

The **International Society of Psychiatric Mental Health Nurses** has had an exciting Fall season in 2019 and has plans for a sensational Spring in 2020.

In September 2019, ISPN collaborated with the Royal College of Nursing and the Mental Health Academics UK organization on the 25th International Mental Health Nursing Research Conference. At that conference, 15 members of ISPN presented their research alongside other scholars from around the world. That experience has sparked many ideas about increasing our global reach beyond the 14 countries to which ISPN members currently belong and better addressing the needs of our diverse membership through innovation.

ISPN will be holding its annual conference in the U.S., **360-Degree Person-Centered Care in 2020** in San Antonio Texas, March 25-28, 2020. It is a unique opportunity to network, learn and present (practice, research, education and policy) for members of your Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner/Clinical Nurse Specialist community. The ISPN conference also offers special opportunities for PMH advanced practice nursing students.

During the upcoming conference we will recognize advanced practice nurses who have done exemplary work as part of their professional careers as well as one award for a non-nurse for their efforts on behalf of those with mental health concerns. These awards include:

Jeanette Chamberlain Psychiatric Leadership Award

Jeanette Chamberlain Award is given to a psychiatric nurse who has contributed to psychiatric nursing through activities that have advanced the field through public service, leadership, administration, development of healthcare policy, and other service activities.

ISPN Clinical Practice Award

The Clinical Practice Award is given to a psychiatric-mental health nurse who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the care of people with mental illness and/or their families at a local and/or national level. The primary responsibilities of this nurse are clinical rather than administrative or academic. Clinical practice may include direct care, consultation, etc. The candidate demonstrates exceptional clinical performance that has made an impact on nursing practice and patient/family outcomes, and is viewed as a role model by colleagues.

ISPN Diversity and Equity Award

The Diversity and Equity Award recognizes an ISPN member (and may also recognize organization/s with which she/he works) who individually or as part of an organization has demonstrated outstanding leadership in providing culturally sensitive mental health services to individuals, families, and/or groups through: 1) development of innovative and significant contributions to teaching of, research about, and/or practice of culturally sensitive mental health care in nursing; 2) development of knowledge that contributed to improved understanding or strategies regarding the influences of culture on mental health; and/or 3) establishment of a culturally sensitive program to promote access to services for diverse individuals, families and groups. The award winner will present the Diversity/Equity lecture at the following year's conference.

ISPN Education Award

The Education Award acknowledges exceptional creativity and effectiveness in curriculum development, teaching strategies, student recruitment and support, educational outreach, and/or other activities by a psychiatric-mental health nurse educator viewed as a mentor and role model by colleagues and students.

ISPN Research Award

Candidates for the Research Award are evaluated on the following criteria: 1) contribution to the generation of new psychiatric-mental health nursing knowledge; and 2) impact of their research on improved psychiatric-mental health nursing clinical practice, care delivery, and/or policy. The nomination must describe the impact of the research on clinical practice, care delivery, and/or policy. Peer-reviewed presentation and publication of findings, receipt of external grant funding, and research activities such as mentorship, consultations, and peer review service are included in the evaluation of the candidate.

Melva Jo Hendrix Lectureship Award

The Melva Jo Hendrix Lectureship honors the memory of Melva Jo Hendrix, DNSc, RN, FAAN; to celebrate her leadership and to recognize her lifetime of contributions to psychiatric-mental health nursing. This award acknowledges psychiatric-mental health nurses whose careers exemplify Dr. Hendrix's values and principles—her unswerving commitment to improving care for the underserved, stigmatized, or disenfranchised, and her dedication to mentoring others. The Award Winner will be announced at this year's conference and will present the lecture at the following year's conference. Criteria: 1) articulate speaker; 2) evidence of leadership or emerging leadership; 3) recognition of work in the community (education, practice, and research); 4) nominee's career addresses key variables in the purposes of the award—i.e., work with underserved populations or mentoring.

Living Legends Award

The International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing, (ISPN) Living Legends Award recognizes nurses who have made significant lifetime contributions to the profession of psychiatric-mental nursing on a state, national, or international level. The recipients of the Living Legends in ISPN Nursing Awards have inspired other nurses by virtue of such contributions. The candidate for this award has exhibited creativity and innovation in blazing trails for future nurses. The nominee is currently or has been a past member of the International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing.

ISPN Psychiatric Mental Health Advocacy Award

The Psychiatric Mental Health Advocacy Award is given to a non-psychiatric nursing individual or organization for outstanding service or advocacy work or policy change for persons with mental illness. We invite you to learn more about our organization, nominate deserving individuals and register for the upcoming conference at <https://www.ispn-psych.org/>.

Rejoignez-nous! ¡Ven con nosotros! Vieni, unisciti a noi! έλα μαζί μας! 是非ご参加! halika sumali sa amin! हमारे साथ शामिल हो जाएँ! kom bij ons! kom sluit by ons aan! Come join us!!!!

