

2019 ANNUAL CHAIR’S REPORT
THE SOCIETY AND COLLEGE OF RADIOGRAPHERS (SCoR) RESEARCH GROUP

1. Group membership and working relationships

The Research Advisory Group has had 4 new members join the team in 2018 bringing with them diverse research and clinical experience. Three members have come to the end of their term (1 stepped down due to competing employment duties). There has been particular success in administering the CoRIPS grants with a special call this year for ‘patient experience’ which saw an increase in high quality applications. The new UKIO and overseas grant was also successful in providing a mechanism to support members disseminate their research and attend conferences to raise the profile of radiography research. This year Dr Ruth Strudwick was appointed the Vice-Chair (with Kathryn Taylor as co-chair) and myself Jacqueline Matthew acted as Chair. As in previous years, the Group demonstrates exceptional commitment with good attendance at each of the two meetings and active participation from all members. The group communicates frequently and effectively through the email network and working parties to deliver the group’s aims. A range of external guest has ensured the Research Advisory Group is well informed on national issues and developments related to radiography research. Guests have included:

- **Guest speaker Liz Ainsbury** – Public Health England Research: EU CONCERT – LDLensRad Project
- **Guest speaker Leslie Robinson** – Patient, Public and Practitioner Partnerships (P4) within Imaging and Radiotherapy

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

2. Summary of Target Achieved

Summary of 2018 Targets	Status
Assessment of CoRIPS Research Grants and Doctoral Fellowships, UKIO attendance grant and Overseas Placement Fun	<p>Student CoRIPS: 4 submissions, 2 awarded totalling £2080.</p> <p>Main CoRIPS: April and October round successfully completed (including a special call for Patient Experience Research) with a total of 16 applications and 6 grants awarded totalling £51,433.40.</p> <p>Doctoral Fellowships: 3 applications</p>

	<p>and 2 awarded, totalling £49,240</p> <p>Overseas Conference Grant (Legacy Fund): April round, 2 submission and both awarded totalling £2000</p> <p>UKIO Overseas Grant: 1 application and awarded, totalling £800.30</p> <p>Total of all grants = £109, 553.70</p>
Research mentorship and supporting FoRMM	2017-18 pilot round successfully completed with a funding successful for another round to begin in April 2019
Raising awareness - members of the research group to present at any study days that come up to raise the profile of the new research strategy	Members have contributed to raising awareness via local and national study days, SoR study day presentations and engagement with social media platforms e.g. glasscubes research SIG
Case studies of examples of where departments have made research work and to prepare some talking heads for the website if possible.	Example case studies have been embedded in to the new research radiography starter pack.
Audit graduates for the reasons for their choice of first and future department, what influences their choice, does research influence choice? If it does and the extent that it influences choices could be a powerful motivator for department heads to engage more usefully with research.	The decision was made to re-audit with a significant time interval so that the impact of the 2016 research strategy can be assessed. The previous 2014 Managers audit into research capacity in clinical settings will provide a useful benchmark for a subsequent audit.
Survey/audit BSc and MSc dissertation students to identify the impact their dissertations have had in their department and beyond.	An audit of HEI's was performed to assess the dissertation outputs of students and potential impact
CoRIPS awards winners - identify from the final reports those where there was clear impact and arrange for them to do a small video case study for the website.	Award winners presented at the CoRIPS Seminar and case studies included from a selection as part of the new 'research radiographers starter pack'
Student CoRIPS small working party to review format and guidelines.	The Student CoRIPS has been fully reviewed by the Research Advisory

	Group with the new format to be introduced in the next round (April 2019)
Research special interest group - more of an outward facing platform using social media such as Twitter and Facebook i.e. a CoR Research Facebook group and similar on twitter.	The communication strategy was reviewed by the Research Advisory Group and member given guidance on taking an active role on the social media platforms including twitter via the SCoRs twitter handle.
'How to disseminate' and maybe a How to cost research' pamphlet in the CAHPR format, in liaison with CAHPR.	Member interaction with CAHPRs well regarded guidance leaflets has been facilitated by more obvious links via the SCoR webpages and within the new 'research radiographers starter pack'
Some advertising in Synergy News and webpages of some high profile researchers in the profession to raise awareness of on-going research to the membership (discussion was about Readers, professors and high profile researchers).	A significant number of news articles have highlighted the work of research radiographers via Synergy News

Additional Targets achieved in 2018:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of final draft of the Research Radiographer Starter Pack titled 'Getting into Research: Guidance for members'
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update of Research Radiography website page completed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Radiography' Journal has achieved Medline indexing, and will increase visibility of Radiography Research

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 2018. The April round considered 10 applications, 4 of which were awarded totaling £31,599.90. In the October round a further 6 applications were considered, 2 of which were awarded totaling £19,833.50. A total of £51,433.40 funds were awarded this year. 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. The membership of the panel for 2018, was led by Dr Andrew England on both occasions, included our experience CoRIPS reviewers Dr Nick Courtier, Jacqueline Matthew and Dr Sue Hopkins.

Summary

This year has been particularly active and successful, with clearer communication to the membership via updated webpages, increased participation and membership of the research SIG via glasscubes, publication of Synergy News articles and the formulation of the new 'Research Radiographer Starter Pack' due for release this year. With the ongoing work of CoRIPS, the developments in the FORRM project, led by Dr Christina Malamateniou, and the joint HEE and COR retention project current receiving research bids, the forthcoming year promises exciting developments.

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Chairs of the Research Group
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