



# The Society for Research in Rehabilitation

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### 'Researching Rehabilitation in Palliative Care and Long Term Conditions' Kings College London, February 4th 2014



Symposia: UK Rehabilitation Outcomes Collaborative (Lynne Turner-Stokes and Karen Hoffman). Rehabilitation in Palliative Care (Irene Higginson, Matthew Maddox and Andrew Wilcox). Ten free research papers, poster presentations and work in progress.

Do not miss the **FREE Preconference research school** - "International Research in Rehabilitation: Experience from the Field", Led by Dr Karl Blanchet. Find out how to use the Key Informant Method to collect disability statistics in third world countries, projects to get involved in and how to gain grant funding to conduct research abroad in countries such as Pakistan, Malawi, Cameroon and India. Organised by: International Centre for Evidence in Disability. Full details are on the SRR website. Places are limited so please contact [srr\\_secretary@srr.org.uk](mailto:srr_secretary@srr.org.uk) to book your place.



### National Institute of Clinical Excellence

NICE committees and working groups are made up of health, social care and other professionals and practitioners, patients, service users, carers and members of the public and technical experts. There is a rolling programme of consultations on a range of interventions and treatments. Current vacancies are listed here:

[http://www.nice.org.uk/getinvolved/currentniceconsultations/current\\_nice\\_consultations.jsp](http://www.nice.org.uk/getinvolved/currentniceconsultations/current_nice_consultations.jsp)

We hope you like our new SRR website. Council would like to thank Patricia for all the hard work that has gone into this. We do welcome your ideas and feedback, please email Patricia directly [patricia.dziunka@srr.org.uk](mailto:patricia.dziunka@srr.org.uk).

You should have received your instructions on how to log into the 'Members Area' on the new website. You will need to use the email address we have recorded for you (if wrong please let me know so I can reset it) and the password sent by email. If you are having any problems please contact [patricia.dziunka@srr.org.uk](mailto:patricia.dziunka@srr.org.uk) who can reset your password.

## Research Design Service

The NIHR Research Design Service (RDS) supports researchers to develop and design high quality research proposals for submission to NIHR and other national, peer-reviewed funding competitions for applied health or social care research. The national NIHR Research Design Service has ten regional bases and provides expert advice to researchers on all aspects of preparing grant applications for applied research in health and social care, including statistics, quantitative and qualitative research techniques, clinical trials, evidence synthesis, health economics, epidemiology, public and patient involvement, ethics and governance.

The East of England RDS are holding three two day workshops for novice researchers, these will be in March, June and October. There are limited numbers of places available, for further details contact [muhammad.waqar@beds.ac.uk](mailto:muhammad.waqar@beds.ac.uk). Contact details for your region are on the national website: <http://www.ccf.nihr.ac.uk/Pages/RDSMap.aspx>

## News News News News

We are sorry that Bipin Bhakta has decided to retire from Council as British Society of Rehabilitation Medicine representative, We are very grateful for his enthusiasm, wisdom and support over many years. Thank you !

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After 45 years the Bath Institute of Medical Engineering has changed its name to Designability. The charity has a strong reputation for medical engineering, but is also recognised as a centre of excellence for the development of assistive technology products and user-led design, focusing on children's mobility and dementia, conducting pioneering research in these fields. Please check out the website for full details <http://www.designability.org.uk/>.

## European Forum for Rehabilitation Research

The 12th Congress of EFRR was in Istanbul in September 2013. There were over 400 delegates and some very strong sessions on Vocations Rehabilitation, including a presentation from Kate Radford (University of Nottingham). Nigel Harris (Designability, University of Bath) gave a teaching session on 'Using technology to support the care and rehabilitation of people with cognitive impairments'. There were only a few UK delegates, which was disappointing given the strong attendance of clinicians from other countries such as Germany, Spain and Italy. The next congress in 2015 will be held in Helsinki.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Summer 2014 Glasgow June 10th, hosted by Dr Fredericke van Wijck and Prof Marian Brady – Symposia topics: Speech and Language Therapy, Education and Community Engagement in the Arts