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Agenda item 4

**Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments**

## **Election of one member of the International Narcotics Control Board from among candidates nominated by the World Health Organization**

### **Note by the Secretary-General**

1. The present note contains information on candidates nominated by the World Health Organization (WHO) for election to the International Narcotics Control Board.
2. In a communication dated 17 March 2025, the secretariat was informed of the resignation of Mariângela Simão (Brazil), a member of the International Narcotics Control Board whose term of office was to expire in 2027.
3. In accordance with article 10, paragraph 5, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol:

Where a vacancy occurs on the Board during the term of office of a member, the Council shall fill such vacancy as soon as possible and in accordance with the applicable provisions of article 9, by electing another member for the remainder of the term.

4. Since the member who resigned was elected by the Economic and Social Council from among candidates nominated by WHO, in accordance with the provisions of article 9, paragraph 1 (a), of the 1961 Convention as amended, the member to be elected to fill the remainder of the term should be elected from a list of candidates nominated by WHO. In a note dated 24 March 2025, the secretariat invited WHO to nominate candidates by 16 April 2025.
5. As at 16 April 2025, five candidates had been nominated by WHO. Their names are listed below:

Thomas Clausen	Norway
Julia Downing	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Michael Proinsias Farrell	Australia and Ireland



Emmanuel Luyirika	Uganda
Tania Pastrana	Germany

6. The biographical information that WHO transmitted by its communication nominating the candidates is contained in annex I to the present note. Information on the meetings held by the Board in 2024, its current membership and payments made to members is contained in annex II to the present note.

## Annex I

### Biographical information on candidates nominated for election to the International Narcotics Control Board\*

#### Thomas Clausen (Norway)

##### Education

Dr. med (PhD), University of Oslo, Faculty of Medicine, Oslo, Norway (2001-2005); Cand. Med. (MD), University of Oslo, Faculty of Medicine, Oslo, Norway (1993-2000).

Principles of teaching; A University of Oslo course (2008-2009, diploma 2009); Research leadership, A University of Oslo course (2007-2008, diploma 2008).

##### Present posts

Visiting Professor at King's College, London, UK (2019-present); Head of Norwegian centre for addiction research (SERAF), University of Oslo (2016-present; approx. 20 staff members); Head of Research group, opioid maintenance treatment and overdose research (2012-present); Professor, Norwegian centre for addiction research (SERAF), University of Oslo (2010-present); Senior researcher (part-time), Sørlandet Hospital, Unit for addiction research (2006-present).

##### Previous posts

Fulbright-fellow, visiting scholar, Public Health Institute, alcohol research group, Berkeley, California, 2014-2015; Head of research centre, SERAF, University of Oslo (2013); Associate Professor, SERAF, University of Oslo (2009-2010); Senior researcher, SERAF, University of Oslo (2006-2009); Research fellow (PhD scholarship, 100% from Norwegian Research Council), Institute of General Practice and Community Medicine, University of Oslo (2001-2005).

##### Publications

Published ca 200 original scientific research papers of which 50+ during the past 3 years. Numerous national and international conference presentation, media-communications and reports.

Based on the 183 documents registered in Scopus, there are currently a total of 3769 citations and 372 co-authors. The h-index is 30 and during the past 10+ years more than 100 citations have been achieved each year (more than 200 citations since 2018). The most cited paper has more than 568 citations. In ResearchGate 237 documents are registered, 4955 citations, and an H-index of 33. URL for personal web site: <https://www.med.uio.no/klinmed/personer/vit/thclause/index.html>

##### Honours

Member of Scientific committee EUDA, Lisbon (2024-current); Member of Scientific committee EMCDDA, Lisbon (2023-2024); Recipient of «Best paper 2017 award from «Sommers stiftelse til fremme av klinisk psykiatrisk forskning»; Recipient of the EUROPAD Chimera award 2014; Fulbright scholar fellowship; (Norway-USA exchange) (2014-2015); “Knowledge Oslo 2012” prize for Best research; Fatal overdoses in Oslo between 2006-2008.

