

On the path to professionalism: the Irish College of Paramedics

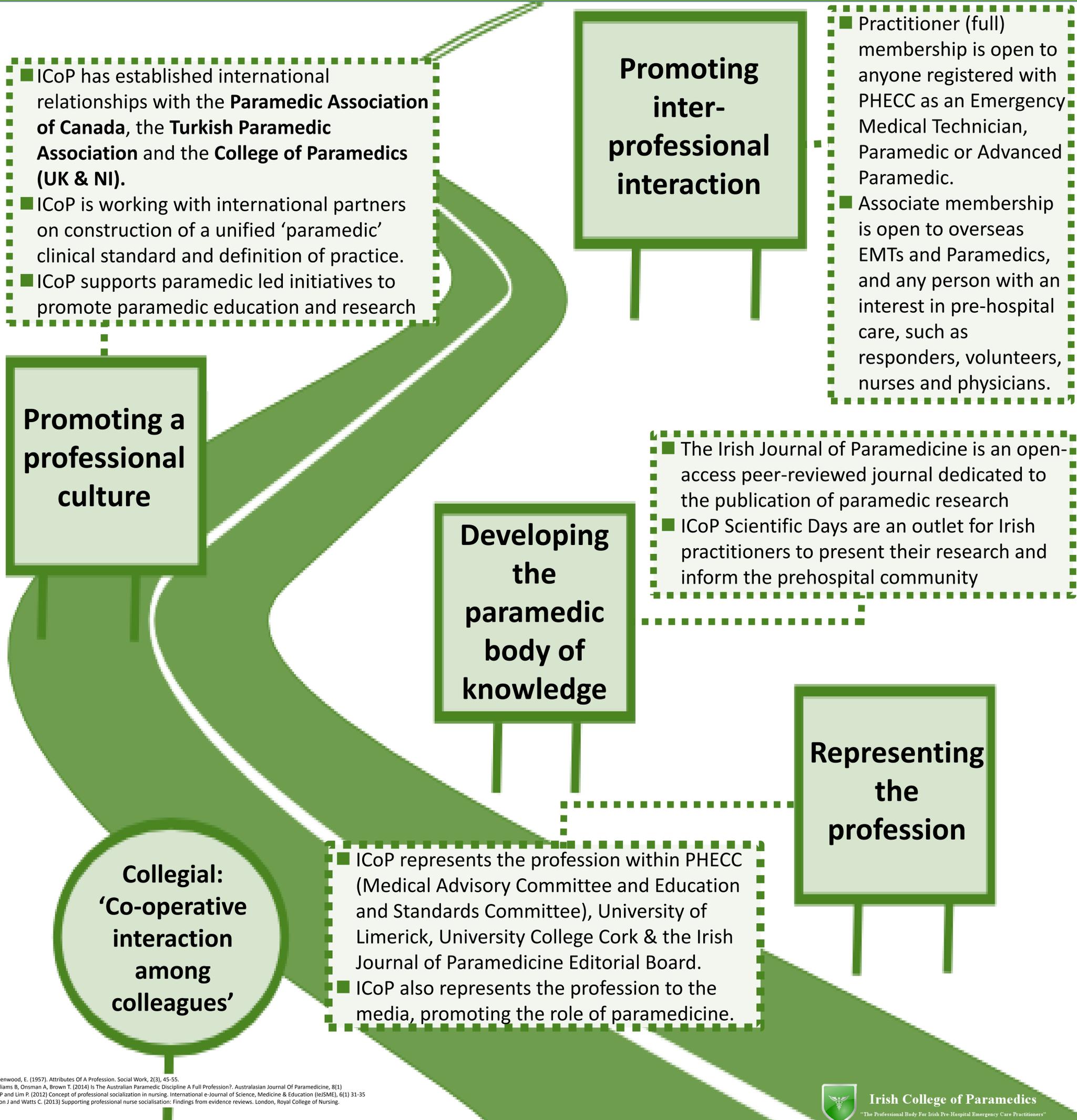
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1. Irish College of Paramedics

The Irish College of Paramedics (ICoP) is a professional body, concerned with the development and promotion of the paramedic profession. It is a national, all-inclusive professional body representing pre-hospital professionals in Ireland.

Basic attributes of a profession include systematic theory, authority, community sanction, ethical codes and professional culture.^[1] Irish paramedics already meet many of these requirements compared to colleagues in other jurisdictions internationally, namely regulation, education, and an ethical code.^[2]

The Irish College of Paramedics aims to reinforce and support these attributes of professionalism, and encourage the professional socialisation of prehospital practitioners in Ireland through supporting learning, interaction and development^[3], as well as interprofessional interaction and education.^[4]



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