

IPDLN Executive Committee 2021-2022

Dr Emma Gordon (UK) New IPDLN Co-Director 2021-2022 – Co-Chair of the Executive Committee

Emma's role as overall Director of the ADR UK programme is very relevant to the role, as the vision for IPDLN fits so tightly with that of the ADR UK programme. Emma has been Director of ADR UK since its inception in mid-2018 and will continue in this role throughout the next stage of this programme, which runs until 2026.

Professor Chris Dibben (UK) - New IPDLN Co-Director 2021-2022 – Co-Chair of the Executive Committee

Chris's experience is also very relevant to this role; in particular, his interest in promoting administrative data for health research through his CI role in HDRUK and for longitudinal life course research through various European Union funded projects. Chris has substantial experience running conferences similar to the IPDLN. He ran three (SHIP conferences) international health informatics conferences in the alternate years to the IPDLN building from a base of 150 attendees up to 400. He also hosted the Administrative Data Research 2017 conference in Edinburgh, one of the largest administrative data based conferences aimed at the social and economic sciences.

Professor Dennis Culhane (USA) - Re-elected Member

Dennis Culhane is the Dana and Andrew Stone Professor of Social Policy at the School of Social Policy and Practice at The University of Pennsylvania. Culhane also directs Actionable Intelligence for Social Policy (AISP), an initiative that promotes the development and use of integrated data systems by state and local governments for policy analysis and systems reform. Culhane is an internationally recognized social science researcher with primary expertise in the field of homelessness. His work in this field positioned him as an early innovator in the use of linked administrative data for program evaluation and policy analysis, particularly for populations that are difficult to assess and track. Culhane's work has resulted in federal legislation requiring all cities and states to develop administrative data systems for tracking homeless services in order to receive HUD funding. Since the system's implementation, Culhane has provided technical assistance to jurisdictions around the U.S. on using administrative data to inform the local policy-making process. Among other projects, Culhane's currently working with colleagues in New York, Massachusetts, and Los Angeles County on a multi-site data-based analysis of health care utilization and long-term care use by individuals who are aged 55 or over and experiencing homelessness.

Professor Ruth Gilbert (UK) Re-elected Member

Ruth Gilbert is a Professor of Clinical Epidemiology at University College London. Ruth has leading roles in UK research initiatives that centre on the use of administrative data for research through groups such as Administrative Data Research UK, Health Data Research UK, the Children and Families Policy Research Unit. Ruth's work focusses on improving the health, education and social welfare of children and their families, through building national, linked data from these sectors that can be widely used by researchers, government, service providers and others. Ruth uses administrative data to augment randomised trials and to reactivate dormant trials of infants through linkage to long-term outcomes in adolescence.

Professor Kerina Jones (UK) Editor IJPDS

Kerina Jones is a Professor of Population Data Science at Swansea University Medical School. She is the Associate Director for Information Governance and Public Engagement (IG&PE) to ensure data protection and maximise socially-acceptable data utility across the various Swansea University-based data intensive/linkage initiatives, including: the SAIL Databank, Administrative Data Research Centre Wales, Farr@CIPHER and the HDRUK collaboration. Kerina leads an innovative research programme centred on

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IG&PE that includes work to inform cross-centre data sharing and how emerging data types, such as genetic data, and free-text data, can be used safely in conjunction with health and administrative records.

Kerina is the founding Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Population Data Science (IJPDS), an electronic, open-access, peer-reviewed journal focussing on the science pertaining to population data, and publishing articles on all aspects of research, development and evaluation connected with data about people and populations.

Professor Kimberlyn McGrail (Canada) - Newly elected member

Kimberlyn McGrail is a Professor in the UBC School of Population and Public Health and Centre for Health Services and Policy Research, Director of Research for UBC Health, and Scientific Director of Population Data BC and Health Data Research Network Canada. Her research interests are quantitative policy evaluation and all aspects of population data science. Kim is Deputy Editor of the International Journal of Population Data Science, the 2009-10 Commonwealth Fund Harkness Associate in Health Care Policy and Practice, 2016 recipient of the Cortlandt JG Mackenzie Prize for Excellence in Teaching, 2017 recipient of a UBC award for Excellence in Clinical or Applied Research, and in 2019-2020 participated as a member of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research Task Force on AI4Health.

A/Professor Rachael Moorin (Australia) – Re-elected Member

Rachael Moorin is an Associate Professor of Health Economics & Data Analytics at Curtin University, Western Australian, a past co-director (2011-12) and member of the executive (2019-20) of the IPDLN. Rachael has been awarded competitive research grants as chief investigator totalling more than \$18 million from state and national funding agencies; and has been responsible for development of novel methods for analysing complex linked administrative health data since 2003. Her research focusses on using these data to promote evidence-based care; reduce ineffective, wasteful or harmful care; reduce unnecessary downstream health care use and costs, and improve health outcomes for patients with a range of chronic conditions.

Professor Rainer Schnell (Germany) – Re-elected Member

Rainer Schnell holds the chair for Research Methodology in the Social Sciences at the University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany. He has been the Director of the Centre for Comparative Surveys at City, University of London 2015-2017. Rainer Schnell founded the German Record Linkage Center and was the founding editor of the journal Survey Research Methods. He is the author of books on Statistical Graphics (1994), Nonresponse (1997), Research Methodology (11th ed. 2018), Survey Methodology (2th ed. 2019) and co-authored a book on Linking Sensitive Data (2020, in press). His research focuses on nonsampling errors, applied sampling, census operations, and privacy preserving record linkage (PPRL). Most of his current work is dedicated to cryptographic hardening of Bloom Filter based PPRL.

Dr Merran Smith (Australia) – Past Director, 2019-2020

Merran Smith is the inaugural Chief Executive of Australia's Population Health Research Network (PHRN), a role she has held since 2009. PHRN is an Australian national research infrastructure capability supporting data linkage and access facilities across Australia. Prior to joining the PHRN, Merran was a Director in the Western Australian Department of Health. She was in charge of the Department's Health Information Centre for more than 10 years and was responsible for establishing data linkage as a core Departmental service during that period. Merran has participated in a number of significant nationally-funded population health research projects and served as Chair or Member of a number of Australia's peak national health information committees. She currently serves as Chair or Member on a number of international, national and state Boards and committees. Merran has been involved with IPDLN since its foundation in 2008.