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\* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

### **Organization of scientific meetings**

2006-current: Biannual National addiction research seminar, Norway: Organizing and scientific committee (2009, 2011, 2013, 2017, 2019, 2021) (100+ participants); Biannual National conference of Opioid maintenance treatment (Norway): Organizing committee (2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2022, 2024) (700 participants); The International Naloxone Conference (ThINC) organizing committee and scientific committee, Bergen (2015) Oslo, Norway, (2015 and 2017) (200 participants), 2023 (Oslo); ISAM (International society for addiction medicine), 2011: Organizing committee and scientific committee of, Oslo, Norway (400+ participants).

## **Julia Downing (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)**

### **Education**

PhD: A Meta-evaluation of a Palliative Care Education Strategy in Rural Uganda: A Case Study Evaluation of Palliative Care Training in Rural Uganda. Manchester Metropolitan University, England (2006); Professional Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (M Level) Institute of Education; University of London ('A' Grade achieved) (1999-2000); Masters in Medical Science in Clinical Oncology. Distinction. University of Birmingham, (Included Palliative Care) (1995-1997); Diploma in Cancer Nursing (Graduate entry); The Institute of Cancer Research / The Royal Marsden Hospital (1993-1994); ENB 934: Care and Management of Persons with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and Human Immuno-Deficiency Virus (HIV) Related Conditions. The Institute of Cancer Research / The Royal Marsden Hospital (1994); ENB 998: Teaching and Assessing in Clinical Practice; The Institute of Cancer Research / The Royal Marsden Hospital (1994); Bachelor of Nursing, Second Class Division 1 Honours; Registered General Nurse; University of Wales College of Medicine (1987-1991).

### **Present posts**

Co-Chair of the WHO Guidelines Development Group, developing the WHO guideline on balanced national controlled medicines policies to ensure medical access and safety; Chief Executive, International Children's Palliative Care Network (ICPCN), UK and South Africa (2016-present); Visiting Professor, School of Medicine, Belgrade University, Serbia (2015-present); Honorary Senior Research Fellow, Department of Palliative Care and Policy, King's College, London (2006-2017: Honorary Research Fellow, 2017-onwards: Senior Research Fellow); Honorary Fellow, College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine, University of Edinburgh (2019-present); Global Faculty Associate, Florence Nightingale Foundation, (since 2023); International Consultant: various consultancies on service provision, education, research and health systems strengthening (2010 onwards); Board Member of the Palliative Care Education and Research Consortium (Kampala) and supporting the Makerere/Mulago Palliative Care Unit; Board member of the Worldwide Hospice and Palliative Care Alliance (WHPCA), The International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care (ISNCC), The African Palliative Care Association UK (APCA UK), Ehospice and Kampala Music School (KMS); Chair of the ISNCC Policy and Advocacy Committee.

### **Previous posts**

Visiting Professor, Faculty of Health and Social Care, Edge Hill University, Lancashire (2014-2023); Visiting Professor, Life Sciences and Education, University of South Wales (Prifysgol de Cymru) (2014-2019); Honorary Professor, Makerere University, Kampala (2011-2015); External examiner for Cardiff University (MSc Palliative Care) and for the University of Manchester (BSc HIV/AIDS Care and Management), and Mildmay Uganda (Children's Palliative Care); Chair of the Palliative Care Research Society, UK (2016-2021); Director of Education and Research, International Children's Palliative Care Network, South Africa (2011-2016); Team Leader and Key Expert, Development of Palliative Care Services in the Republic of Serbia EuropeAid/129769/C/SER/RS (Commenced 2011 as Key Expert and 2013 as Team Leader); Deputy Executive Director of the African Palliative Care Association, Kampala, Uganda (2006-2010); Director of the Mildmay International Study Centre, The Mildmay Centre, Kampala, Uganda (2001-2006); Lecturer in cancer care: The Centre for Cancer and Palliative Care Studies. The Institute of

Cancer Research. Fulham Road. London (1997-2000); Past Board Member of the African Palliative Care Association (APCA), The Palliative Care Association of Uganda (PCAU), The Regional AIDS Training Network (RATN) and Hospice in the Weald.

