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## NCRI newsletter

Greetings!

Welcome to our latest newsletter. [Abstract submission for the NCRI Cancer Conference](#) will be closing on 5 June so be sure to submit your research, the Conference is a great opportunity to showcase your work to the wider research community. Last Friday was [International Clinical Trials Day](#) and to mark this we spoke with two NCRI activity leads about our work in supporting clinical research. Last week also saw the [NCRI Future of Surgery workshop highlighted in \*The Lancet\*](#) - the workshop was a great success and we're already looking forward to the next one in the series. Read on to find out more and for other research-related news from the NCRI Partnership and beyond.

Best wishes  
The NCRI Team

### This issue's features

#### Showcase your research at the 2016 NCRI Cancer Conference

Join us to share ideas, develop collaborations and be inspired by the latest UK and international research. Play your part in helping to showcase the ground-breaking research at the UK's largest cancer research meeting. The NCRI Cancer Conference is the platform for cancer research in the UK, featuring research of international calibre. Submit your abstract today and gain recognition from your peers.

[Find out more](#)

#### Celebrating International Clinical Trials Day

International Clinical Trials Day is held on 20 May each year to commemorate the day that James Lind, the famous 18th century Scottish physician, began his trials into the causes of scurvy. To mark the occasion Alex Freeman and Meriel Jenney talk about our work in supporting clinical research in our latest 60 second interviews.

[Read the 60 second interviews](#)

### Updates across NCRI activities

### **Future of Surgery workshop series**

Thanks to all those who attended the NCRI Future of Surgery workshop, hosted by the Royal College of Surgeons of England (RCS) on 4 May. The first of five workshops in the series looked at outcome measures in surgery studies. The workshop was a great success, generating lots of interesting discussion on quality assurance for surgical trials, and was even highlighted in *The Lancet*. Continuing the series, NCRI and RCS present "Technology Trials in Surgical Oncology: What evidence is required prior to introduction of new technologies into surgical practice". This interactive workshop takes place in London on 20 September 2016. To attend, please register by 2 August.

[Find out more](#)

### **Consumer member recruitment to the CSGs**

Rotation of consumer membership on the NCRI Clinical Studies Groups (CSGs) ensures our consumer representation is relevant and incorporating a renewed perspective. Consumer members participate in all aspects of the CSGs' activities and become a member of the NCRI Consumer Forum. We are currently seeking consumer members for the Head and Neck, Prostate, Skin, Teenage and Young Adult, and Upper Gastrointestinal CSGs. Application deadline for consumer membership is Monday 6 June 2016.

[Find out more and apply](#)

### **Scientific member recruitment to the CSGs**

We are currently seeking new scientific members for nine NCRI Clinical Studies Groups (CSGs) and a Chairperson for the Upper Gastrointestinal (GI) CSG. CSG members are recruited from a variety of scientific disciplines and membership is refreshed periodically to ensure there is a good balance of expertise on the Groups. For the Upper GI Chair position, applicants should be a clinician with a previous track record of collaborative research in Upper GI cancer. Please note, the application deadline for both CSG members and Chair positions is 5pm, Friday 3 June 2016.

[Find out more and apply](#)

### **CM-Path workstream appointments and launch date**

NCRI's Cellular Molecular Pathology (CM-Path) is our new initiative that aims to reinvigorate pathology research in the UK. Following the appointment of the CM-Path Chair and workstream leads, we are now pleased to announce the members of the initiative. On the 6 June, the Chair, leads and members will come together as part of the CM-Path launch event in London to set the strategy for the next three years.

[Find out more](#)

### **CTRad leadership update**

NCRI's Clinical and Translational Radiotherapy Research Working Group (CTRad) leadership rotation process ensures new talent is brought on board, and we're pleased to welcome the following new co-chairs: Charlotte Coles for Workstream 3 (which focuses on phase III radiotherapy clinical trials and methodology) and Maria Hawkins for Workstream 4 (which focuses on new technology, physics and quality assurance in radiotherapy research). We are very grateful to the previous co-chairs for their leadership and contribution to CTRad's continuing success.

[View a list of all workstream co-chairs and members](#)

## **Partner and research news**

### **NIHR celebrates ten years of impact**

Established in 2006 to reinvigorate UK clinical research, The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) is celebrating its tenth birthday this month. In the latest edition of *The Lancet*, Professor John Bell, Regius Professor of Medicine at the University of Oxford, describes its success.

[Find out more](#)

### **CRUK's update from the 2016 AACR Conference**

In their recent science blog, Cancer Research UK (CRUK) report on the headline research from AACR and emphasise the importance of collaboration in cancer research.

[Find out more](#)

### **Call for abstracts - Marie Curie Palliative Care Research Conference**

Marie Curie jointly hosts an annual research conference with the Palliative Care Section of the Royal Society of Medicine. The 2016 conference is due to take place on Wednesday 19 October 2016, London. The theme is: 24 hour palliative care provision including out of hours services in both primary and acute settings. Marie Curie is inviting abstracts for short presentations and/or posters on research in palliative and end of life care. The deadline for submitting abstracts is Friday 17 June.

[Find out more](#)

### **The MRC Cancer Unit introduces its newest group - focusing on computational biology**

In a recent blog post from the Medical Research Council (MRC), Dr Shamith Samarajiva introduces the newest team at the MRC Cancer Unit; his computational biology group developing multi-disciplinary

data science, data engineering and computational biology solutions to understand the complex biological systems involved in carcinogenesis.

[Find out more](#)

## Reports, publications and resources

### Research Councils publish their delivery plans

The research councils (including NCRI Partners: The Medical Research Council and the Economic and Social Research Council) have recently published their delivery plans, describing how they will use their resources to achieve their mission and contribute toward the Government's objectives for the science budget.

[Find out more](#)

### AMRC's 2015 peer review audit recently published

The Association of Medical Research Charities (AMRC) has published their report looking at the peer review processes in AMRC member charities and summarising best practice recommendations.

[Find out more](#)

### NIHR's course on clinical research to launch in June

The National Health Research Institute (NIHR) Clinical Research Network is running a Massive On-line Open Course (MOOC) on clinical research which it has developed with Leeds University. The four week, on-line course is open to anyone who wants to learn more about clinical research. The second course is due to launch in June.

[Find out more](#)

## Events and opportunities

[ECMC Combination Alliance expression of interest call. Apply by 1 June.](#)

[Cancer Research UK's Biotherapeutic Drug Discovery Project Awards. Apply by 1 June.](#)

[HSJ Clinical Research Impact Award 2016. Enter by 3 June.](#)

[NIHR Evaluation, Trials and Studies seeking Public Involvement Virtual Involvement Network members. Apply by 3 June.](#)

[NCRI Clinical Studies Groups: scientific member recruitment. Apply by 3 June.](#)

[NCRI Clinical Studies Groups: consumer member recruitment. Apply by 6 June.](#)

[PHE Cancer Data and Outcomes Conference 2016 in association with UKIACR. Manchester 13-14 June.](#)

[AMRC workshop: Changes in the clinical research landscape. London, 28 June.](#)

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