

NCRI newsletter

Greetings!

Welcome to our latest newsletter.

We'd like to extend our thanks to those of you that attended our annual conference in Liverpool. We hope you came away inspired to carry on your hard work.

In this month's edition you can read a consumers view of the NCRI conference, a '60 second' interview with our very own Lorna Fern, apply to be a member of an NCRI CSG and much more.

Don't forget to get in touch if there are other topics you would like us to cover in our monthly newsletter.

Best Wishes

The NCRI team

NCRI Cancer Conference latest news



2016 NCRI Cancer Conference: A Consumer's perspective

"Our aim is always to add as much value as we can." That's the ambition of Richard Stephens, Chair of NCRI's Consumer Forum, talking about Consumer impact at the NCRI Conference.

This year 40 NCRI Consumers (patients, carers and others affected by cancer) received bursaries to attend conference. They presented five posters, two consumers were speakers in sessions and one session was co-hosted by a consumer.

The Consumer Forum also held a working dinner on the Sunday evening, an Open Meeting on the Monday evening, attended by over 60 people and focussing on NCRI's new CMPath initiative, and in many sessions Consumers were prominent in asking pointed and patient- focussed questions.

The Consumer Forum also hosted their biggest ever Dragons' Den, sponsored by Cancer Research UK, which saw over 100 Friendly Dragons discussing proposals and ideas with 12 different research teams, including three from industry.

"That's a lot of impact for 40 people," Richard concludes, "and next year we'd like to do even more!"

To watch an interview with Richard, please click [here](#)

Illustrating the NCRI Strategy

During NCRI Cancer Conference 2016, Laura Brodrick and Catherine Allen from ThinkBigPicture, brought the new five-year draft strategy to life in pictures.

Visitors to the NCRI Meeting Point at the Conference enjoyed watching as the artists drew visual representations of our purpose, goals, values, and enablers. Many delegates were inspired to 'have their say', and added their insightful comments to post-it notes which then became part of the finished masterpiece.



A big thank you to Laura and Catherine of www.thinkbigpicture.co.uk for creating a beautiful, entertaining and accessible interpretation of our new strategy!

Feedback on the Conference

Don't forget to leave your feedback on the Conference. Doing so will help us make next year's Conference even better.

Complete the survey and receive your CPD certificate where appropriate [here](#)

Updates across NCRI activities

Applications now open for membership of NCRI Clinical Studies Groups

We are currently seeking new scientific members for nine of our Clinical Studies Groups (CSGs): Brain, Breast, Children's Cancer & Leukaemia, Colorectal, Lung, Lymphoma, Primary Care, Skin Cancer, Upper Gastro-intestinal. The CSGs are multi-disciplinary, with surgery, medical oncology, clinical oncology, radiology, pathology, epidemiology, statistics and other professions involved in clinical trials, represented on each Group as appropriate. Membership is for three years in the first instance, with an option to reapply for a further three years.

Please note, the application deadline is **5pm, Friday 16 December 2016**.

For further information and details on how to apply, please click [here](#).



60 second interview with Lorna Fern

Dr Lorna Fern, Research and Development Co-ordinator at NCRI recently reached a milestone - she has worked for NCRI for 10 years! In our latest 60 second interview, we asked her how she became interested in science and what she enjoys about her role

here at NCRI

Read the full interview [here](#)

Future of Surgery September workshop report available

The second workshop in NCRI's Future of Surgery series, on technology trials in surgical oncology, took place on 20 September 2016 at the Royal College of Surgeons of England. This workshop was comprised of short talks on exemplar technology trials, the IDEAL Framework, learning from innovation, regulation of devices, and working with industry to inform and advance surgery research in cancer.

Read the full report [here](#)

CM-Path Works with the Royal

College of Pathologists to Host New Workshop Focussed on Clinical Trials



One aim of the NCRI's new CM-Path initiative is to engage more pathologists with clinical trials. To this end, Dr Alex Freeman, lead for the CM-Path Clinical Trials Workstream, has been working with the Royal College of Pathologists to set up a new 1 day workshop on 9 December 2016. The workshop, which is the first of its kind, will cover all pathology aspects of clinical trials from funding, ethics and governance to quality assurance and interpretation of tests. An executive summary will be available on the NCRI website shortly after the event has taken place.

For further info please visit: <https://www.rcpath.org/event/clinical-trials-for-pathologists.html>



CTRad mentioned in Clinical Oncology journal

CTRad supported and facilitated an NSCLC workshop in February this year. This in turn led to two trials being developed, which will now be supported by the Lung CSG and CTRad jointly.

Click [here](#) to read the article in full.

Future of Surgery Workshop 4

Workshop 4: "Extent of surgery and peri-surgical trials", 17 January 2016

We welcome surgical consultants, trainees, patients, methodologists, trial unit staff and funders to this workshop which aims to create recommendations for future surgical research priorities evaluating the extent of surgical treatment, particularly in the evolving context of neoadjuvant treatment.

Registration deadline is Friday 9 December

For further information and to register visit: <http://www.ncri.org.uk/events/ncri-future-of-surgery-workshop-extent-of-surgery/>

NCRI Strategy consultation is now closed

Thank you to everybody who commented on the draft NCRI Strategic Plan (2017-22). The consultation is now closed and we are collating and considering all comments received to help us improve the NCRI Partnership Strategy, with some comments meriting further exploration and discussion. We will contact the people who made these comments in the New Year to explore how we might be able to work together in the future. Our Strategic Plan will be revised accordingly and signed off by our trustees and Partners ahead of publication in April 2017.

