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PRESENT POSITION: Research Fellow

HIGHEST ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION (e.g. PhD, MD etc.): PhD

PROFILE OF MEMBER:

Deborah Oliveira is a PhD, MSc, BSc, RN, currently working as Research Fellow at the Institute of Mental Health for two large research projects: INDUCT (Interdisciplinary Network for Dementia Using Current Technology – www.dementiainduct.eu) and AQUEDUCT (Achieving Quality and Effectiveness in Dementia care Using Crisis Teams - <http://www.institutemh.org.uk/x-research-/aqueduct>). Previous to these two jobs, Deborah completed her PhD at the School of Health Sciences, University of Nottingham in 2016. She has completed her MSc degree at the University of Campinas, Sao Paulo Brazil (2010-2012), where she also graduated as a General Practitioner Nurse in 2009. She has experience as a Palliative Care Nurse and Community Care Nurse, having worked for the National Health System and Private Health Sector in Brazil (2010-2013).

AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Deborah has research and clinical experience in Dementia; Quality of life and well-being; Older adults; Family caregiving; Scale development and psychometrics; Mixed-methods research

KEY PUBLICATIONS (Maximum 5):

1. **Oliveira DC**, Vass C, Aubeeluck A. Quality of life on the views of older family carers of people with dementia. *Dementia* 2017 (in press).
2. **Oliveira DC**, Vass C, Aubeeluck A. The Development and Validation of the Dementia Quality of Life Scale for Older Family Carers (DQoL-OC). *Aging & Mental Health* 2017 (in press).
3. **Oliveira DC**, Hlebec, V. Predictors of Satisfaction with Life in Family Carers: Evidence from the Third European Quality of Life Survey. *Teorija in Praksa*, v. 53, p. 503-523, 2016.
4. **Oliveira DC**, Neri A L, D'Elboux MJ. Lack of anticipated support for care in community-dwelling older adults. *Rev Bras Enferm*, v. 69, n.3, 2016.
5. **Oliveira DC**, Vass C, Aubeeluck A. Ageing and quality of life in family carers of people with dementia being cared for at home: a literature review. *Quality in Primary Care* 2015; 23(1):18-30.

RELEVANT RESEARCH ACTIVITY:

Please indicate for past 5 years only (i) Grants Awarded: Names of Investigators; Years; Title of Project; name of awarding agency (ii) PhD and other projects: Title, start or completed date.

Grants awarded:

1. Alzheimer's Research UK (£5,000)

Title of project: How far are older people prepared to change their lifestyle in order to prevent dementia?

Names of investigators: Deborah Oliveira (lead investigator); Aimee Aubeeluck; Eef Hogervorst; Sarang Kim; Lauren Yates Martin Orrell

Years: 2017-2018

2. Travel Prize from the University of Nottingham Graduate Centre (£450.44)

Oral presentation at the 6th International Carers Conference in Gothenburg, Sweden, 2015.

Year: 2015

3. PhD Scholarship for Research Excellence from Brazil (£75,000)

A highly competitive joint Scholarship funded by the University of Nottingham and the Brazilian Government (CAPES Foundation)

Years: 2013-2016

3. Sao Paulo Research Foundation, Brazil (FAPESP) (Aprox. £8,000). National Brazilian funding to carry out a two-year Master's study

Years: 2010-2012

CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS/ONGOING PROJECT TITLE:

Deborah works as Research Fellow at the Institute of Mental Health for two large research projects:

- **INDUCT (Interdisciplinary Network for Dementia Using Current Technology), 2016-2019 - PI: Professor Martin Orrell**

Funded through H2020 Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions Innovative Training Network, 2015 (grant agreement number 676265), INDUCT is aimed at developing a multi-disciplinary, inter-sectorial educational research framework for Europe to improve technology and care for people with dementia, and to provide the evidence to show how technology can improve the lives of people with dementia. The unique collaborative partnership INDUCT comprises 7 world leading research organisations and several international non-academic partners, such as Alzheimer Europe. The academic and non-academic partners within INDUCT are closely involved with INTERDEM, a well-established, interdisciplinary European collaborative research network of leading academics

and researchers in 20 European countries with an aim to improve early detection and timely psychosocial intervention in dementia. INDUCT is driving Europe to lead the world in research and research training in dementia care and technology, offering the greatest opportunity to be translated and disseminated into the real world where people with dementia live and are supported in their local communities.

- **AQUEDUCT (Achieving Quality and Effectiveness in Dementia care Using Crisis Teams), 2015-2019 - PI: Professor Martin Orrell**

AQUEDUCT is an NIHR funded research project which aims to evaluate Dementia Crisis Teams (DCTs), formulate an evidence-based conceptual model and recommendations for achieving best practice in DCT organisation, and develop and validate an Implementation Measure to assess to what extent this is achieved in practice. AQUEDUCT aims to improve effectively the quality of care for people with dementia experiencing a crisis, and achieve a better experience for people with dementia and their carers.

Deborah has also the following current collaborations:

- **ARUK Dementia Prevention Study – PI: Deborah Oliveira – 2017-2018**

National UK survey to assess people's willingness to change their lifestyle to potentially reduce their risk of future dementia, as well as understand more about factors that might predict willingness to change. This project involves researchers from University of Nottingham (UK), Loughborough University (UK) and Australian National University (Australia).

- **Translation, Adaptation and Validation of iSupport- World Health Organization to Brazil – 2017-2020**

This project aims to translate, adapt, and test the iSupport (WHO, 2015) for use with family carers of people with dementia in Brazil – PI: Deborah Oliveira. Collaborators: Prof. Anne Margriet Pot; Researchers from University of Nottingham (UK), University of Brasilia (Brazil), University of Sao Carlos (Brazil).