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SRR Summer Meeting, 7&8 July 2010 at Sheffield Hallam University

Hosted by Professor John Saxton

Conference to include 14 free research papers, research in progress posters, 2 teaching sessions: **The MRC Framework for Complex Interventions** by Professor Marion Walker and **Writing and reviewing grant applications** by Prof Anthony Ward and a workshop on **The 'KT-Equal' project – exploiting a decade of investment by the EPSRC in ageing and disability research** by Prof Gail Mountain, Sheffield University

3 Symposia:

1. **Exercise 'Therapy' in the Management of Multiple Sclerosis**

Jane Petty, MS Society, Anouska Mc Connell, Sheffield Hallam University, Dr Helen Dawes, Oxford Brookes University.

2. **Paediatric Rehabilitation**

Professor Jane Noyes, Bangor University, Dr Esther Crawley University of Bristol

3. **The SMART2 Project: technology in the support of self management**

Professor Peter Wright, Sheffield Hallam University, Professor Chris Nugent, Ulster University, Prof Gail Mountain, Sheffield University

Abstract Submission Deadline - 26th March 2010

Associate members are eligible for the 2010 Verna Wright prize for oral or poster presentations (free research papers only).

Register by Friday 28th May 2010 to be eligible for the Early Bird discounts (booking form enclosed)

The Winter Meeting in Salford on 2nd February

was hosted by our president, Dr Sarah Tyson. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day. The symposium on implementation of research into clinical practice was stimulating, timely and provoked some lively discussion. So too did our overseas speaker Professor Alexander Geurts. He gave a fascinating overview of recovery of balance and gait after stroke. The symposia presentations from Professor Graeme Currie, Helen Chin and Professor Geurts are all available for members to view on our membership page.

Our thanks to the CPD unit, especially Julie Connett, at the University of Salford for their hard work in administering this conference and making the event go so smoothly.

Thanks also to the sponsors:

Biometrics Ltd, NIHR North West Stroke Research Network, Dendron, BASIC, IPRS Mediquipe Ltd and The Stroke Association

Do you want to participate in our mail based forum?

We are planning to distribute news and gather comments and generate discussion between our members via our jiscmail,

<https://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/cgi-bin/webadmin?A0=SRR>.

We hope that SRR members will use the forum to raise interesting questions or perhaps you would like to share research ideas or preliminary results; maybe use the forum to plan collaborative studies? Or you could let us have your ideas for symposia topics.

To allow more effective distribution we intend to register all members. If you do not want to receive these messages please email the secretariat at patricia.dziunka@srr.org.uk to unsubscribe.

Congratulations to Professor Marion Walker for her NIHR Senior Investigator Award. She is one of a select few rehabilitation research specialists to achieve this accolade. Well done Marion, it is most certainly deserved.

We'd like to post notices of member's grant and fellowship successes in our newsletters. Please let us know your news. patricia.dziunka@srr.org.uk

Advance notice

Our winter meeting 2011 will be in Cardiff. The first time SRR has been to Wales. The meeting will be hosted by Dr Chris Burton, Bangor University and Dr Robert van Deursen, Cardiff University.

Stroke Association and UK Stroke Forum to host the UKFST

The UK Forum for Stroke Training (UKFST) was formed in 2007 at the UK Stroke Forum. Funded by the Department of Health, the UKFST consisted of a Steering Group and four Task Groups. Each group had representation from professional bodies, health and social care providers, voluntary organisations and service users, including Caroline Watkins (Past President), Kate Radford (President elect), Chris Burton (Council member), Helen Rodgers and Michael Leathley (members). The groups' remit was to develop a Stroke-Specific Education Framework (SSEF). The overall purpose of the SSEF is to facilitate the addition of stroke-specific knowledge and skills to the generic skills that health, social, voluntary and independent care staff already possess. This will ensure nationally recognised, quality-assured and transferable education and learning programmes in stroke. The groups developed a preliminary SSEF, and following a period of targeted stakeholder engagement, have agreed a series of revisions resulting in a revised SSEF (to be sent link, email mjleathley@uclan.ac.uk; subject: SSEF). This work will be taken forward by a new UKFST, hosted by the Stroke Association and the UK Stroke Forum.

Please help the Secretariat:

If you have not done so, please send in your 2009 and/or 2010 payment at £20 per year to the Secretariat at the address below.

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All you have to do is to complete the form with your **HOME** address and return it to the SRR secretariat. We will do the rest. You only have to complete the form once, it does not have to be repeated each year.

Saving paper

Please note that we will no longer distribute copies of the minutes of business meetings at our conferences.

These will be sent via email and with the newsletter only.

Would you like to join the SRR Council?

There are new places on council every year. We like to keep the council well balanced between rehabilitation professions. At the moment we are particularly short of Doctors but most importantly we welcome any keen people with new ideas to keep our Society vibrant.

If you are interested please contact the SRR secretary ailie.turton@bristol.ac.uk for further information.