

UK Age Research Forum Newsletter

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New ways of working

The Forum will promote the coordination and forward planning of research funding amongst its members through the following future activities:

- ◆ analysis to identify strengths as well as gaps in the strategic research agenda including a forward look on societal, medical, cultural and technological developments to ensure that the research agenda is forward looking
- ◆ establish expert Forum subgroups to address key issues
- ◆ facilitate collaborative meetings of the key funders of ageing research and regular communications with member organisations
- ◆ be pro-active in working with partner organisations, stakeholders, end users and older people to promote the benefits of ageing research to the public and the scientific community in the UK
- ◆ have active external communications, including a website and a newsletter, and organise events to promote the importance of coordinating ageing research

Welcome!

Welcome to the first edition of the UK Age Research Forum Newsletter. We hope this will become a regular publication and invite you to submit articles and items of interest.

Launch of the New Website

We are pleased to announce that the first version of your UKARF website has gone live. To view the site, please use the following link: www.ukarf.org.uk

International Older People's Day

1st October 2007 will see the first ever national day for older people. The day is a chance to celebrate the achievements of older people and the huge contribution they make to society, while at the same time tackling outdated stereotypes and affirming a positive view of later life. It is an initiative that is supported by the Department for Work and Pensions in conjunction with a range of other government departments and agencies.

Key publications:

The paper: *Ten commandments for the future of ageing research in the UK: a vision for action* by Oscar H Franco, Thomas BL Kirkwood, Jonathan R Powell, Michael Catt, James Goodwin, Jose M Ordovas and Frans van der Ouderaa

BMC Geriatrics, 7:10 (03 May 2007)

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2318/7/10> has been accessed 1426 times since publication

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

The minutes from previous meetings of the Forum will be available via a password protected page on the website soon.

Dates of next meetings:

1st November 2007

1st May 2008

16th October 2008

News:

- ◆ *Workshop and conference dates:*
 - SPARC workshop, Understanding the ageing brain: linking cognitive and neural change across the lifespan, 26 September 2007, Cambridge
 - British Geriatrics Society, 21 - 23 November 2007, Harrogate
 - 2007 UK Stroke Forum conference, 4 - 6 December 2007 Harrogate
- ◆ We plan to organise a UKARF workshop in the spring of 2008. Your ideas for topics are very welcome. Please send them to email
- ◆ Comments on this newsletter as well as contributions for future editions should also be sent to email