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**MINUTES OF THE RESEARCH GROUP HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2017,
AT THE OFFICES OF THE SOCIETY OF RADIOGRAPHERS, 207 PROVIDENCE
SQUARE, LONDON SE1 2EW**

PRESENT:

Anne-Marie Culpan {AMC}
Sue Hopkins {SK}
Christina Malamateniou {CM} {Guest}
Jacqueline Matthew {JM}
Fiona Mellor {FM} {Guest}
Robert Meertens {RM}
Heidi Probst {HP} {Chair}
Pam Shuttleworth {PS}
Eugene Statnikov {ES} {Guest}
Ruth Strudwick {RS}
Kathryn Taylor {KT}
Chris Wright {CW}

IN ATTENDANCE:

Valerie Asemah {VA} {Minutes}
Rachel Harris {RH} {SCoR Officer}

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and round table introductions were made, but especially for new member Chris Wright and guests Christina Malamateniou, Fiona Mellor and Eugene Statnikov.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 2.1 Apologies for absence were received from Philip Cosson, David Evans, Gareth Hill, Marius Mada, Helen McAlinney and Philip Plant.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 3.1 Subject to one typographical error the minutes of the meeting held on 8th February 2017, were approved as a true and accurate record.

4. MATTERS ARISING NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

- 4.1 There were no matters arising.

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5. VOTING FOR NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

- 5.1 Jacqueline Matthew agreed to the position of Chair of this group and members agreed this nomination.
- 5.1.2 AMC withdrew her nomination for Chair.
- 5.1.3 Ruth Strudwick and Kathryn Taylor was accepted as Vice Chairs for the group and again this was agreed.
- 5.1.4 To note that the term of office for both Chair and Vice Chairs will be two years.

6. GROUP DISCUSSION ON WORKPLAN FOR 2018

- 6.1 The workplan for next year was discussed. It was noted that the new research strategy is now out and everyone should be using this when starting their research. RH encouraged the group to maximise their contact with CAHPR by joining their hubs; she will put SCoR on the CAHPR agenda for the next meeting which is in a couple of weeks' time. Evaluation results are due by the end of December 2017.

- 6.1.2 Take the opportunity to speak at local study days and produce some good case studies. The list below was discussed and members agreed to work on various items.

- 1. 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
- 2. Case studies of examples of where departments have made research work and to prepare some talking heads for the web site if possible.

ACTION: CM

- 3. Potentially to 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.

ACTION: KT

- 4. Survey/audit BSc and MSc dissertation students to identify the impact their dissertations have had in their department and beyond.

ACTION: HP & KT

- 5. 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.

ACTION: CM & PS

6. Student CoRIPS small working party to review format and guidelines.

ACTION: CM & PS

7. Research special interest group - Discussed having 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.

ACTION: CM & PS

8. The group to write a 'How to disseminate' and maybe a 'How to cost research' pamphlet in the CAHPR format, in liaison with CAHPR.

ACTION: HP

9. Some advertising in synergy 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).

- 6.1.3 It was agreed that this list of items will be circulated by VA to the members who were absent from the meeting to ask them to indicate which items they would like to work on and then small working parties could be finalised to carry out this work.

ACTION: ALL & VA

- 6.1.4 CM to be co-opted onto the Research Group. VA to give dates of future meetings and invite her to join Synapse.

ACTION: VA

7. OVERVIEW OF GLASSCUBES

- 7.1 ES, Knowledge Manager was invited to the meeting today to give a presentation on how to use Glasscubes, a way to share work with each other. ES went on to explain that Glasscubes is a private social network and a benefit of membership of The Society of Radiographers (SCoR). www.SCoR.glasscubes.com

- 7.1.2 There followed a discussion around the setting up of the Clinical Trials Radiotherapy subgroup (Amy Taylor and Pam Shuttleworth) using Glasscubes. It was noted that FM will join this too. ES informed the group that conversations will be seen by everyone in the wider group.

- 7.1.3 The group discussed ways in which the group can get exposure and it was agreed that articles/activities etc. should be flagged up in Synergy News, on the group's webpages.

- 7.1.4 To note that there are currently 80 members on the Research Network. HP and FM agreed to start new posts by sharing their roles so as to get members to start talking to each other and to get involved. RM agreed to post about the App showing how useful it is.

