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SRR Winter Meeting, 2nd February 2010 at The University of Salford

Hosted by Dr Sarah Tyson

The Conference includes 8 free research papers, 10 scientific posters, 4 research in progress posters and two symposia:

Implementation Research - Making a difference: Implementing rehabilitation research into clinical practice

Prof Graham Currie - Nottingham University Business School

and Dr Helen Chinn - Practice Development Unit, University of Leeds

How does balance and gait recover after stroke? - Implications for rehabilitation

Prof Alexander Guerts - University of Nijmegen, Netherlands

Full programme is now on our website www.srr.org.uk

SRR presence at European Federation for Research in Rehabilitation

Nigel Harris represented the SRR at the 10th Congress of the European Federation for Research in Rehabilitation meeting in Riga in September. His invited a paper on measuring activity must have been well received. He was invited to join the EFRR council.

Verna Wright Prize Winners 2009

Southampton romped home with Verna Wright prizes this year for presentations delivered at the Summer meeting in Bath.

Sara Demain's presentation: 'The use of 'plateau' to inform physiotherapy discharge decisions following stroke' was judged best oral presentation.

Ruth Turk won the prize for her poster - 'The association between muscle activation patterns, wrist tracking performance and upper limb function in post-stroke hemiplegia'.

Past President of SRR Delivers the Stroke Association Royal Lecture

On 18th November 2009, at Kensington Palace, in the presence of the Duke of Kent, and other honoured guests, Professor Marion Walker, jointly with Dr Tony Rudd, delivered an informative and inspiring talk on 'Stroke is Treatable'.

Marion highlighted the great strides that have been made in developing the evidence base for rehabilitation. Tony gave the complementary perspective on acute care.

Calls for Fellowships 2010

NIHR fellowships, deadline for applications 11 January, See <http://www.nihrtcc.nhs.uk/nihrfellow/indexold>

The Stroke Association junior and senior research fellowships.

Deadline for applications 15 Jan 2010

See http://www.stroke.org.uk/research/apply_for_funding/index.html

Congratulations to

SRR member Professor Pam Enderby with colleagues from Sheffield University, Manchester Metropolitan University, Barnsley Hospital and the UK wide charity *Communication Matters*. They have been awarded a research grant of £467,751 by the BIG Lottery to fund a groundbreaking project entitled 'Communication Matters - Research Matters: An AAC Evidence Base'

The project focuses on establishing better understanding of the need for and current practice in the provision of augmentative and alternative communication throughout the UK, and improving accessibility to best practice evidence. For further information see - <http://www.communicationmatters.org.uk/>

EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT

SRR Summer Meeting, 7&8 July 2010

Hosted by Dr John Saxton, Sheffield Hallam University

Symposia will include:

Exercise and MS; The SMART2 Project: Technology in the support of self-management; Rehabilitation of Children

The SRR has a new discussion board.

This aim of this forum is to foster research and educational mentorship for career young researchers and to provide opportunities for networking amongst professionals, academics and researchers in the field of rehabilitation research.

We hope that SRR members will join for some interesting discussion. Maybe you would like to use the forum to share research ideas or preliminary results and even use the forum to plan collaborative studies.

To join go to: <https://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/cgi-bin/webadmin?A0=SRR> and click on log in

SRR at the Stroke Forum:

The SRR had a stand at the 4th UK Stroke Forum in Glasgow on 1st-3rd December. There were over 1500 delegates from a variety of disciplines, clinicians, researchers, stroke survivors and representatives from the voluntary sector, so it was an excellent opportunity to market the society and our forthcoming meetings.

The stand had a research quiz and the winner of the prize, a book, 'Medical Statistics at a Glance', was Ann-Marie Hughes from the University of Southampton. Congratulations Ann Marie.

SRR members contribute to NHS Evidence

NHS Evidence allows everyone working in health and social care to access a wide range of health information to help them deliver quality patient care.

Launched in April 2009, NHS Evidence:

- * has a fast, free and easy to use search engine to help users search for the information they want
- * ranks search results from credible medical sources according to relevance and quality
- * allows users through 'My Evidence' - to personalise a search and register to receive the latest health information
- * awards an Accreditation Mark to organisations who meet high quality standards in developing health information

Full information can be found @ <http://www.evidence.nhs.uk/aboutus/Pages/AboutNHSEvidence.aspx>

SRR is accreditation with NHS Evidence and some of our members have contributed to the 2009 Annual Evidence Update on Stroke Rehabilitation - Anand Pandyan (Upper limb), Sarah Tyson (Mobility), Beverley French (Personal Needs). see: <http://www.library.nhs.uk/stroke/viewResource.aspx?resid=331186>

If you contribute to NHS evidence please let us know.

SRR Council

Marian Brady and Roshan das Nair will be joining the SRR council in the New Year.

Marian is a Speech and Language Therapist and the Director of the Stroke Research Programme at the Chief Scientist Office funded Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health Professions Research Unit (NMAHP) Research Unit, in Glasgow. Her research interests include the provision of basic care following stroke (e.g. oral health care, continence care), interventions to address stroke related deficits (e.g. aphasia, dysarthria, visual impairment, depression) and the long term needs of stroke survivors (e.g. reintegration, returning to work, psychosocial issues).

Roshan is a Research Tutor on the Trent Doctorate in Clinical Psychology at The University of Nottingham, and Consultant Psychologist (HIV & Sexual Health) with the Department of Clinical Psychology and Neuropsychology at Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust. Roshan has interests in cognitive rehabilitation and is experienced in both quantitative and qualitative research methods (including thematic/discourse analysis, and interpretative phenomenological analysis).

And thank you to our outgoing council members

Sylvia Taylor-Goh and Nigel Harris have completed their terms as ordinary council members and Paula Kirsten retires after long service through the secretary roles. We are indebted to her for all her hard work on behalf of the SRR including the setting up of our first website. We are delighted that Nigel will remain on council to take on the role as Junior Secretary.

Support a good cause

SRR members may be interested in supporting Barbara Wilson and her husband in a six day trek in Northern Romania to collect funds for the Encephalitis Society. Barbara has given a number of stimulating presentations to SRR over the years and is an inspirational leader in neuropsychological rehabilitation. If you wish to make a donation on line go to <http://www.justgiving.com/Barbara-and-Mick-trek>

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