### Selected publications

Published >190 journal articles, edited 12 books, published >40 chapters and various reports. Examples:

**Downing J**, Randall D, Mcnamara-Goodger K, Ellis P, Palat G, Ali Z, Hunt J, Kiman R, Friedel M, Neilson S. (2025) Children's Palliative Care and Public Health: Position Statement. *BMC Palliative Care* 24:89.

**Downing J**, Chambers L, Daniels A, Ling J, Hamzah E, Luyirika E, Okhuysen-Cawley R, Doherty M and Baker JN. (2025) Mapping of Children's Palliative Care Development Globally in 2023. *Children*, 12, 440. <https://doi.org/10.3390/children12040440>.

**Downing J**, Daniels A, McNeil MJ, Ndagire M, Palat G, Rassam RS, Baker JN. (2024) Paediatric Palliative Care in Cancer. *ecancer* 18:1823. <https://doi.org/10.3332/ecancer.2024.1823>.

**Downing JD**, Adjete Appiah A, Ask K, Chante ST, Eves E, Tysoe F, Glennon C, Krishnasamy M, Milanti A, Philips J, Power J, So WKW, Yates P. (2023) Position Statement on Cancer Nursing Leadership. *Cancer Nursing* 46(2) 85-91.

Lohman D, Cleary J, Connor S, De Lima L, **Downing J**, Marston J, Morris C, Pardy S, and Pettus K (2022) Advancing Global Palliative Care over Two Decades: Health System Integration, Access to Essential Medicines, and Pediatrics. *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management*. 6th March. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpainsymman.2022.03.001>.

Benini F, Pappadatou D, Bernada M, Craig F, De Zen L, **Downing J**, Drake R, Freidrichsdorf S, Garros D, Giacomelli L, Lacerda A, Lazzarin P, Marceglia S, Marston J, Mukaden MA, Papa S, Parravicini E, Pellegatta F, Wolfe J. (2021) International standards for pediatric palliative care: from IMPaCCT to GO-PPaCS. *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management*. Doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpainsymman.2021.12.031>.

Pergert P, Sullivan CE, Adde M, Mbah Afungchwi GM, **Downing J**, Hollis R, Ilbawi A, Morrissey L, Punjawani R, Challinor J. (2020) An ethical imperative: Safety and specialization as nursing priorities of WHO Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer. *Pediatric Blood & Cancer*. 2020;67:e28143. <https://doi.org/10.1002/pbc.28143>.

Pettus K, De Lima L, Maurer M, Husain A, Connor S, Torode J, Ling J, **Downing J**, Rajagopal MR, Radbruch L, Pastrana T, Luyirika EB, Goh C, Marstin K and Cleary J. (2019) Ensuring and Restoring Balance on access to Controlled Substances for Medical and Scientific Purposes: Joint Statement from Palliative Care Organizations. *Journal of Pain & Palliative Care Pharmacotherapy*, 32:2-3, 124-128.

### Honours

Top ten finalist in the Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award – shortlisted from over 24,000 participants (May 2022); EAPC and European Palliative Care Academy, Palliative Care Leadership Programmes Award (May 2017); Change Agent in Oncology in the Publication 'Women as Change Agents in Oncology' launched on International Women's Day 2016 ([http://www.roche.com/media/store/roche\\_stories/women\\_as\\_change\\_agents.htm](http://www.roche.com/media/store/roche_stories/women_as_change_agents.htm)); Honorary Fellowship from Cardiff University in recognition of international distinction in palliative care (July 2015); Pearl Moore "Making a Difference" International Award for Contributions to Cancer Care. Oncology Nursing Society, USA (April 2015); Robert Tiffany Lectureship by the

International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care (2014); ‘International Journal of Palliative Nursing Development Award 2006’ in recognition of palliative care work in Africa; Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy (April 2007); Award in recognition of contribution to PCAU and palliative care in Uganda (August 2017); Recognition award for contribution to the work of Mildmay International in Uganda (October 2008); Recognition award for contribution to palliative care in Africa and the African Palliative Care Association (September 2007).

