



“... promoting safer aquatic environments through evidence-based research...”

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Dear members of the IDRA,

Almost one year after we first contacted you, we've got plenty of news to tell you! It's time we get you updated and talk about the future.

1. First group meeting, Penang



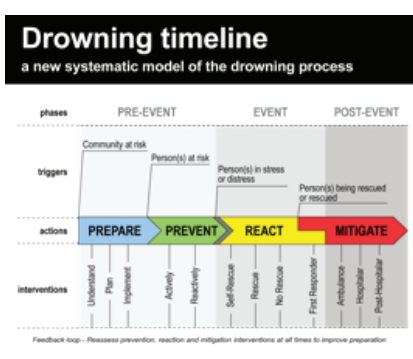
Those attending the WCDP 2015, including IDRA members and people interested in joining the group, got the chance to have an informal meeting next to the pool – always nice! The founders presented themselves and the alliance to the group and people discussed their expectations. Few of you sent some written feedback and we've updated our website based on your suggestions (www.idra.world). Some members have recently been together during the Lifesaving Foundation Conference in Ireland. We appreciate all the feedback provided and are working to progress further as a group.

2. New Membership Categories



After the conference we have been contacted mostly by people interested in knowing how IDRA can assist them conducting research and how they can join the group. At the beginning we only had one membership category (affiliate) that meant that everyone wanting to join needed a recognized background in drowning research (with peer-reviewed, indexed, publications). The founders gave it some thought and created 2 new categories (collaborator and institutional). Check more details on www.idra.world/membership/ If you know someone that might be interested to join just let us know or share the above link with them.

3. DROWNING TIMELINE



Before the WCDP 2015, IDRA's founders started working on a new systematic model to describe the all drowning process in terms of triggers, actions and interventions. The work was presented at several international forums and has recently been published in the American Journal of Emergency Medicine.

Please feel free to share the image on the side. Attached is a copy of the article and of the image.

What's NEXT?

Are you proficient in any idiom(s) other than English?

We're currently looking for IDRA members that are proficient (or native) in idioms other than English. We aim to provide assistance to members of different nations in translating their experience and questions into well-designed research studies. The successful experience we had assisting the Portuguese Speaking nations (mostly Portugal and Brazil) in structuring studies and submitting abstracts to the WCDP 2015, that at the end represented almost 20% of the total presentations, means that the effort is worthwhile to promote drowning research and should be replicated.

Please let us know what idiom(s) you can speak proficiently so we can create a list of means within our alliance.

Research gaps based on the drowning timeline

Based on the current model of the drowning timeline we would like to get your contributions, in any kind (visual, didactic, questions, topics, etc.), regarding research gaps that need to be addressed for each timeline action:., prepare, prevent react and mitigate.

Please send us at least one research gap (exemplified with 2 or questions) you think needs to be urgently addressed and/or any material you would like to share with the alliance as a relevant piece of work regarding drowning research.

Check a draft of what's being prepared on idra.world/research-gaps-based-on-drowning-timeline-questions-to-be-answered/

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