

# Fundraising/Marketing Committee

**Chair:** Melissa Henry (McGill University, Canada)

Members: Drs. Maggie Watson, Kevin Stein, Carolyn Messner, Francine Parnes, and Elizabeth Harvey.

## **Key accomplishments for the past year:**

1. We conducted a survey on the topic of practices in communication of a cancer diagnosis in African cancer care – accepted in the journal Psycho-Oncology.
2. We are conducting a scoping review of how psycho-oncology is represented in National Cancer Control Plans in Africa.
3. We are implementing the IPOS Capacity-Building in Psycho-Oncology ECHO in collaboration with WHO to disseminate evidence-based practices in psycho-oncology in Africa. A generous donation was received from the Friends of Psycho-Oncology in Africa. The program will start in September 2022.
4. IPOS presented two invited symposia at the Congress of the African Organization for Research and Training in Cancer (AORTIC) on: 1) Addressing Distress in Oncology as an Essential Care Component; and 2) Capacity-Building in Psycho-Oncology in Africa.

## **Key initiatives for 2022 underway:**

1. Africa IPOS Capacity-Building in Psycho-Oncology ECHO - Ongoing.
2. Eastern Mediterranean IPOS Capacity-Building in Pediatric Psycho-Oncology ECHO – In preparation.
3. Working Group on the Integration of Psycho-Oncology in National Cancer Control Plans in Africa - Ongoing.
4. We are planning stakeholder meetings at the next UICC Congress on the integration of psycho-oncology in cancer prevention efforts in Africa

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