**Selected meetings attended**

Attend a wide range of meetings globally and regionally inter alia, WHO Guidelines development group for ensuring balanced access to controlled medicines; ‘Integrating palliative care and symptom relief into paediatrics: A WHO guide for health care planners, implementers and managers’; ‘Integrating palliative care and symptom relief into the response to humanitarian emergencies and crises: A WHO guide’; ‘Assessing the development of palliative care worldwide: a set of actionable indicators’, ‘Left behind in pain: Extent and causes of global variations in access to morphine for medical use and actions to improve safe access.’ World Innovation Summit in Qatar in 2024; World Health Assembly; CND 2024 and 2025; WHO working group on palliative care.

## Michael Proinsias Farrell (Australia and Ireland)

### Education

MB BCh BAO, University College Dublin (1979), LRCP&SI (1979). FRCPsych (2010), FRCP London (2011), FASSA (2022).

### Present post

Director National Drug and Alcohol Research Center, University of New South Wales Sydney; Professor (2011-present). Theme Lead Faculty of Medicine Neuroscience, Mental Health, Addiction and Ageing (2015-present).

### Previous posts

Medical Doctor qualified University College Dublin and Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (1979); Trained Physician and Internist London (1984); Specialization in Psychiatry Maudsley Hospital and Institute of Psychiatry, Kings College London (1988); Senior Lecturer at the Institute of Psychiatry, KCL, (since 1993); Vice Dean Institute of Psychiatry Kings College London (2004-2011); Professor Addiction Psychiatry Kings College London (2007-2011); Consultant Psychiatrist The Royal Bethlem and Maudsley Hospital 1993, and The South London and Maudsley Hospital Trust (1993-2011); Director of Postgraduate Medical Education for the South London and Maudsley Trust and the Institute of Psychiatry Kings College London (2004-2011); President of the Psychiatry Section of the Royal Society of Medicine (2005-2008); Chair of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (2005-2011); Senior Medical Officer and Chief Addiction Specialist Department of Health England (1991-1993, and part time 1999-2002); UK Department of Health Representative on Pompidou Group Member of various advisory bodies in UK (2001-2011); Chair 2022-2023 Australian National Advisory Council on Alcohol and other Drugs.

### Selected publications

Over 300 scientific papers in high impact scientific journals, with a focus on alcohol and other drug epidemiology, policy, prevention, treatment and harm reduction, with a particular focus on building the evidence base for a broad national and international drug policy framework. Examples:

**Global coverage of interventions to prevent and manage drug-related harms among people who inject drugs: a systematic review** S Colledge-Frisby, S Ottaviano, P Webb, J Grebely, A Wheeler, M Farrell... The Lancet Global Health (2023) review. **The Lancet Global Health 2022 Global Commission on Gambling** H Wardle, L Degenhardt, A Ceschia, S Saxena M Farrell The Lancet Public Health 2024. **Buprenorphine versus methadone for the treatment of opioid dependence: a systematic review and meta-analysis of randomised and observational studies** Degenhardt, B Clark, G Macpherson, O Leppan, S Nielsen, E Zahra, M Farrell Lancet Psychiatry 2023. **Global coverage of interventions to prevent and manage drug-related harms among people who inject drugs: a systematic review** S Colledge-Frisby, S Ottaviano, P Webb, J Grebely, A Wheeler, Lancet Global Health 2021. **National guidelines for medication-assisted treatment of opioid dependence** Gowing, R Ali, A Dunlop, M Farrell, N Lintzeris Canberra: Commonwealth of Australia, 2014. **Effect of Cytisine vs Varenicline on Smoking Cessation** A Randomized Clinical Trial R Courtney, H McRobbie, P Tutka, NA Weaver, D Petrie, M Farrell JAMA 2021. **Epidemiology of injecting drug use, prevalence of injecting-related harm, and exposure to behavioural and environmental risks**



**among people who inject drugs: a systematic review.** Degenhardt, P Webb, S Colledge-Frisby, J Ireland, A Wheeler, Lancet global health 2020. **Opiate withdrawal** M Farrell Addiction 1998. **Fortnightly Review: Methadone maintenance treatment in opiate dependence: a review** M Farrell, J Ward, R Mattick, W Hall, GV Stimson, D Des Jarlais, M Gossop, BMJ 1995.

