

FUNDRAISING/MARKETING COMMITTEE

Chair: Melissa Henry (McGill University, Canada)

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

Three key accomplishments since November 2020:

1. Survey on the topic of policies and practices in communication of a cancer diagnosis in African cancer care and World Café to optimize the cultural relevance of our IPOS Academy in Mozambique on Communication Skills Training with MSKCC.
2. Design of the IPOS Capacity-Building in Psycho-Oncology ECHO initiative 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.
3. IPOS has secured two invited symposia at the upcoming 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.

Two key initiatives for 2021 underway:

1. IPOS Capacity-Building in Psycho-Oncology ECHO.
2. Working Group on the Integration of Psycho-Oncology in National Cancer Plans in Africa.

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