



### for Immunodeficiencies

INGID has had a busy time and recently we have been working hard to plan and prepare our first ever virtual conference. With the valuable help and support we have received from ESID, a virtual program has been created which we believe will be engaging, interactive and a high value way to listen and learn. Our finalised program will be published soon and we are grateful to ESID for this opportunity.

We have been living through unprecedented times as COVID 19 affects us all. In some countries COVID restrictions are lifting whilst in others isolation and restrictions are continuing. We have strived to be diligent ensuring that INGID has continued to act as a support network and educational tool for immunology nurses throughout the world in these challenging times. Our regular board meetings have continued via ZOOM.

INGID supported and participated in the 10<sup>th</sup> World PI week in April 2020. It focused on ensuring that patients have direct access to the care and life-saving therapies they need.

Geraldine Dunne attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> Asia Pacific Society of Immunodeficiency APSID in Chandigarh, India in February and had a most successful conference. She was able to focus on the pivotal role that specialist nurses have in the care of children undergoing hematopoietic stem cell transplantation and her talk was extremely well received generating much discussion and questions. The launch of the first ever Sub Cutaneous Ig product occurred at APSID Chandigarh. Up until that point treatment options were limited to IVIg in India. The timing for Geraldine's SCIG presentation was wonderful. The presentation again generated much discussion and many questions and Geraldine, on behalf of INGID hopes that this relationship will now be ongoing.

In January of this year Veronica Brennan passed away, she was one of the founding members of INGID and the Immunology Clinical Nurse Specialist in Oxford. INGID were proud to have representatives from Oxford present at her funeral. She was hugely respected in the immunology nursing community and will be greatly missed.

Members of the INGID board attended IPIC in Madrid in November 2019 and Carla Duff presented on respiratory Immunology, Eline Visser presented on the impact of fatigue in paediatric patients with PID and Rosalind Fisher did a presentation on the increase of secondary immunodeficiencies and their effect on the Specialist Nurse in Immunology. The conference was very successful with all INGID's talks being well received and ample opportunities for networking.

Carla Duff has had a recent publication "Nuts and Bolts of Subcutaneous Therapy" which gives an excellent thorough overview of SCIG.

There have been some changes on the INGID board over the past few months and there are some further exciting developments being planned. Geraldine Dunne has been directed to the role of vice-treasurer and Rosalind Fisher is currently transitioning into managing the web-site which is now being merged with the Director of Communications role. Geraldine has done a brilliant job writing our newsletters and web-site and we are very grateful to her.

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