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Winter meeting, 5th February 2013 The Assembly Rooms, Bath

We have a great programme, with 8 papers, 6 research and 9 work in progress posters. The theme is Neurodegenerative conditions. Speakers include: Professor Derick Wade (Oxford), Professor Neil Scolding and Dr David Abbott (Bristol) and Professor Lynn Rochester (Newcastle). See the enclosed flyer for further details or check the SRR website.

For those who like to know more about research, there is a free pre meeting workshop with the South West Research Design Service on the evening of the 4th Feb 5.30 -7.30pm at the RNHRD Bath. Paul Ewings, Director of the South West RDS will be leading the workshop 'turning a research idea into a high quality application for funding'. This will be followed by a question & answer session with a panel of experts from SRR. Don't miss this opportunity to hear how problems have been solved. You can post your questions early for a more considered response or ask as you think of them on the evening. If you would like to take part in this then please email Ali Taylor at

bird@birdbath.org.uk. There will be an informal dinner in a local restaurant afterwards for those you want to join the panel members.



Update on the UK 2012 Stroke Forum in Harrogate

Once again we had a strong presence across the two days. Louise Connell, gave an inspiring presentation about research career development opportunities for nurses and Allied Health Professionals, in the training day. Kate Radford spoke about the assessment of fitness to drive after stroke. Avril Drummond, (branded the Rod Stewart of Occupational therapy) entertained a packed room full of delegates in a controversial 'Intensity of Therapy' session. This was followed up in a joint session with Philip Whitehead on findings from the Home Visit after Stroke Trial. Frederike van Wijck gave an excellent overview of the issues surrounding enhancement of activity participation and also on the theme of mobility and activity participation, Sarah Tyson spoke about the theory and reality of measuring gait in clinical practice and Sarah McFarlane presented an evidence synthesis of interventions to promote long term participation in physical activity, which highlighted the added value of talking therapies. In the same session, Gillian Mead from Edinburgh presented a Cochrane systematic review of the benefit of SSRI's in stroke, which hit the BBC headlines. As always, with concurrent rehabilitation sessions, you miss almost as much as you manage to see and future planning should perhaps attempt to bring more of the rehabilitation research presentations together. Nevertheless, excellent networking opportunities and local accommodation made for a stimulating start to the festive season and undoubtedly triggered some new rehabilitation research collaborations.



Mary Grant SRR Associate Member (Nottingham) wins the SF Prize for the Best Poster: Vocational Rehabilitation Following Stroke; Describing Intervention.

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National Institute for Health Research Workshop on Primary Care Interventions

The NIHR is keen to increase the volume and impact of research on the evaluation of health care interventions or services delivered in primary care settings and will be holding a national workshop on research into primary care interventions at the Church House Conference Centre, London on Tuesday 12 February 2013.

The purpose of the workshop is to:

- provide the research community with an opportunity to hear about existing sources of research funding
- help researchers prepare for future funding opportunities.

Representatives of a range of NIHR programmes and supporting NIHR infrastructure will attend to advise on the various funding routes available and provide help and guidance on developing and submitting an application.

The NIHR are asking for registrations for places by 18th December at <https://bookwhen.com/nihr>

NIHR Stroke Research Network

Are you interested in Stroke Research, do you know what is going on in your region?

Advances in stroke research can improve quality of life, influence patient care, and save precious NHS resources. The Stroke Research Network provides coordination, leadership and practical help, supporting the vital stroke studies that can change people's lives.

The SRN Clinical Studies Groups can provide input from leading academics in the field, helping to plan and adjust studies so that they can deliver on time and to target. In addition, our national and local teams can help to plan and implement patient recruitment to ensure that research can run smoothly.

http://www.crncc.nihr.ac.uk/about_us/stroke_research_network/About_us_regional

New PhD Studentships

**School of Nursing, Midwifery & Social Work,
University of Manchester**

An investigation into the contribution of specialist palliative care services to the end of life care of people with dementia: A mixed methods, multi-perspective case study

Fear of falling in women newly diagnosed with osteoporosis: a case-control study

Physical activity support provided to older adults by Primary Health Care Professionals: Do Health Care Professionals know what to advise?

The role of web based information on help seeking of those worried about lung cancer prior to diagnosis

Applications by 7th January 2013

<http://www.nursing.manchester.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/funding/>
<http://www.mhs.manchester.ac.uk/postgraduate/studentships/>

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Dr Roshan das Nair and Prof Nadina Lincoln, Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust and the University of Nottingham have won an NIHR HTA grant. Their study: Rehabilitation of Memory in Brain Injuries – the ReMemBrIn trial – is scheduled to begin recruitment in February 2013. The trial will be conducted across four sites: Nottingham, Birmingham, Epsom and Chester. If you know of people 18-69 years old and who have memory problems following a traumatic brain injury, or would like further information about the trial, please contact the ReMemBrIn trial manager Sandip Stapleton. sandip.stapleton@nottingham.ac.uk

European Federation for Rehabilitation Research

The 12th Congress of EFRR will be at the Harbiye Cultural Center – Istanbul, Turkey, 11-14 September 2013. This is a great opportunity to showcase UK rehabilitation research and network with colleagues from around Europe. Abstract submission is now open www.efrr2013.org. For details of EFRR membership, aims and constitution go to: <http://www.efrr.org>

Date for your diary – SRR Summer Meeting 2nd July in Nottingham, hosted by Kate Radford