

2021 ANNUAL CHAIR'S REPORT
THE SOCIETY AND COLLEGE OF RADIOGRAPHERS (SCoR) RESEARCH ADVISORY GROUP

1. Group membership and working relationships

The Research Advisory Group has had several new members join the team during 2020 and 2021 bringing with them a range of research experience and expertise. Other members have come to the end of their term.

There has been success with the CoRIPS grants, I took over as chair of the panel in 2020. There was a special call this year for 'Covid-19 related research' which saw an increase in high quality applications. Due to Covid-19 the UKIO and overseas grants were not used.

This year Dr Julie Woodley was appointed the Vice-Chair and I Chaired the group. My term of office was extended due to Covid-19.

As in previous years, the Group demonstrated exceptional commitment despite Covid-19 with good attendance at each of the two meetings and active participation from all members. The group met online using the 'GoTo' meeting platform. The group communicates frequently and effectively through the email network and working parties to deliver the group's aims.

The work of the group is facilitated by the professional officer, Dr Rachel Harris, ably assisted by Valerie Asemah and Dr Tracy O'Regan. Rachel has been an invaluable source of support to the chair and vice chair and continues to actively facilitate the working groups and outreach activities.

2. Summary of Targets Achieved

Summary of 2021 Targets	Status
Raising radiography research awareness – in the press and via the Research specialist interest groups, social media, and via members of the research group presenting at study days to promote the research strategy.	All group members have been engaged with this. Social media has been used well to promote radiography research and the new research strategy. The sub-group reviewing and updating the strategy wrote an article for 'Radiography' to promote the strategy.
Assessment of CoRIPS Research Grants, Doctoral Fellowships, UKIO attendance grant and Overseas Placement Fund	Student CoRIPS: no submissions in October 2020 or April 2021, due to Covid-19. Main CoRIPS:

	<p>October 2020 – 4 applications, 2 funded.</p> <p>October 2020 special Covid-19 call – 7 applications, 5 funded.</p> <p>April 2021 – 5 applications, 3 funded.</p> <p>April 2021 special Covid-19 call – 2 applications, 1 funded</p> <p>Doctoral Fellowships: 1 application in 2021 which was not funded.</p> <p>Overseas Conference Grant (Legacy Fund): April 2021 round, 1 application which was funded for LTWRAP (online).</p> <p>UKIO Congress Attendance Grant: 1 application which was awarded.</p>
<p>Continue development of research mentorship and support via FoRMM</p>	<p>A second round began in April 2019. 17 pairs of mentors and mentees started, 15 graduated (two were unable to complete due to the pandemic). The round ran for one year, there were two live events and one virtual event. A new website, a new way to pair the groups, and a new logo were created. There were lots of outputs from the project including papers, presentations, grants and PhD registrations.</p>
<p>A series of research webinars across four months</p>	<p>Four webinars were planned and delivered in August, September and October, November 2021. These seminars showcased the new research strategy, different research methodologies, methods and current issues in research. Different members of the group were able to present and share their knowledge and expertise.</p>
<p>Doctoral Den at UKIO</p>	<p>UKIO was delivered via an online platform and the Doctoral Den was delivered during the evening. Four</p>

	members of the group presented about different research methods used in their own research. Feedback was positive.
Contribution to the new 'Education and Career Framework'	Several members of the group are part of the Education and Career Framework steering group.
Clinical Academic guidance	A subgroup worked to produce and publish Clinical Academic Radiographer: Guidance for the support of new and established roles. The document was approved by SoR Council and published online Clinical-Academic-Radiographer-Guidance-for-the-support-of-new-and-established-roles-Final (sor.org)

Additional Targets achieved in 2018:

During 2020-21 I lead a sub-group from the research advisory group in reviewing and updating the College of Radiographers' Research Strategy. This, the fifth Research Strategy conveys research as a key part of the College of Radiographers' mission.

To supplement the research webinar series, SoR produced a conference and events research hub to collate resources for SoR members [Making Research Happen | SoR](https://www.sor.org.uk/making-research-happen)

The web page contains a series of links, information about College of Radiographers research strategy and priorities for the profession, also a link to recorded research webinars and a summary of related questions and answers.

3. CoRIPS Awards

The group continues to provide rigour and equality to the administration and review of the CoRIPs Research fund. Two funding rounds took place in October 2020 and April 2021.

The October 2020 round considered 4 applications in the main round (2 were funded), and 7 in the special Covid-19 round (5 were funded), totaling £63,574.41.

In the April 2021 round a further 5 applications were considered in the main round (3 of which were funded), and 2 applications were considered in the special Covid-19 round (1 was funded) totaling £37,546.70.

The sub group of reviewers continue to provide all applicants with constructive feedback and advice which has enabled some of the unsuccessful applicants to revise their protocols and resubmit with subsequent success.

Summary

Despite the pressures and difficulties of Covid-19, this year has been successful, with the publication of the new research strategy, the series of webinars and the clinical academic guidance, the group have made a significant contribution.

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