



## **Julia Downing**

Professor Downing is an experienced palliative care nurse, educationalist and researcher, with a PhD that evaluated palliative care training in rural Uganda. She has been working within palliative care for 24 years, with fourteen of those working internationally in Uganda, Africa and Eastern Europe. She is an Honorary Professor at Makerere University, Kampala, a Visiting Professor at Edge Hill, and an International Palliative Care Consultant working with the International Children's Palliative Care Network (ICPCN) and an EU funded project to develop palliative care in Serbia. She has extensive experience in research, presenting at conferences and writing for publication, and is on the editorial board of the International Journal of Palliative Nursing (IJPN).

Professor Downing serves on the Boards of several international NGOs including the International Association of Hospice and Palliative Care, is on the Board of Hospice in the Weald, and APCA UK, and is Vice Chair of the Scientific Committee of the International Children's Palliative Care Network and is on the Executive of the Palliative Care Research Society. She is also an Honorary Research Fellow with the Cicely Saunders Institute at King's College London, England. She was the recipient of the IJPN's Development Award in 2006.

She is also a keen musician and spends much of her spare time playing the piano, organ, violin and viola in orchestras, at church, and in running the local church choir. She also enjoys playing tennis and swimming and has recently taken up running having just completed her first half-marathon in Serbia.