

WELCOME TO THE UKTMN MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER

New Working Group and sub-group members

We had a huge response to our invitation for members to join the Working Group. Thank you again to all who applied. We are pleased to welcome six new members who will sit on the committee alongside the existing Working Group members. The new members are:

Gwen Brierly (Cambridge), Kirsteen Goodman (Glasgow), Sarah Lawton (Keele), Eleanor Mitchell (Nottingham), Shelley Rhodes (Exeter) and Jodi Taylor (Bristol). Between them they amass a huge amount of trial management experience to add to the extensive and varied knowledge and experience of the existing Working Group members and we are looking forward to the additional boost of their input and expertise to guide us through the next exciting phase of development of UKTMN.

Four of the new members have also agreed to assist with the Training and Professional Accreditation Scheme/Competency Sub-Groups. As soon as these Sub-Groups have met we will be updating you on progress and future plans in these areas.

The new members will be telling you about themselves in this and in forthcoming editions of "The Insider".

Save the date!

2017 Annual meeting

The date of the Annual Meeting in London is Tuesday, 10th October 2017. Registration for a place at this year's Annual Meeting will be opening soon and we'll be sending you full details.

We need to hear what you want!

We are putting together an exciting and stimulating programme for the day with a variety of talks and workshops. However, if there are topics that you would like to hear about or if you can suggest inspirational speakers, please let us know by emailing us at tmn@ndph.ox.ac.uk

International Clinical Trials Day

International Clinical Trials day is celebrated around the world on or near 20th May each year in order to commemorate the day that James Lind started, what is often considered, the first randomised clinical trial aboard a ship on 20th May, 1747.

If you hear about events in your area which may be of interest to trial managers, please let us know and we'll disseminate the information to UKTMN members:

Here are details of events in London and in Oxford

London, UCL

To celebrate International Clinical Trials Day, the Institute of Clinical Trials and Methodology will be holding day-long free event entitled Key Advances on Clinical Trials on Friday 19th May 2017. Please see the full programme which is available at <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/ictm/ictd-2017>

For those interested in education programmes such as the MSc and the PhD in Clinical Trials, information will be provided by the programme's directors and course staff, who will be available for questions and informal conversations during the networking lunch.

This event is open to all. However, registration is compulsory – please browse to www.ictd2017.eventbrite.co.uk to book your tickets now.

Oxford

The NIHR Biomedical Research Centre will be hosting a public talk on 18th May, 6.15-7.30pm entitled "Clinical Trials and Public Involvement in Medical Research".

For full details and to book a place click on the link below:

<https://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/brc-event/free-public-talk-clinical-trials-and-public-involvement-in-medical-research/>

Top tip

International Clinical Trials day could be a really good opportunity to promote your studies using Twitter (if your approvals allow!). Your research sites could retweet and it can result in quite a good online awareness of the day and the study. You can link your tweets to the UKTMN and help to raise the online profile of the network.



How I arrived at where I am now

In this edition we are delighted to introduce you to one of the new Working Group members, Eleanor Mitchell:

I've worked in clinical research for around 15 years, having first started as a Project Coordinator in an academic university department. This involved me coordinating and managing a large scale observational study, recruiting over 3000 participants with osteoarthritis. Within the same university department, I was then promoted to the position of Research Manager which got me involved in designing and setting up new research studies and clinical trials, preparing costings, obtaining funding and working with commercial and non-commercial collaborators. I also had responsibility for overseeing the staff who worked on the projects day-to-day. In 2008 I moved to the Nottingham Clinical Trials Unit where my first role was of Trial Manager on the STOP GAP Trial – a multi-centre trial in around 50 sites recruiting participants with a rare skin condition. I then took the position of Senior Trial Manager in 2012 and this is the role I have been doing since. Working as a Senior Trial Manager is an extremely diverse role: no two days are ever the same! In Nottingham, there are a team of 3 Senior Trial Managers and we have responsibility for overseeing the trial management team (with responsibility for day-to-day delivery of the trials) and our trial portfolios. Increasingly, I have become more involved in perinatal trials which I find really interesting and rewarding. I very much enjoy the diversity of the role and the opportunity to work on a variety of projects with lots of interesting, enthusiastic people. I joined the Trial Managers' Network back in 2009 and have been involved in a number of ways since – it's great now to be part of the Working Group to help take this network forwards and I look forward to working with you!



New Working Group member, Eleanor Mitchell from University of Nottingham

Come and see us at ICTMC!

Are you attending ICTMC in Liverpool 7th -10th May <http://www.ictmc2017.com/>?

If so, we'd love to meet you, to receive your views on UKTMN, to hear what you'd like on the programme for the October Annual Meeting, to tell us about the courses you would like us to offer and other initiatives you would like the Working Group to consider. We can also talk you through how you can set up your own UKTMN local hub.

Please come along and introduce yourselves. This is a great opportunity for us to put names to faces!



Edinburgh Survey

UKTMN member, Fiona Strachan wrote that in Edinburgh her team are developing an iPad app to collect trial data and are keen to get views from clinical research professionals on electronic data capture processes.

Fiona reported an enthusiastic response from UKTMN members to their survey. Thank you to all of you who responded.

If you missed this, the link to the survey (which is still open and should only take five minutes to complete) is <https://goo.gl/forms/tLQhyDr3yfdaKerg2>

UKTMN Spring 2017 Survey Results

We received 169 responses. Thank you for completing this. Your feedback is very helpful and we're using this data when planning future events.

The UKTMN Working Group Training Sub-Group will be assessing your requirements. Following this assessment we will be sending out details of the next batch of UKTMN courses. Those who completed the survey told us that the three topics we've been offering are of interest to you and that your preferred locations for courses are London, Oxford, Manchester and Scotland (Edinburgh and Glasgow).

It's clear that you are looking forward to the introduction of the Professional Accreditation Scheme and we hope to be reporting an update on progress at the Annual Meeting.

We were surprised to find that some of you had not read The Guide to Efficient Trial Management – if that's you, then you're missing out! You can rectify this by taking a look at <http://www.tmn.ac.uk/?page=Guide>

Things you would like to see in the newsletter included Trial managers' career stories – how they got to where they are, hints and tips on trial management from trial managers, examples of good practice and lessons learnt, articles about trials units, focus stories on a type of trial design or a trial management method, clinical trial case studies: challenges and solutions. If you could contribute by writing on any of these topics for forthcoming newsletters, we'd love to hear from you.

For events, remember to visit <http://www.tmn.ac.uk/>

Please let us know if you would like to write a piece for the next edition of
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