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**MINUTES OF THE RESEARCH GROUP HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2017,
AT THE OFFICES OF THE SOCIETY OF RADIOGRAPHERS, 207 PROVIDENCE
SQUARE, LONDON SE1 2EW**

PRESENT:

Philip Cosson {PC}
Anne-Marie Culpan {AMC}
David Evans {DE}
Jacqueline Matthew {JM}
Robert Meertens {RM}
Julie Nightingale {JN}
Philip Plant {PP}
Heidi Probst {HP} {Chair}
Pam Shuttleworth {PS}
Ruth Strudwick {RS}
Kathryn Taylor {KT}

ATTENDEES:

Valerie Asemah {VA} {Minutes}

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and round table introductions were made. It was also noted that the professional officer in charge of this group was unavailable today.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 2.1 Apologies for absence were received from Fiona Mellor, Rachel Harris, Steve Herring, Sue Hopkins, Sharon Hynds and Elizabeth Wilkinson.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Friday 14th October 2016, were approved as a true and accurate record.

4. MATTERS ARISING NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

- 4.1 Research special interest group (*minute 8.1*)

PP indicated that he was still having problems in registering and the Chair re-assured him that this would be looked into.

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5. VOTING FOR NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

- 5.1 As RH was unable to attend the meeting today it was felt that it would be more beneficial to discuss this topic at the next meeting in September. This action was agreed by the group.

6. CoRIPS RESEARCH GRANTS

- 6.1 HP reported and informed the group that there were 5 submissions in the October round; this was smaller than the April round but with every round it appears that the standard continues to improve.
- 6.1.2 Two applications were awarded – a total of £14,669.83. Two was advised to resubmit, and one was rejected.
- 6.1.3 HP gave an update informing the group that there is usually a mixture of quality and topics and to encourage people to apply for the grant.
- 6.1.4 Some group members queried whether SCoR would be running any development workshops as they have done previously. Following a short discussion on CoRIPS especially around novice researchers; good for collaboration between clinicians and HEIs (see point 10 below where this was discussed further).
- 6.1.5 JN indicated that she knows people who can apply. There was discussion about the various ways to bring CoRIPS to the attention of people who would benefit from applying.

7. OTHER CoR RESEARCH GRANTS

- 7.1 CoRIPS Student Award – At the last meeting there was a discussion around forming a working party to update the form etc. but due to pressure of work this has not been done. HP will speak with Rachel Harris {RH} in regard to using the current application form and revise for next year.

ACTION: HP

- 7.1.2 The group queried publicity of this award and ethics approval as it appears that this appears to be an issue with individual universities. JN felt that the HEI group was a good way to get information out to everyone.
- 7.2 Doctoral Fellowships – There were 2 applications last year for this award but they were not considered sufficient quality to be invited for interview.
- 7.3 CoR Overseas Conference Grant – This is new grant which is now out for publicity. There will be 2 grants per year; April and October.
- 7.4 CoRIPS Grant Awards – JN informed the group the winners have their papers published in the Radiography journal. There was a short discussion around papers submitted to the journal which has to keep a certain level of quality, hence there can be no guarantee that successful grant awardees will have their final work published in Radiography. The journal is very supportive of authors.

8. RESEARCH SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

- 8.1 HP informed the group that she and Fiona Mellor {FM} shares responsibility for the Research Special Interest Group. It appears not to be very active as present. People seem not to be engaging with this – is it to do with it being moved onto the Glass Cubes platform? The original idea for such a group was to find a place for members to network.

Some of the questions asked was, what about the monthly topics? where has this got to? HP will have a look and update the group, but also encourage members to have a look around the site for updates etc.

Many of the group are not yet on the platform, HP will enroll anyone not currently enrolled.

ACTION: ALL

9. RESEARCH MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

- 9.1 HP informed the group that this programme has been launched and was quite successful. This will be a short project turnaround and will be funded by CoR and led by Dr Christina Malamateniou. Clear objectives are being set and there is enough money to fund this mentor/mentee programme. The next meeting will be held at UKRC in Manchester for both mentor and mentee to outline what they have achieved. To note that Salford now has a mentor programme and it is hope that other universities will follow. The group felt this was an excellent scheme and thoroughly approved of this course.

- 9.1.2 An evaluation will come at the end of the course. HP will keep group updated on progress.

ACTION: HP

10. GROUP DISCUSSION ON WORKPLAN FOR 2017

- 10.1 The workplan for this year was discussed. Deliverables and key expectations which are quite high and it was felt that awareness of the research strategy should be raised. The aim of having a national strategy is to help departments write their own strategy and we can raise awareness by reading and using the strategy.

- Publicise CoRIPS Awards – by giving funding to those projects which will give excellent patient care and setting standards in patient and public involvement
- Peer review, publications and presentations

- 10.1.2 Make sure standard PowerPoint on the new research strategy is available at all study days and conferences and incorporate the CoR research strategy into 2nd year Undergraduate Student Talks – ideally someone from the research group could attend. Speak to clinical managers.

- 10.1.3 Produce some good case studies highlighting research and which can be uploaded to the Website. It was agreed that a list of items will be circulated to the group and asking them to select some and then small working parties could be set up to carry out the work.

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.
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.
4. Survey/audit BSc and MSc dissertation students to identify the impact their dissertations have had in their department and beyond.
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
6. CoRIPS workshops to support application development, Anne-Marie indicated she could help with funding here
7. Student CoRIPS small working party to review format and guidelines.
8. 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.
9. The group to write a 'How to disseminate' and maybe a 'How to cost research' pamphlet in the CAHPR format, in liaison with CAHPR.
10. 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).

ACTION: HP

11. COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERSHIP

11.1 Website Page

HP asked for a volunteer from the group to look after the Website Page. KT volunteered and she agreed to give an update at the next meeting.

ACTION: KT

11.2 JN gave an update.

Last year was a very busy year and it was noted that SCoR has agreed that Radiography publishes 5 journal per year instead of the usual 4, a quarterly journal plus one floating edition, which can come out anytime during the year. The special issue will focus on Education.

11.2.1 The special issue for next year will be on Diversity.

11.2.2 It was note that publications are up to date and the 5th issues is working quite well and it is an opportunity to do more. The Editorial Board is happy with the direction of travel and the journal has finally achieved indexing on MEDLINE database.

JN was thanked for her very thorough update.

12. FEEDBACK FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

- 12.1 As both RH and FM was unable to attend the meeting today no feedback was available for CAHPR, NICE or the Radiological Research Trust. Group will be updated at the next meeting.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 13.1 AMC updated the group on the recent NIHR funding workshop. The Clinical Imaging Group was put together by the NIHR to work out how they can support research. Beverley Snaith is the radiography representative on the wider national group; Alison Noble spoke on member trends, workshop development and big data. Research capability was spoke of by Erika Denton. AMC will circulate a discussion document.

- 13.2 It was noted that some members of the Research Group also sit on the Approval and Accreditation Board and unfortunately there was a clash of meetings today and some members had to make a choice of which meeting to attend. As this is a yearly event it was agreed that to stop this happening again an alternative date would be found for the February 2018 Research group meeting. VA will source a new date and distribute to the group.

ACTION: VA

14. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- 14.1 The dates of future meeting have been agreed as:

- Wednesday 6th September 2017
- Wednesday 21st February 2018
- Wednesday 5th September 2018

Post meeting note: February 2018 date has been changed to Wednesday 21st February 2018.