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**Ophthalmology Trainee Research Networks (OTRNs)**

**3rd Think-Tank Meeting**

**3 October 2018**

 **Royal College of Ophthalmologists 09:45-5pm**

***And***

**Royal Society of Medicine evening reception 6:30-10pm**

Chaired by Professor Rupert Bourne, National Specialty Lead for Ophthalmology (NIHR CRN) & Mrs Deepali Varma (Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon & Regional lead for North East and Cumbria.

**2018 Themes:**

**Progress with existing successful Trainee networks** around the UK with examples

**Setting up new trainee networks** inside the UK but also with invited **European delegations** from Italy, Germany, France and Finland

**Getting started program** for trainees and their consultants who are new to NIHR portfolio studies and who wish to develop their research question

**Dragon’s Den-** come and present your research ideas to experts and get constructive feedback on research design, methodology, statistics, patient and public involvement.

**There is a symposium during the day at the Royal College of Ophthalmologists. Delegates are invited to attend a networking social event in the evening with guest speakers, to which other dignitaries in the field will be invited.**

**Daytime Symposium: Royal College of Ophthalmologists 10-5pm**

**[no charge but requires reservation]**

9:00-9:30 Registration and coffee

Part 1: 9:45-11:30 ***Support for OTRNs in the UK***

1. College welcome by President of RCOPhth and review of OTRN coverage in UK
2. Central support of OTRNs (eg. RCOphth, NIHR, funding, website, industry educational grants)
3. Regional support of OTRNs (eg. HEI, RDS, Head of School, BRC)
4. Novel methods to boost support and make OTRNs sustainable (aka RCSurgeons approach: Guest Speaker)

11:30-11:45 Coffee & networking

Part 2: 11:45-12:45 ***OTRNs in action*** [4 examples following standardised slide set]

 Examples of existing OTRNs and those funded with FfS/RCOphth grant: lessons learned and guidance for regions that are planning/have nascent OTRNs

Part 3: 12:45-13:30 ***International experience-*** 2 guest speakers and Italian/French/Finnish/German trainees

13:30-14:00: Lunch (6x 10 minutes sessions available to be reserved with Research Design Service)

Part 4: 14:00-15:30: ***The signposts to getting research started***

Framing the research question

How to Review the literature

Study design

What funders are looking for

What makes a good research proposal/ grant application

[Guest speakers: Research Design Service NIHR, NIHR Ophthalmology statisticians, Grant Assessment Panel members, PPI]

15:30-15:45: Coffee

Part 5: 15:45-16:50: **Dragon’s Den**

Pitching new research studies to an expert panel

16:50-17:00: **Prize-giving for best pitch(es)**

**Evening Reception & buffet dinner: Celebrating Ophthalmology Trainee Research Networks and Getting Involved: Royal Society of Medicine 6:30-10pm.**

**[no charge but requires reservation: all of daytime symposium attendees invited in addition to those who cannot make the daytime event]**

Guest Speakers:

Successes of Trainee Research Networks outside Ophthalmology

The UK’s biggest charitable research funder: Fight for Sight

Commercial support for trainee-led research

Trainee-led research making the difference in patient outcomes

**Overseas delegations**

Delegations of Ophthalmology trainees will be attending from:

Florence, Italy

Helsinki, Finland

Berlin, Germany

Paris, France

**TO RESERVE YOURSELF A PLACE FOR EITHER OR BOTH EVENTS**

**Please contact Heather Pearman on** **heatherjpearman@gmail.com**

She will send you a form regarding dietary requirements and information on presentation format for your study if you would like to take up the Dragon’s Den opportunity and/or discuss your project informally with Research Design Service Support during the lunch break.

**The organisers thank Santen for sponsoring this event through an educational grant and the Royal College of Ophthalmologists for providing their premises for the day symposium.**

**CPD points – an application to the College has been made to award CPD points for the day symposium.**