Partner and research news



Cancer Research UK Research Prizes: Future Leaders and a Lifetime in Drug Development

Every year Cancer Research UK offer you the opportunity to recognise your peers with Cancer Research UK Research Prizes and every year they receive outstanding and inspiring nominations in every category. CRUK had the pleasure of awarding the Research Prizes to five exceptional researchers at their annual prize giving ceremony at the NCRI Conference.

NIHR to provide £112m investment in clinical research facilities

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) will provide £112 million of funding for specialist research nurses and new facilities to support clinical research and trials over the next five years. The funding will be given to 23 NHS organisations and will pay for specialist research nurses and technical staff, as well as providing cutting-edge facilities to support clinical research and trials.

Click [here](#) to read more



Tissue Directory and Coordination Centre

UK Biobanking Showcase

On the 16th November The UKCRC Tissue Directory and Coordination Centre held their second ever annual meeting in London. Amongst the speakers were representatives from Innovate UK, Genomics England, BBMRI-ERIC and ABPI. The

event was a great opportunity to bring together those in the field to discuss opportunities and challenges. Congratulations to Ethical Tissue for winning Biobank of the year 2016!

For more information visit <https://www.biobankinguk.org/uk-biobanking-showcase-2016/>

Reports, publications and resources

New report evaluating pathology capacity in the UK endorses NCRI CM-Path initiative

A new report published by Cancer Research UK highlights the importance of initiatives like the NCRI's Cellular and Molecular Pathology (CM-Path) Initiative to future proof pathology and help address gaps in the UK's diagnostic pathology services.

To read the full report click [here](#)

Public Health England's National Cancer Registration and Analysis Service publishes new report comparing measures of deprivation across UK and Ireland

The National Cancer Registration and Analysis Service compared how deprivation affects cancer across the UK and Ireland; this has not previously been studied because each country uses a different method to calculate deprivation, making accurate comparisons impossible. The report demonstrates that income domain is a robust indicator that can be used to accurately compare deprivation across the countries.

To read the report please visit <http://www.ncin.org.uk/view?rid=3278>

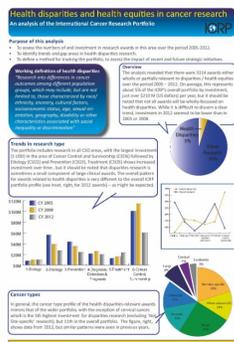
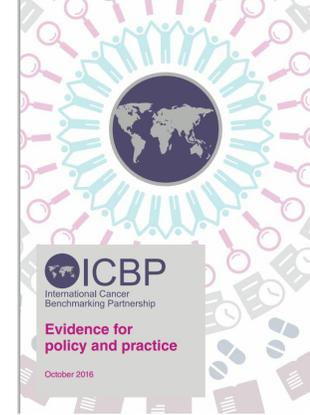
International Cancer Benchmarking Partnership: Policy for evidence and

practice

An updated summary of ICBP findings, looking to explore international survival differences, is now available. This includes up to date information on recent publications and soon to be published research. The impacts of ICBP research in each participating jurisdiction is also reported, highlighting how their insights have been translated into policy and practice.

For further info please visit:

http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/sites/default/files/icbp_showcase_report_web.pdf



ICRP Health Disparities Report

This short report from the International Cancer Research Partnership highlights trends in research into health disparities and inequities in cancer. ICRP has developed methodologies to track research in this area to monitor the impact of funding initiatives and strategies

To read the full report visit:

https://www.icrpartnership.org/Publications/ICRP_Disparities_ShortReport_2016.pdf

Events and opportunities

Share your ideas on speeding up diagnosis for colorectal (bowel) cancer

CRUK are seeking individuals to participate in focus groups.

To find out more visit: <http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/support-us/volunteer/patient-involvement-at-cancer-research-uk/involvement-opportunities/share-your-ideas-on-speeding-up-diagnosis-for-colorectal-bowel-cancer>

Adolescent and Young Adult Global Cancer Congress

Teenage Cancer Trust will be hosting the very first Adolescent and Young Adult Global Cancer Congress in Edinburgh at The Assembly Rooms from 5-7 December, 2016.

For more information visit: <http://www.teenagecancertrust.org/conference>

Can you help us speed up diagnosis?

Cancer Research UK are researching ways for people to get a diagnosis faster and are looking for people to take part in a new survey.

To find out more and take the survey visit:

<http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/support-us/volunteer/patient-involvement-at-cancer-research-uk/involvement-opportunities/can-you-help-us-speed-up-diagnosis#SW5fSwCKT1FKHpVK.99>

British Psychosocial Oncology Society Annual Conference

The British Psychosocial Oncology Society will be holding a joint meeting with NCRI Psycho-Oncology & Survivorship Clinical Studies Group.

Living with and beyond cancer: opportunities in a changing landscape

Thursday 16th & Friday 17th March 2017, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford

To book your place and for more information please download the flyer [here](#) or visit www.bpos.org/pages/events/annual-conference

British Geriatrics Society Oncogeriatrics Meeting

The British Geriatrics Society will be holding an Oncogeriatrics meeting on Thursday 8 December at The Wellcome Collection, London

For more info please visit: <http://www.ncri.org.uk/events/british-geriatrics-society-oncogeriatrics-meeting/>

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