Dear CC-DEN Members

I have secured funding from the Northern Ireland Research and Development Office to hold a *CC-DEN meeting on 15th February 2017* - the day before the EfCCNa congress officially starts. I would like to invite all members to attend.

We have an international faculty of high profile researchers who will be engaged in discussing their research areas and facilitating discussions.



The aim of the meeting is to bring together current members, and attract new members, to achieve the following objectives:

- To share subject and methodological knowledge and expertise
- To disseminate information on ongoing and planned research
- To enable building new collaborations
- To discuss strategic European grant applications

There will be approximately 12 speakers from the UK, Scandinavia, central and eastern Europe. The scientific programme will focus on critical care research of current CC-DEN members in improving ICU patient care across Europe to include:

- Communication and symptom control in ICU
- Delirium, sedation and pain prevention and management
- End of life care
- Mechanical ventilation strategies
- Patient/relatives' experiences within and post ICU
- Rehabilitation and follow up (physical and psychosocial)

There will be discussions on optimising research opportunities to work together in areas identified as research priorities by organisations such as EfCCNa and the James Lind Alliance (UK).

I would be grateful if you could let me know in advance if you are planning to attend because this is a separate venue from the Congress Hall and I need to plan catering.

Please confirm your attendance to b.blackwood@qub.ac.uk by 1st November 2016.

The venue is:

Queen's University Belfast
The Wellcome Wolfson Building
Centre for Experimental Medicine
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