### **Honours and grants**

Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrist's 2010; Fellow of the Royal College of Physician's 2011; Fellow of the Australian Society of Social Scientists 2022; Distinguished Alumni Royal College of Surgeons 2024; Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine 2005; Has raised over 80 million Australian dollars for research support of NDARC UNSW since 2011.

### **Meetings attended**

Member, WHO/UNODC Technical Guidelines on Opioid Pharmacotherapies, Guidelines Development Group 2004-2008; Member of Australian Government Federal Drug Strategy Branch Research Coordination Group. Member of the World Health Organisation Expert Committee on Drug Dependence since 1993. EMCDDA Management Board 2008-2010. Chair EMCDDA Scientific Advisory Board 2008-2011. WHO working group (2014-2016) on the Classification of Behavioural Addictions including Gaming Disorders that resulted in the inclusion of Gaming Disorder in ICD 11. Member of UK National Clinical Guidelines on Drug Dependence Group 1999-2010. Various WHO ECCD meetings. Chair Australian National Advisory Council on Alcohol and other Drugs 2023. UNODC Guidelines on Treatment Evaluation 2005. Chair of International Consortium for Health Outcome Monitoring working group on Addictions 2019-2021.

## **Emmanuel Luyirika (Uganda)**

### **Education**

Master of Public Administration (MPA) with majors in Project Management and Policy Informatics – thesis on the implementation of the national HIV/AIDS policy in South Africa, School of Public Management and Planning, University of Stellenbosch (2003); Post graduate Honours Degree in Public Administration (BPA) Hons., School of Public Management and Planning, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa (2002); Master of Family Medicine (M FAM MED), thesis on HIV among school going teenagers, Medical University of Southern Africa, MEDUNSA, South Africa (2000); Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery (MB, ChB), at Makerere University, Kampala Uganda (1992).

Other selected non-degree courses:

Good Clinical Practice Training for Social and Behavioural Research, National Institutes of Health, USA, Office of Behavioural and Social Research (2020); Training of country team member for cancer at the Center for Global Health at the National Cancer Institute, USA ran in Lusaka Zambia (2015); Good Governance and Organisation Development Training at Entebbe Uganda (2015); Report and Business Writing Course. Kampala Uganda (2013); Course on Protecting Human Research Participants ran by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of Extramural Research (2014); Several trainings on the management of US Government funds run by CDC and USAID, short management courses run by Mildmay International done in Uganda, Tanzania and UK (2003-2010); Basic Life Support Instructor Course offered by the American Heart Association and The Resuscitation Council of Southern Africa (2002); Advanced Cardiac Life Support Course (ACLS) offered by the American Heart Association and The Resuscitation Council of Southern Africa (2002); HIV management course offered by the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa (2001); Academic Writing Skills Course offered by the School of Public Management and Planning of the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa (2000).

### **Present post**

Executive Director of the African Palliative Care Association (APCA) (2012-present).

### **Previous posts**

Deputy Director at Mengo Hospital (2011-2012); Country Director, Mildmay International in Uganda (2008-2011); Centre Director and Director of Clinical Services of the Mildmay Centre in Uganda (2005-2008); Clinical Director of the Mildmay Centre (2002-2005); medical officer, senior medical officer and principal medical officer at the Department of Health of South Africa in Northern Transvaal Province (now called Limpopo) (1995-2002); Medical officer of the Government of Uganda to Kagando Hospital (1992-1995); Junior House Officer at steh Mulago National Referral and Teaching Hospital (1991-1992).

