

# IPALA NEWSLETTER



International Pediatric Academic Leaders' Association

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## Welcome

Welcome to this newsletter, which is intended to keep you up to date with developments in IPALA. A big welcome to our new members. I hope you quickly come to feel part of our association. We look forward to your participation & contributions.  
Professor Kevin Forsyth – President, IPALA.

## Virtual Leadership Conference

This 3-day meeting ran virtually over a week in June. We had a tremendous range of speakers from around the world speaking on leadership, advocacy, mindfulness, keeping well, personal development and many other themes. Hundreds attended this series. There is great enthusiasm to continue these ideas.

All of the 2024 conference recordings can be accessed on our [YouTube](https://ipala.org/past-events) page or here: <https://ipala.org/past-events>

### Re-Imagining Pediatric Leadership



## IPALA workshop May 2025 at IPA

Planning is underway to run a one-day workshop at the IPA meeting in Mexico City, May 2025. The content will be an extension from our Virtual Leadership Conference.

Stay tuned for more information on this exciting opportunity.

## Education-enabling Webinars

Prof Amy Gray is continuing with her series on equipping pediatricians with skills and competencies in education and teaching methodologies.

Webinar 1: Thursday 25th July: Teaching and learning on ward rounds

Webinar 2: Thursday 26th September: Feedback in all its forms

Webinar 3: Thursday 28th November: Coaching for professional development

Sign up here: <https://ipala.org/education>



## IPALA & Kenya Paediatric Society Workshop on Academic Leadership

A successful workshop was held in Kenya organized by Dr. Angela Migowa as part of the annual meeting of the Kenya Pediatric Society. The topics covered by the workshop included: IPALA and the Global Agenda, Inclusivity & Equity in Academic Leadership, Establishment of Fellowship Programs, Leadership in Medical Education, and a lively panel discussion on Cultivating Individual Success in Research for Child Health. There was broad interest and engagement. Follow-up from the ideas generated by the meeting will focus on how IPALA can support national strengthening of the academic pediatric institutions.



## Leadership Academy

Designed to support emerging pediatric leaders. This is running successfully again this year, with 8 modules over 8 months. We have scholars from across the globe.

A new addition this year is Dr Camilla Kingdon (immediate past President of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health) running a theme on women in leadership and advocacy. Dr Alicia Mitchell is taking a leading role in co-hosting this series.

## Special mention

A special thanks to Dr Alicia Mitchell and Dr Vicki Timmis (both pediatric trainees and emerging pediatric leaders) who were instrumental in the planning, organisation, and running of our Virtual leadership Conference. Congratulations on a well run conference!



## Research-enabling Webinars

Prof Morris from Darwin has commenced a series of webinars designed to support pediatricians into clinical research. This series adds a very important aspect to academic pediatrics, supporting those wanting to undertake research but unsure where to start or how to proceed.

Webinar 2: Wednesday 4th September: Measuring Impact.

Webinar 3: Wednesday 4th December: How to Know What is Important.

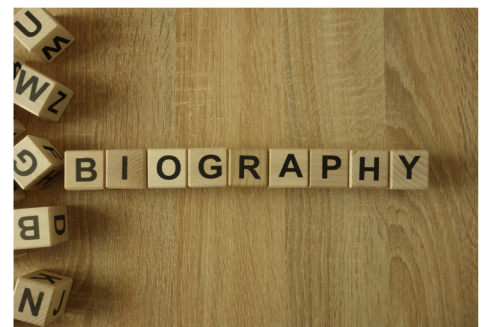
Watch previous webinars and sign up here:

<https://ipala.org/research>

## IPALA Wikipedia Leadership Project

This project aims to increase the visibility of female leadership in pediatrics by creating Wikipedia pages for notable role models because "you can't be what you can't see."

If you are interested in taking part please contact richard.mcgee [at] health.nsw.gov.au



## Membership In IPALA

IPALA aims to establish an academically-based global leadership group that could more effectively share leadership expertise in education, research and service.

Visit [www.IPALA.org](http://www.IPALA.org) to learn more and to join.

