



# The Society for Research in Rehabilitation

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## SRR Summer Meeting, 7&8 July Sheffield Hallam University

The final programme is now out. Highlights include, 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.

There are 3 symposia:

***Exercise 'Therapy' in the Management of Multiple Sclerosis***, Jane Petty, MS Society, Anouska Mc Connell, Sheffield Hallam University, Dr Helen Dawes, Oxford Brookes University.

***Paediatric Rehabilitation***, Professor Jane Noyes, Bangor University, Dr Esther Crawley University of Bristol

***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

Plus: free research papers, research in progress posters

*Welcome to the June 2010 SRR Newsletter, with a new revised format. If you have comments (good or bad) ideas, or contributions for the news letter then please drop us a line.*

*The main focus of activity is preparation for the summer meeting in Sheffield. John Saxton and team have put a great program together, which will help ensure that your CPD is up to date and relevant. There will also be good company and the benefit of networking with a whole range of professionals.*

*Remember the SRR is the multidisciplinary research society. Look forward to seeing you there!*

*Dr Nigel Harris, SRR Secretary*

## UK Stroke Forum – Glasgow December

This year's UK Stroke Forum conference takes place from 30 November until 2 December at the SECC, Glasgow.

Here are some programme highlights:

- Assessing Cognition Post Stroke
- Behaviour Change in Stroke Care
- Improving Life after Stroke
- Motivation in Rehabilitation
- UK Forum for Stroke Training – Shaping a Quality Workforce

There will also be a very special Princess Margaret memorial lecture. Conference registration is open and you can save 15%, with Early bird rates. It's easy to secure your place online using a credit or debit card. You can also register online and pay by invoice.

If you would like to showcase your research at this year's conference, the call for abstracts is open till 18 June. Accepted abstracts will be published in The International Journal of Stroke. Guidelines on submitting abstracts are here. <http://www.ukstrokeforum.org/>

## KT-EQUAL – Exchanging knowledge, extending quality life

Over the last seven years, the EQUAL initiative (funded by the EPSRC) and SPARC have introduced many new scientists to the exciting challenges of ageing research. KT-EQUAL is a new EPSRC funded project designed specifically to exploit a decade of investment in ageing and disability research. Over the next four years KT-EQUAL will work with stakeholders to facilitate knowledge exchange and continue with activities established by EQUAL and SPARC workshops. In particular it will exploit work in the areas of built environment, inclusive design and rehabilitation, while developing a stronger presence in areas of health and wellbeing, independent living and self management of long term conditions.

Recent KT-EQUAL workshops have focused on Falls Prevention, Support for Early Stage Researchers, Assistive Technology, Robots for Rehabilitation, Digital Identity and Built Environments for All Ages. The programme is aiming to deliver twelve free public events each year on topics key to knowledge exchange. Future events include a workshop on Telehealth and Telecare in Bath and we are also pleased to announce that the AAATE (Association for Advancement of Assistive Technology in Europe) is hosting a workshop with KT-EQUAL on Assistive Technology-technology transfer in October 2010. There is no charge to attend the workshops, full information on upcoming events is at <http://www.sparc.ac.uk/>.

### Congratulations to ..

Dr John Saxton has been appointed Professor of Clinical Exercise Physiology at the University of East Anglia. He will join the Faculty's Health and Social Sciences Research Institute and School of Allied Health Professions. Dr Saxton's research interests are focused on the role of structured exercise / non-structured physical activity in the management of long-term conditions, including cardiovascular disease, cancer survivorship and multiple sclerosis. He has received funding from various sources including the British Heart Foundation, American Institute for Cancer Research, Cancer Research UK, Food Standards Agency and the MS Society and is the senior editor of a new book on exercise and cancer survivorship.

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](mailto:patricia.dziunka@srr.org.uk)

### Please help the Secretariat

Do we have your email address? If not please send it to [patricia.dziunka@srr.org.uk](mailto:patricia.dziunka@srr.org.uk)

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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.

### 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. If you are interested and would like to find out more, then please drop us an email.

At the moment we are particularly short of Doctors but most importantly we welcome any keen people with new ideas.