Consultancy and other tasks:

Consultant for the Cancer City Challenge for the cities of Kigali and Kumasi, WHO EMRO on palliative care (2020-2025); WHO/IARC/IAEA-PACT Impact Mission to Seychelles, Ethiopia and Rwanda; consultant on a cervical cancer documentation project for Africa by the Union for International Cancer Control as well as HIV/TB evaluation in Botswana; member, technical adhoc advisory committee of the WHO on palliative care focusing on implementation of the 2014 World Health Assembly

Resolution on palliative care (2014); Commissioner, Lancet Commission on Palliative care and access to controlled medicines hosted by the School of Public Health at Harvard (2014); Member, indicator working group of the MERG of UNAIDS at the Headquarters in Geneva till it finished its work (2013-2017); consultant, Uganda AIDS Commission, for clinical and care component of the review of the first year of the National HIV/AIDS strategic Plan (Annual Performance Review of the National Strategic Plan for HIV/AIDS 2011/12–2014/15).

Member of the Uganda National ART committee of the Uganda AIDS Commission and Ministry of Health (2005-2012); Member of the team of experts put together by UNICEF and WHO to improve access to HIV care and treatment for youth and children (2004-2005); part of the team that met in Harare Zimbabwe supported by WHO AFRO to develop the HIV Guidelines for Africa (2003).

### **Publications**

Investigator and co-investigator on a number of research studies including CDC and NIH funded projects as well as a member of the Data Safety Monitoring Boards on studies such as the CDC funded HBAC study in Uganda and Medical Research Council multicounty studies: ARROW and EARNEST studies.

Selected publications:

Downing, J.; Chambers, L.; Daniels, A.; Ling, J.; Hamzah, E.; Luyirika, E.; Okhuysen-Cawley, R.; Doherty, M.; Baker, J.N. Mapping of Children's Palliative Care Development Globally in 2023. *Children* 2025, 12, 440. <https://doi.org/10.3390/children12040440>.

Afolabi OA, Abboah-Offei M, Namisango E, Chukwusa E, Oluyase AO, Luyirika EBK, Harding, R and Nkhoma K. 2020. Do the clinical management guidelines for Covid-19 in African Countries reflect the African quality palliative care standards? A rapid review. [Preprint]. *Bull World Health Organ*. E-pub: 26 May 2020. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.2471/BLT.20.267120>.

John Y. Rhee, Eduardo Garralda, Eve Namisango, Emmanuel Luyirika, Liliana de Lima, Richard A. Powell, Carole A. Robinson, Carlos Centeno. 2018. Factors Affecting Palliative Care Development in Africa: In-Country Experts' Perceptions in Seven Countries. Vol. 55 No. 5 May 2018 *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management*.

Spence, Mark Stoltenberg, Neo Tapela, David A. Watkins, and Felicia Knaul. 2017. Palliative Care and Pain Control. pages 235-246. Chapter in a book: *Disease Control Priorities, Improving Health and Reducing Poverty 3rd Edition (DCP3)*. World Bank.

Namisango E, Ntege C, Kiyange F, Luyirika E, Allosp M. Strengthening pharmaceutical systems for palliative care services in resource limited settings: piloting a mHealth application across a rural and urban setting in Uganda 2016. *BMC Palliative Care*. <http://bmcpalliatcare.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12904-016-0092-9>.

### **Meetings attended**

IAS conferences held in Washington, Paris, Vienna, Toronto, Geneva, Kuala Lumpur and Rome; ICASA held in Nairobi; APCA conferences held in Nairobi, Windhoek, Johannesburg; PEPFAR conferences held in Kampala, Durban and Addis Ababa, World Cancer Congresses, World Cancer Leaders Summit, International Palliative Care Conferences, United Nations General Assembly (inter alia, on access to controlled medicines – 2016), World Health Assembly (consideration of palliative care resolution), AU ministers (HIV declaration).

