

International Primary Care Respiratory Group

Annual General Meeting

Item 3. President's report for the year ended 31 December 2018

The last year, 2018, has seen a continued expansion of the IPCRG's role and influence internationally and reassuring improvements in IPCRG's financial position and sustainability. In July the Board of directors set a new vision for the charity, aligned to the World Health Organization goals of universal health coverage: "a global population breathing and feeling well through universal access to right care." We continue to progress towards this by working locally in primary care and collaborating globally because we understand the power of co-creating local solutions that add value to clinical care, to patient and public experience, and to funders.

2018 highlights include our 9th World Conference in Porto, attracting over 1,000 delegates from 49 countries; the successful completion of the Horizon 2020-funded FRESH AIR programme; the launch and growth of our social movement for Asthma Right Care, and two Teach the Teacher programmes to build teaching capacity; one on personalising care in Kyrgyzstan as part of our first Euro-Asian conference, and one on treating tobacco dependence in four Eastern European countries. We can now add a very successful Teach the Teacher programme for four countries on children with asthma which started last month with a masterclass in Malaysia.

We also continued to publish highly practical guidance that builds on the evidence and experience of family doctors, nurses, pharmacists and patients such as our work on personalisation of care. New this month is our desktop helper on Helping Patients Quit Tobacco that draws on the experience from the Teach the Teacher programme and FRESH AIR. This engagement of all members of the primary care team and patients is a growing feature of our work and shows real promise for the future.

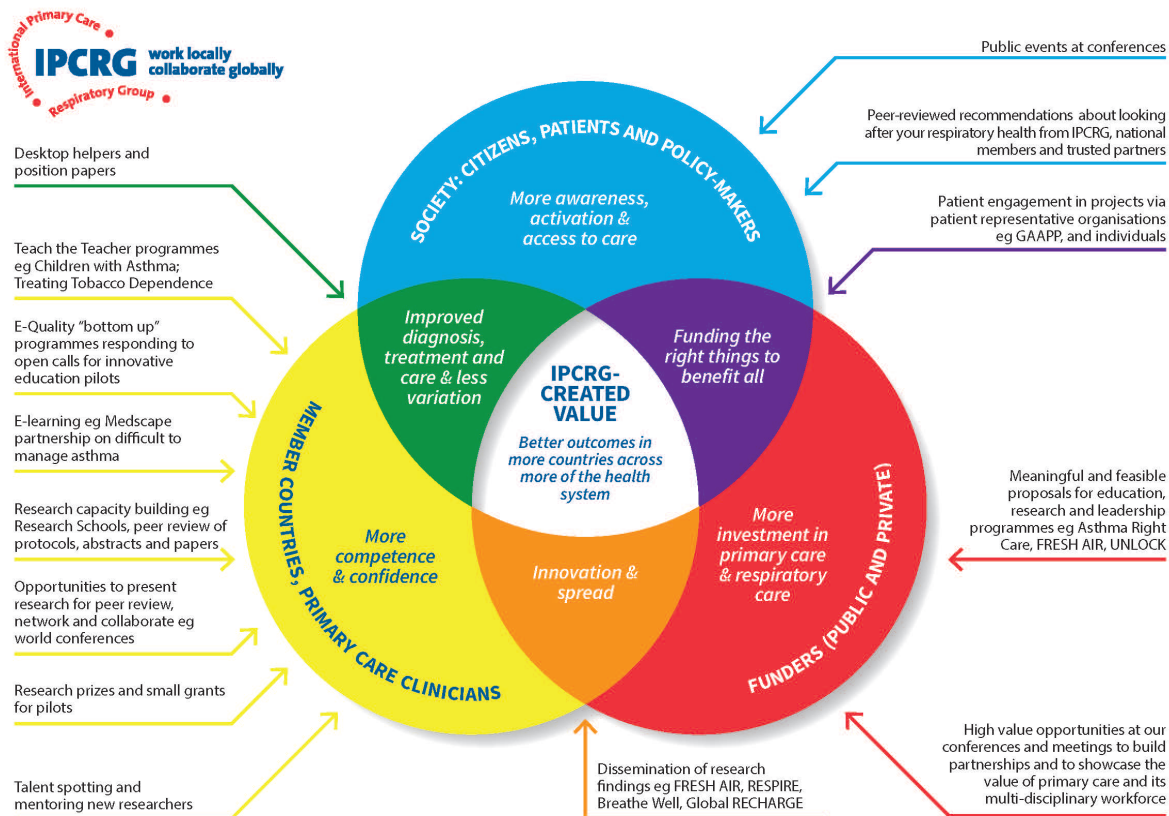
We learnt from FRESH AIR that there is real potential to build new research collaborations with clinicians and academic departments, that generate new data that can inform primary care practice. Now, through collaborations with several UK universities, funded by the UK National Institute for Health Research, eleven IPCRG member low and middle income countries are now on a pathway to build primary care research capacity so that they can inform national respiratory policy using locally-generated reliable findings.

We achieve most when we bridge different networks. Through Asthma Right Care we have connected with highly enthusiastic pharmacist, patient and nurse colleagues. Through our meeting in Kyrgyzstan we also witnessed the need for more peer-to-peer support for nurses, particularly those working in remote and rural areas. This inspired us to seek interest at the end of last year through our members from pharmacists and nurses. We've had a good response and are planning how to engage them in activities including Dublin 2020. We have now signed an agreement with the Federation of International Pharmaceutical Societies (FIP) to reach their global pharmacist network. We have started discussions with Nursing Now about creating a Nurses for FRESH AIR group. We continue to operate as the Special Interest Group of WONCA Europe and an Organization in collaborative relations with WONCA World, and ran sessions at Prague and Seoul last year, and will be attending this year at WONCA Bratislava and Kyoto. We are holding our early career researcher network meeting here to facilitate their knowledge and connections. Our first Research School on Qualitative Research was attended by 40 delegates and was very well received. We hope to repeat this model with the RESPIRE programme.

This directors' report for 2018 and the fold-out summary shows how we meet our four strategic goals to deliver value, and our plans to scale up our activity over the next three years. We:

1. **Create value for our country members** (organisations and individual clinicians) by improving their confidence and competence, promoting good clinical primary care practice
2. **Create value for society** by raising awareness of respiratory health and its risk factors amongst citizens and policy-makers and influencing the availability of good quality respiratory care in their community
3. **Create value for our funders** by increasing the accuracy of diagnosis, reducing the variation in care and improving outcomes
4. **Run an efficient organisation** with effective cost control and create additional value from income-generation programmes to allow the organisation to invest in infrastructure and projects for which fundraising is more challenging.

These are summarised at-a-glance in the Venn diagram.



We look forward to the second half of 2019 and 2020 when we will hold meetings in Dublin and Beijing as well as expand existing programmes to more countries.

I commend the full directors' report to you.

Ioanna Tsiligianni

President

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