



National Alliance for Caregiving

Advancing Family Caregiving through Research, Innovation & Advocacy



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FROM NORTH TO SOUTH, FROM EAST TO WEST, INTERNATIONAL CARER ORGANIZATIONS MEET IN DUBLIN

May 22, 2013 — Washington, DC — A group of national and multinational, non-governmental organizations, including the National Alliance for Caregiving, have come together around issues of family caregiving with the intent of increasing public awareness of the needs of the family caregiver on a global scale. The group, representing Australia, United Kingdom, United States, Sweden, Ireland, Canada and New Zealand, as well as the EU's Eurocarers, are the founding

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members of the ***International Alliance of Carer Organizations (IACO)***. The purpose of IACO is to serve as an umbrella organization that will be the conduit of technical assistance and information sharing for caregiving organizations globally, as well as an active advocate for family caregiving at the international level. The organization has just been incorporated as a US non-profit entity.

On May 22 the Inaugural Meeting of the International Alliance of Carer Organizations will take place in Dublin. The participating member organizations will make presentations about the state of family caregiving in their country and the major carer programs of their organization. There will be a discussion about how carer organizations across the globe can work together through research and assistance to countries which are in the beginning stages of forming a national carer group. The meeting will also explore the process in forming relationships with the UN and WHO. Richard Ryan, former Irish Ambassador to the United Nations, will be the dinner speaker. Saul Becker, Head of School and Professor of Social Policy and Social Work, University of Nottingham, will be the keynote lunch speaker.

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