## **Tania Pastrana (Germany)**

### **Education**

Master in Medical Education, University of Heidelberg, Germany (2018-2021); Privatdozent (PD), Postdoctoral lecturing qualification (Habilitation and *venia legendi*) at the Medical Faculty in Global Palliative Care (equiv. Postdoc), RWTH Aachen University, Germany (2021); Diploma in Palliative Care, Escuela Superior de Ciencias de la Salud de la Universidad Nacional del Centro de la Provincia de Buenos Aires & FEMEBA, Buenos Aires, Argentina (2014); Doktor in Medizin – Dr. Med. (Scientific Doctor in Medicine), Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Munich, Germany (2002-2007); Diploma (D.C.H. & T.M., Heidelberg) “Community Health and Tropical Medicine” – Deutsche Stiftung für internationale Entwicklung (DSE) and Abteilung Tropenhygiene und öffentliches Gesundheitswesen der Universität Heidelberg, Germany (2001); Diplom-Soziologin Univ (Sociologist) (equiv. Bachelor’s and Master’s degree), Study of Sociology, Social Psychology and Social and Cultural Anthropology, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Munich, Germany (1995-2002); Médico y Cirujano (Physician and Surgeon), University of Caldas, Manizales, Colombia (1985-1992).

### **Present post**

Assistant Professor, Global Palliative Care, Department of Palliative Medicine, RWTH Aachen University, Aachen, Germany; Research and Academic Adviser, International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care (IAHPC), Houston, Texas, United States (2010-present); Assistant Professor, Department of Palliative Medicine, RWTH Aachen University Aachen, Germany (2007-present).

### **Previous posts**

Consultant – Expert in Palliative Medicine, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Vienna, Austria (2018); Volunteer – WHO palliative care guidelines, WHO (Geneva, Switzerland) (2016); World Health Organization Research Consultant, The Economist Wanchai, Hong Kong (2014); Lecturer for Medical Sociology and Qualitative Health Research, Faculty of Social Science, Department of Sociology Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Munich, Germany (2004-2008); Visiting Scholar, Exchange and research cooperation between the Institute of Social Medicine at the Governmental University of Rio de Janeiro (UERJ) and the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Germany (2005); Assistant Research Scientist, Bavarian Public Health Research Centre, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Munich, Germany (1999-2002); Assistant Research Scientist, Department of Epidemiology and Evaluation, Mental Hospital Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Munich, Germany (1998); Medical Officer, Community Health Center ‘La Pola’, Hospital ‘Federico Lleras Acosta’, Ibagué, Colombia (1993-1994); Consulting Physician, Ecological Groups of Risaralda (GER), Pereira, Colombia (1992-1994); Physician, Hospital “San Juan Bautista”, Chaparral, Colombia (1992).

### **Selected publications**

Knäul FM, (...) Pastrana T, (...) & Radbruch L. The evolution of serious health-related suffering from 1990 to 2021: an update to The Lancet Commission on global access to palliative care and pain relief. *The Lancet Global Health*. 2025; 13(3): e422-e436; Knäul FM, (...), Pastrana T, (...) & Radbruch L. Distributed Opioids in Morphine Equivalent: A Global Measure of Availability for Palliative Care. *J Pain Symptom Manage*. 2025; 69(2): 204-215; Fleckner J, Pettus K, Vallath N, & Pastrana T. (2023) Systematic Review on Barriers to Access Opioid Analgesics for Cancer Pain

Management from the Health Worker Perspective. *J Pain Palliat Care Pharmacother*, 1-12. 10.1080/15360288.2023.2257674; Pastrana T, Wenk R, Radbruch L, Ahmed E & De Lima L. (2017). Pain Treatment Continues To Be Inaccessible for Many Patients Around the Globe: Second Phase of Opioid Price Watch, a Cross-Sectional Study To Monitor the Prices of Opioids. *J Palliat Med*, 20(4), 378-387.

Editorial Board/Reviewer:

Journal Medicina Paliativa (Editorial Board) Journal ecancer (Editorial Board); Journal Palliative Medicine (Guest editor special Issue Primary Palliative Care).