ACTION: HP, FM & RM

8. PATIENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION STAKEHOLDER WORK

8.1 RH gave an update.

A Scoping Workshop was held in May 2017 and invitations was sent to quite a number of people including academics, patients, stakeholders, and members from other professions. The day was extremely successful with huge engagement from all those who attended. During the breakout sessions people got together to discuss ideas. CBoT would like to commission some work around the patient experience. The PPLG who meets independently and the patients who attended the event wanted it to be more about patient involvement at all levels. SCoR need to communicate that the patient is at the heart of everything.

8.1.2 RH asked the group for any ideas they may have in coming up with a plan to move this forward. What is a good ideas? Discussion involving patients? Leslie Robinson (from Salford) is currently carrying out some work on social media. Various ideas was discussed including linking up with other like-minded organisations such as Macmillan who may be doing the same kind of workshops and who already has well established patient forums. It was felt that a short term task group could be set up.

8.1.3 RS volunteered to be involved in this work and will pull in some other people from outside this group to assist. Any and all ideas anyone has should be sent to RH as will need to take a proposal with specific details for taking forward a commissioned research project (about half a page at least) to CBoT. Different options are very welcomed and there is no time limit. The question of whether this should be linked to a Delphi study was posed.

ACTION: ALL

9. FoRMM UPDATE

9.1 CM was invited to the meeting today to give an update on the FoRMM mentorship scheme. It appears that everything is going well and is on track. It was noted that the meeting which was held at UKRC in Manchester went very well. There was a query around whether the mentees would be given some kind of award and this will be discussed with RH, possibly sometime in the New Year. RH will take this idea to the CBoT meeting and request more funding. Perhaps a joint meeting could be held with CBoT. Group will be kept updated. CM was thanked for coming along to the meeting today.

ACTION: RH

10. CoRIPS RESEARCH GRANTS

10.1 RH reported and informed the group that there were 6 submission in the April round.

10.1.2 One application was awarded at £13,675.00. Two were advised to resubmit, and one was rejected.

10.1.3 RH outlined the process for judging the CoRIPS awards and informed the group members that more panel members are needed. If anyone is interested in joining the panel, they should please get in touch with RH. KT has shown interest in being an assessor.

10.1.4 Huge thanks and appreciation was given to HP for the amount of work she does on behalf of CoRIPS.

10.1.5 A discussion followed around whether the group as a whole should vet the CoRIPS applications or should people be given applications under their specific disciplines. There was a feeling that it would be a good idea to get to a stage where everyone is competent across all disciplines.

ACTION: ALL

11. OTHER CoR RESEARCH GRANTS

11.1 CoRIPS Student Award – There were 3 submissions for this round and all three were funded. At the last meeting there was a discussion around forming a working party to update the current CoRIPS student form. This is still outstanding. Following discussion RM and PS agreed to assist with this update.

ACTION: RH, RM & PS

11.1.2 Doctoral Fellowships – There were 3 applications this year for this award. Two were funded – a total of £43,439.68. One was rejected.

11.1.3 CoR Overseas Conference Grant – This is a new grant which was publicised earlier this year, but so far no applications has been received.

12. COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERSHIP

12.1 Website Page

KT updated the group.

On the whole the research group webpage is fine although a few elements needed upgrading. RH agreed to link KT to Tracy O'Regan at the next Consultant Radiographers Advisory Group meeting.

12.2 Radiography

No update was available.

13. FEEDBACK FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

13.1 CAHPR

RH updated group and encouraged them to get involved with their local hubs. This is a free resource.

13.2 NICE

RH updated the group and reminded them that she receives lots of consultations from NICE and to please read any she sends out to them and to do send any comments back to her, as it is very important radiographers respond. So please take the time to read the consultations.

13.3 NIHR

FM updated the group and informed them that the Clinical Research Network had a workshop in February and as a result has just published a report for the group. Following discussion FM agreed to upload this report to Glasscubes. A news article will most likely be featured in Synergy News.

ACTION: FM

13.4 Radiological Research Trust

FM gave an update on the Radiological Research Trust. This is made up of seven trust and the next round of grants is due 1st December 2017. To note that FM is now the Chair.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 14.1 To note that the European Congress of Radiology (ECR) dates for registration is fast approaching.

15. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- 15.1 The dates of future meetings have been agreed as:

- Wednesday 21st February 2018
- Wednesday 5th September 2018