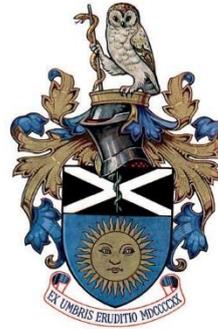


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**MINUTES OF THE RESEARCH GROUP HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2018,
AT THE OFFICES OF THE SOCIETY OF RADIOGRAPHERS, 207 PROVIDENCE
SQUARE, LONDON SE1 2EW**

PRESENT:

Anne-Marie Culpan {AMC}
Gareth Hill {GH}
Marius Mada {MM}
Christina Malamateniou {CM}
Helen McAlinney {HM}
Robert Meertens {RM}
Philip Plant {PP}
Pam Shuttleworth {PS}
Ruth Strudwick {RS} (Chair)
Kathryn Taylor {KT} (Vice Chair)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Rachel Harris {RH} (SCoR Officer)
Clare Leeson {CL} (minutes)

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and round table introductions were made, but especially for new members Gareth Hill, Marius Mada and Helen McAlinney.
- 1.2 Ruth Strudwick kindly chaired the meeting on this occasion as Jacqueline Matthew was unable to attend.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 2.1 Apologies for absence were received from Valerie Asemah, Philip Cosson, David Evans, Sue Hopkins, Jacqueline Matthew, Heidi Probst and Chris Wright.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 3.1 Subject to one typographical error the minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2017, were approved as a true and accurate record.

4. MATTERS ARISING NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

4.1 Updates were given regarding actions for the Research Group's 2018 work plan, identified under point 6 in the minutes of the Research Group meeting held on Wednesday 6th September 2017.

4.1.1 KT and AMC discussed the potential to co-commission the audit of graduates on their reasons for, and influence behind, choice of first and future department; specifically whether research influences this choice.

ACTION: KT, AMC & RS

4.1.2 The audit of BSc and MSc students to identify the impact of their dissertations was discussed.

4.1.2.1 It was agreed that, as an initial approach, heads of Education Institutions (EIs) would be targeted for information on MSc student dissertations.

4.1.2.2 RS volunteered to approach heads of EIs for this information with administrative support from CL.

ACTION: RS & CL

4.1.3 A request for information on College of Radiographers Industrial Partnership Scheme (CoRIPS) awardees was made by CM in order to identify suitable candidates for the video case study.

4.1.3.1 CL agreed to provide this information.

ACTION: CL

4.1.4 CM discussed the need for an outward facing platform for the Research Group using social media.

4.1.4.1 It was agreed that students would be surveyed to identify the most suitable social media platform(s).

4.1.4.2 It was queried whether a communication strategy for the Research Group should be formed. RH explained that any communication strategy would need to be in line with that of the College of Radiographers over-arching communication strategy.

4.1.4.3 It was agreed that communication strategy for the Research Group be added as an agenda item for the next meeting in September 2018.

4.1.5 RH updated the Research Group that liaison with CAHPR was underway regarding the generation of research-related pamphlets.

4.2 The need to invite new members GH, MM and HM to the Glasscubes Research Network was identified. CL agreed to raise this with HP.

ACTION: CL & HP

5. PATIENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION STAKEHOLDER WORK

- 5.1 RH informed the Research Group that the first meeting of the Patient and Public Partnership (PPP) group would be held on Thursday 22nd February and that updates on the work from this group would be fed back to the Research Group and the Public and Patient Liaison Group (PPLG), possibly via Glasscubes.

ACTION: RH

6. FoRMM UPDATE

- 6.1 CM gave a presentation to update the group on the successes of the FoRMM mentoring scheme.

- 6.2 CL agreed to make this presentation available on the Research Group Synapse workspace.

ACTION: CL

7. STUDENT CoRIPS

- 7.1 RM discussed student CoRIPS with the Research Group, stating that this scheme would be open for applications biannually.

- 7.2 Any queries from the heads of EIs regarding student CoRIPS would be brought to the Research Group via RS.

- 7.3 PP suggested that further industrial partners be identified for student CoRIPS, e.g. John Lewis, Sainsbury's; HM suggested ovarian cancer charities as this field is heavily reliant on radiography; RH agreed that this could potentially increase the funding available. PP suggested that the College could actively canvas for financial support.

- 7.4 The attractiveness of the scheme to heads of EIs was discussed and it was suggested that time of year and stage of degree progression would influence the scheme's appeal. To increase attractiveness, it was suggested that the application be opened to first year students.

- 7.5 It was agreed that the upcoming April 2018 submission would remain as is, but that amendments be made ahead of the September 2018 submission, with a full relaunch of the student CoRIPS planned for April 2019.

- 7.6 RM raised the expression of interest from students for the option to partner with one or more other students and carry out research in pairs or groups.

- 7.7 Eligibility of funding was discussed and the group identified a need for justification from the Principle Investigator (PI) reasoning why student funding is not covered under current project finances. It was agreed that this justification be incorporated in the next version of the application form. RS agreed to ask heads of EIs about the proposed changes at the next heads of EIs meeting.