Contribution for the World Health Organization (WHO): WHO Report LEFT BEHIND IN PAIN – Extent and causes of global variations in access to morphine for medical use and actions to improve safe access through balanced policy (2023); WHO guidelines for the pharmacological and radiotherapeutic management of cancer pain in adults and adolescents. Geneva: World Health Organization (2018); Integrating palliative care and symptom relief into primary health care: a WHO guide for planners, implementers and managers. Geneva: World Health Organization (2018); WHO Planning and implementing palliative care services: a guide for programme managers. Geneva: World Health Organization (2016);

Reviewer for Archives of Disease in Childhood, Cancer, Medicina Paliativa, Palliative Care & Social Practice, Journal of Pain and Symptom Management, Journal of Pain Research, Journal of Palliative Medicine, Palliative Medicine, Progress in Palliative Care, Zeitschrift für Palliativmedizin.

### **Fellowships/Awards**

Award: One of the top three in the category “Health Economics”, 16th World Congress of the European Association for Palliative Care, Berlin, Germany (2019).

Grant, European Commission (2023): “A multi-centre feasibility study of the integration of the RAPHAEL intervention into the care of patients with heart failure (RAPHAEL)”; Grant, German Cancer Aid (2019): “Attitudes, Experiences, Challenges and Wishes from People with Migration Background Concerning End-of-Life Care in Germany”; Grant, German Academic Exchange Service (2015): University Advisory Programme Project ‘Palliative Care in Undergraduate Medical Education in Colombia’.

Fellow, Dr. Werner Jackstädt – Stiftung (Research) (2010-2011); Fellow, Dr. Werner Jackstädt – Stiftung (Research) (2009-2010); Fellow, Catholic Academic Exchange Service – KAAD (Doctorate in Medicine) (2004-2005); Fellow, Free State of Bavaria (University of Munich) (Thesis in Sociology) (2001).

### **Meetings attended**

61st Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (2016); WHO Executive Board, 138th Session (2016); 62nd Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (2017); WHO Executive Board, 142nd Session (2018); 75th World Health Assembly (2022); WHO Executive Board, 152nd Session (2023); 68th Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (2025).

## Annex II

### Number, length and place of meetings, payments and present membership of the International Narcotics Control Board

1. In accordance with article 11, paragraph 2, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol, the International Narcotics Control Board shall meet as often as, in its opinion, may be necessary for the proper discharge of its functions, but shall hold at least two sessions in each calendar year.
2. The Board normally meets three times a year, with each session lasting from one to three weeks. In 2024, the 139th session was held from 5 to 9 February and the 140th session was held from 20 to 31 May.
3. The sessions are usually held at the headquarters of the Board's secretariat, in Vienna (Vienna International Centre).
4. In accordance with General Assembly resolution [2491 \(XXIII\)](#), the members of the Board receive a per diem allowance while participating in Board sessions or in official missions. In 2025, the allowance for Vienna is approximately \$445 per day. Members' travel expenses are defrayed by the United Nations in accordance with current administrative practice.
5. In accordance with General Assembly resolution [56/272](#), members of the Board receive an honorarium of \$1 per year.
6. The current members of the International Narcotics Control Board, and the year in which their term of office expires, are as follows:

César T. Arce Rivas (Paraguay)	2030
Sawitri Assanangkornchai <sup>1</sup> (Thailand)	2030
H.H. Sevil Atasoy (Türkiye)	2027
Cornelis P. de Joncheere <sup>1</sup> (Kingdom of the Netherlands)	2027
David T. Johnson (United States of America)	2027
Galina A. Korchagina (Russian Federation)	2027
Pierre Lapaque (France)	2030
Lin Lu (China)	2027
Jagjit Pavadia (India)	2030
N. Larissa Razanadimby (Madagascar)	2027
Jallal Toufiq (Morocco)	2030
Zukiswa Zingela (South Africa)	2030
Vacant <sup>1</sup>	2027

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<sup>1</sup> Members elected from among the list of candidates submitted by the World Health Organization.