

UK Age Research Forum Newsletter

Second edition

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UKARF Progress

The three subgroups will each meet in April and the Chairs will give an update at the next Forum meeting. The Programme Manager is providing assistance to the groups. In summary the current projects are:

Showcase day

Next meeting date tbc.

A UKARF showcase day is in the process of being planned for the Autumn of 2008. This will be an opportunity for Forum members to showcase their work.

Portfolio analysis

First meeting 8th April.

The aims of this group are to produce a broad picture of the current status of UK ageing research, to identify strengths and gaps in the strategic research agenda including a forward look on developments to ensure that the research agenda is targeted and progressive.

This may include a summary of the international status of ageing research, a detailed analysis of UK research and/or expert questionnaires.

Dementia

First meeting 21st April.

Dementia was identified as the priority topic with the clearest need for action. The group's overall aim is to work towards improving the care of sufferers

Current membership is available on the website. Please inform the Programme Manager if you would like to join one of these groups.

Welcome!

This second edition of the UKARF Newsletter provides information on the progress made by the Forum in recent months and looks forward to upcoming events and projects.

Serena Carville has been appointed as Programme Manager during Delyth Morgan's maternity leave. Serena has a PhD in human physiology, looking at motor control and muscular changes in ageing with respect to unexplained falls, and a recent background in rheumatology and chronic pain research at King's College London.

We encourage all members to submit points of interest to the Programme Manager to be featured in the quarterly newsletter, and/or the website.

Website update

The UKARF website is now up and running. This site allows the public and members of the forum to find out about the UKARF and its members. Upcoming events will also be regularly updated on this site, as well as there now being a password protected link for members only to access previous minutes from the forum meetings: www.ukarf.org.uk

Minutes of previous meetings:

The minutes from previous meetings of the Forum can be found on the website, click [here](#).

Dates of next meetings

1st May 2008

16th October 2008

Workshop and conference dates:

- ◆ **Funding Opportunities - A Joint AHRC/NDA Workshop.**
31st March
The AHRC and NDA Programme are holding a workshop to prepare arts and humanities researchers with interests in ageing research for the forthcoming final round of bids for NDA Programme Grants (April 2008). Places are free of charge but numbers are strictly limited and early registration is advised. For further details please visit: <http://newdynamics.group.shef.ac.uk/events/13>
- ◆ **BSRA Annual Scientific Meeting.** 17th-18th July 2008
Brighton. Details of how to register will appear soon on the BSRA website: www.bsra.org.uk
- ◆ **UK Stroke Forum Conference.** 2-4th December 2008
Harrogate International Centre. For more information please visit: www.ukstrokeforum.org

If you have an event to be publicised in future newsletters, please [email](#) the Programme Manager

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