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**IFNA International Research Collaboration Subcommittee Meeting  
(Subcommittee of IFNA Research Committee)  
Thursday, 15 August 2019**

*The IFNA International Research Collaboration Subcommittee, a subcommittee of the IFNA Research Committee, provides an opportunity for family nursing researchers from around the world to interact regularly, plan, conduct and disseminate collaborative research projects.*

Present: Sonja Meiers, Cindy Danford, Lindsay Smith, Birte Ostergaard, Petra Brysiewicz, Lucila Nascimento, Fernanda Machado Silva-Rodrigues, Debbie Sheppard-LeMoine, Sandra Eggenberger, AnnMarie Paraszcuk, Paula Nersesian, Pat Beierwaltes, Junko Honda, Satoshi Takatani, Shota Kakazu, Barbie Giambra, Wendi Smith, Rahel Naef, Kim Mooney-Doyle, Melissa Uveges, Suja Somanadhan, Lori Saiki, Eric Hodges, Romy Mahrer-Imhof

Convener: Cindy Danford (USA)

<b>Welcome</b>	7:30 am EDT (New York) – Held at IFNA14 in Washington DC, all welcomed by Cindy
<b>Research Collaboration Subcommittee Mission:</b>	Cindy reminded all present about the mission of the subcommittee – please see at the top of the minutes.
<b>I. Accomplishments:</b>	Feedback was given regarding the committee accomplishments and congratulations to all concerned
A. Presence at IFNC 14: Multiple presentations	The committee has four oral presentations at IFNA 14 – Defining family nursing, acute care research cluster & measurement followed by a discussion with the authors. The acute care research cluster also will be presenting preliminary results; All are encouraged to attend. Excellent performance and well done by all.
B. First Graduate Student Engagement Meeting: Wendi Smith & Tara Tehan	The first Graduate Student Engagement Meeting was convened by Wendi Smith & Tara Tehan. Well done on an extremely successful meeting with almost 30 in attendance! Time at this meeting was spent getting to know each other and exploring ways in which members would be able to communicate with each other. Arrangements made for the next meeting and the way forward for this group, particularly related to mentoring.
C. Research Cluster Meetings	Cindy explained how these have been very successful in getting members of IFNA together and working on important family nursing topics. All encouraged to join clusters (where possible) and get involved – especially the doctoral students. Thank you to all the cluster leaders and members for all the excellent work. Please see the Research Cluster reports below for information about the various clusters.

<p>D. Webinars: State of the Science in Family Nursing Interviewing – Three Part Series</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part #1: Through the Eyes of the Individual (Speakers: Kathy Knafl and Marcia van Riper; 25 May 2017)</li> <li>• Part #2:A Collective Family Perspective (Speakers: Sandra Eggenberger &amp; Sonja Meiers; 22 Sept 2017)</li> <li>• Part #3: A Global Perspective (Speakers: Junko Honda (Japan) and Elizabeth Coyne (Australia) and Marie Louise Luttick (The Netherlands); 20 Sept 2018)</li> </ul>	<p>Thank you to the IFNA members who participated in these very successful and useful webinars! Ideas for further webinars were discussed and include: Policy, Leadership (for students), Research Capacity Development</p>
<p>E. Policy Blog: Suzanne Feetham &amp; Lindsay Smith</p>	<p>Thanks very much to Suzanne Feetham &amp; Lindsay Smith for this successful blog. Cindy encouraged all present to read the blog and forward comments/suggestions. More discussion on policy and how this informs our research to continue.</p>
<p><b>II. Research Cluster Reports</b></p>	
<p>A. Defining Family</p>	<p>Sonja Meiers &amp; Cindy Danford Presentations done: Odense, Denmark; Pamplona, Spain; Washington D.C., USA; Midwest Nursing Research Society, USA Manuscript under review. Future work could involve testing of the family nursing model. Group congratulated for their excellent work. Some discussion around developing a position statement, which would be very useful for IFNA members. Discussion of this will occur once the manuscript is accepted and in print.</p>
<p>B. Acute Care</p>	<p>Sandra Eggenberger, Petra Brysiewicz &amp; Rahel Naef Presentations done: 2 at IFNA 14 Washington Data analysis continuing and hope to have all completed by the end of 2019. Manuscript writing to beginning in early 2020. Group congratulated for their work and discussion around joining with Defining Family group to co-write a collaborative research process article. This could be a very useful resource for IFNA members doing collaborative projects in the future.</p>
<p>C. Pediatric</p>	<p>Cindy Danford – meeting held at IFNA 14 to establish a group interested in working within this area and there appears to be much support, lots of postgraduate students working in this area. Approximately 20 people were in attendance with representation from UK, USA, Austria, Brazil, Ireland, Denmark. Discussed exploring the role of fathers when their child has a chronic condition. Discussed collaboration with the Fatherhood group, lead by Francine Demontigny. Pat Beierwaltes and Cindy Danford are developing a lit review table as a starting point.</p>

D. Policy	Thanks very much to Suzanne Feetham & Lindsay Smith for their successful blog. As above, discussion will continue on the best way to incorporate policy in our research. Suggest that members bring questions related to policy to monthly meetings for discussion.
E. Family Dyads	This has been suggested as a possible area for a new cluster – all those interested to please notify Cindy. Karen Lyons is an expert in this area and the hope is that she will be able to guide development of this cluster. More to come.
F. Translation/Implementation Science: Sandra Eggenberger's work in the institute. Would like to translate to a global perspective	Sandra Eggenberger summarized the potential for a Translation/Implementation Science research cluster. This has been on hold due to the immense work on the acute care research cluster. However we do not want to lose sight of this important area and plan to keep it on the agenda for future. This could be an extension of the defining family nursing research work as the definition is translated globally. Birte Ostergaard and Romy Mahrer Imhof came forward and agreed to help move this cluster forward.
<b>III. Communication</b>	Paula Nersesian discussed the importance of making use of social media mechanisms to further IFNA and family nursing research. Reminded all about being featured in IFNA news as well as participating in a short video describing your work. All interested to please contact Paula.
<b>IV. Future</b> Getting Involved: How does this work? Webinar Topics of Interest	Cindy encouraged all members to get involved in any of the various projects and to make suggestions of other webinars etc. All feedback and suggestions gratefully received.
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Thursday, 17 October 2019; Time 0700 Cindy closed the meeting and thanked all for taking the time to attend and or the active discussions.