ACTION: RS

8. WORKPLAN Updates

- 8.1 Workplan updates were covered by the group in point 4 of the meeting agenda, matters arising.

9. PRESENTATION ON: THE SCoR RESEARCH STRATEGY

- 9.1 RH presented the SCoR Research Strategy to the group, specifically for the benefit of the new group members.
- 9.2 CL agreed to make this presentation available on the Research Group Synapse workspace.
ACTION: CL

10. FEEDBACK FROM CoRIPS SEMINAR

- 10.1 RH gave feedback from the CoRIPS seminar that was held on Thursday 1st February 2018.

11. CoRIPS RESEARCH GRANTS

- 11.1 RH gave an update on CoRIPS research grants informing the group that two applicants from the September 2017 round, who had been asked to make revisions and resubmit, had been successfully awarded funding after resubmission. A total of £14,123 was awarded.
- 11.2 RH informed the group that since its initiation in 2006, the College of Radiographers has awarded approximately £500,000 in funds as a result of the CoRIPS grant scheme.
- 11.3 PP queried whether the College has received appropriate credit for financially supporting radiographic research to this extent.
- 11.4 RH reflected that more could be done to publicise the success of CoRIPS and that it would be beneficial to identify the best way to promote the scheme.
- 11.5 RH informed the group that this year would see two rounds for CoRIPS, with the additional round introducing funding dedicated to research in Patient Public Partnership.

12. OTHER CoR RESEARCH GRANTS

- 12.1 RH spoke about the CoR Legacy fund, a grant to support those delivering oral presentations at overseas events. The grant includes cover of costs for travel, registration, accommodation and sustenance. Three applications have been received thus far.
- 12.2 RH informed the group that a UK presentation grant had also been put to the College Board of Trustees (CBoT) for approval.
- 12.3 RH conveyed to the group figures detailing diagnostic radiography papers accepted by UKRC ahead of the event scheduled for July 2018. Figures for radiotherapy papers were not available as submission was still open at the time of discussion. The number of diagnostic radiography papers accepted appears to be low. However, the group queried the percentage representation in relation to all papers submitted. RH agreed to request a deeper breakdown of figures from UKRC to assess this.
- 12.4 It was suggested that if, after further analysis of the UKRC figures, the representation of research papers was still low, a study day, workshop or webinar on writing research abstracts could be beneficial.

13. COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERSHIP

13.1 Website Page

13.1.1 KT informed the group that she and SCoR Professional Officer, Tracy O'Regan, were working together on the web page and a re-vamp was in progress.

13.1.2 KT reminded the group to submit a picture and accompanying biography for the staff pages.

ACTION: ALL

13.1.3 KT agreed to review and update the guide to getting started in research on the website.

ACTION: KT

13.2 Radiography

No update was available at this time.

14. FEEDBACK FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

14.1 CAHPR

14.1.1 RH asked that the group remind 'everybody' that CAHPR is a free resource for SCoR members.

14.1.2 RH informed the group that CAHPR had received a sum of £25,000 from NIHR in support of local mentorships; forming a local equivalent to the FoRRM project.

14.2 NICE

14.2.1 RH touched on NICE consultations that are communicated to the group, reassuring that only relevant consultations will be sent and reiterating that it is important for radiographers to respond.

14.3 Radiotherapy Research Radiographers

14.3.1 PS provided an update on the Radiotherapy Research Radiographers working party. This working party now has a mailing list totaling 54 and the party have arranged to meet four times per year.

14.3.2 During the last meeting of this party, there was discussion over how to close the time gap between Masters and Doctorate level research; similarly for Doctorate and Post-Doctorate levels. AMC informed PS of an NIHR-funded Masters in Clinical Research Methods (MRes) that provides a good bridge between Masters and PhD level, which would be applicable to the areas of clinical research and clinical trials.

14.3.3 RH and KT spoke about updating the SCoR web pages promoting the Research Group and suggested that the NIHR funded course could be highlighted here, along with any other funded research courses.

ACTION: RH

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS and DATE OF NEXT MEETING

15.1 RM discussed asking The Beacon Radiotherapy Centre at Taunton to be an exemplar case study on implementing a local research strategy.

ACTION: RM & RH

15.2 AMC informed the group that Public Health England's breast screening workforce were looking at male mammography and asked whether radiographers might be interested in getting involved in this work.

15.3 AMC spoke of Health Education England's Cancer Workforce plan, which ties in with the College's research priorities, and asked whether the College could form a partnership with HEE to investigate recruitment retention and attrition in radiography. PS highlighted that a recent CoRIPS awardee was conducting research in this area and suggested that they be contacted to gauge interest.

ACTION: AMC & RH

15.4 MM expressed an interest to become a panel member to assess research grants. RH confirmed that new panel members were welcome and she would pass on this expression of interest to HP.

ACTION: RH & HP

15.5 PP showed the group the layout on the Headley Trust website for an idea to demonstrate what research the College has funded. The Headley Trust could also be approached as a potential financial partner.

15.6 Date of next meeting

- **Wednesday 5th September 2018**