SHORT INTRODUCTION TO THE INVITED SPEAKERS

Per Bakke: Specialist in Internal Medicine and Pulmonary Medicine, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Bergen.

John Ellershaw: Professor of Palliative Medicine and Director of the Palliative Care Institute, University of Liverpool; Clinical Lead, Academic Palliative and End of Life Care Centre, Royal Liverpool & Broadgreen University Hospitals HNS Trust. Pioneering researcher in care of the dying; Chair of the International Collaborative for Best Care for the Dying Person.

Kjell Erik Strømskag: Anesthesiologist and palliative care physician, consultant at Molde Hospital and Professor at Molde University College. Experience in disaster medicine from several international missions. Three doctoral degrees. Author of several books, including The History of the Hospice Movement and Palliative Care in Norway.

Catriona Mayland: Trained as a consultant in Palliative Medicine, current position Yorkshire Cancer Research Senior Clinical Research Fellow at the University of Sheffield, also holding an Honorary contract with the Palliative Care Institute Liverpool. Developed the CODE™ (Care Of the Dying Evaluation) questionnaire as part of her post-doctoral work. Her research in quality of care for the dying is particularly focused on the views of bereaved relatives and the development of outcome measures.

Dagny Faksvåg Haugen: Lead Consultant and Head of Centre, Regional Centre of Excellence for Palliative Care, Western Norway (Kompetansesenter i lindrande behandling Helseregion Vest) and Professor of Palliative Medicine at the University of Bergen. Coordinator of the EU-funded ERANet-LAC CODE Project: International Care of the Dying Evaluation - care of dying cancer patients as perceived by bereaved relatives.

Christina Gerlach: Trained in Internal Medicine and Palliative Medicine, Clinical Scientist in Palliative Care and Consultant in Palliative Medicine at the Interdisciplinary Palliative Care Unit, Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz. Her research interests lie in education and the integration of Palliative Care in Hematology and Oncology.

Vilma Tripodoro: MD, PhD, Senior Researcher and Head of the Palliative Care Department, Lanari Institute, University of Buenos Aires. Coordinator of the PAMPA Programme for Best Care of the Dying Person in Argentina. Active in promoting palliative care in Latin America and in several international research collaboratives.

Ida Korfage: Trained as economist and epidemiologist, Assistant Professor of Quality of Life at the Department of Public Health of Erasmus University Medical Centre, Rotterdam. Scientific Coordinator of the ACTION study: Advance Care Planning. An innovative Palliative Care Intervention to Improve Quality of Life in Oncology.
Raymond Voltz: Consultant in Neurology and Palliative Medicine, Professor and Director of the Department of Palliative Medicine, University Hospital Cologne. One of the leading Palliative Care physicians in Germany. Principal Investigator of the DEDIPOM study: The DESire to Die in Palliative care: Optimization of Management.

Amara (Ami) Nwosu: Consultant in Palliative Medicine at the Royal Liverpool University Hospital, Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer at the University of Liverpool, Research Lead at the Marie Curie Hospice Liverpool, and Research Scholar of the National Institute for Health Research North West Coast Clinical Research Network. His PhD project focused on hydration in advanced cancer and obtained several awards. Dr. Nwosu is also the ‘Digital Technology’ Editor for Palliative Medicine and produces podcasts to disseminate the contents of the journal.

Claire Henry: MBE, Independent consultant in end of life care and Quality Improvement. Her background is in nursing; previous positions have included National Director for the NHS End of Life Care and Director of Improvement and Transformation at Hospice UK. She has been Chief Executive of Dying Matters, a coalition of individual and organisational members across England and Wales, which aims to help people talk more openly about dying, death and bereavement, and to make plans for the end of life.

Jamie Woodworth: MSc, doctoral student in health sciences at Lund University. Her research focuses on public health perspectives on death, dying and grief, with a focus on death literacy. Her work strives to bridge literature and real initiatives engaging citizens. She is responsible for Death Ed (education), a public health outreach project based at the Institute for Palliative Care in Lund, Sweden.

Naveen Salins: Trained in General Medicine and Palliative Medicine. Professor and Head, Department of Palliative Medicine and Supportive Care; Coordinator, Manipal Comprehensive Cancer Care Centre, Kasturba Medical College, Manipal. Head of Palliative Medicine of Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE). Editor, Indian Journal of Palliative Care.

Agnes van der Heide: Professor of Decision-Making and End-of-Life Care at the Department of Public Health of Erasmus University Medical Centre, Rotterdam. Has coordinated many collaborative research projects on an international scale. Coordinator for the Horizon 2020 iLIVE project (2019-2022): Living well, dying well – a research programme to support living until the end.