nominee.

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