

## MACP AGM 2023

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Report:	<b>Research</b>
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### Overview of Year

There have been two main focuses this year; the first to collaborate with BASEM on their 2023 conference and the second to redevelop the nurturing research conference which had originally been planned to run in March of this year.

The BASEM conference successfully ran on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of October at Manchester Country Cricket Club. The MACP had collaborated on two streams: the first a musculoskeletal and radiology theme which Gethin Lynch organised together with a BASEM representative Amanda Isaac. I organised the science and research theme with the BASEM representative James Bilzon. We had a few MACP members presenting including Professors Annina Schmid and Dylan Morrissey.

The nurturing research conference had been planned to run virtually in March, but there had not been a large uptake on abstract submissions, partly due to a slight delay in our marketing and also, we believe partly due to the fact that post-covid people are keen to meet face to face. We therefore postponed the conference and are running the conference together with APPN on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024 at Manchester Metropolitan University. We have expanded the conference team to include Lianne Wood from the APPN and Sharon Chan and will soon be increasing our marketing drive to ensure this is a successful conference. We have 3 experienced researchers talking about their research journey and will have sessions on clinical academic pathways as well as QI and audit. The main aim is to develop the skills and confidence of novice researchers. Abstracts are now open and any MACP member is welcome to apply (please see website for more information).

This year, we have had some competitive applications for our research awards with every tier applied and awarded.

Elsevier Award – Lisa Roberts

Greg Grieve Research Presentation award – Carol McCrum

Level 1 Research award March submission– Deepa Abichandani & Evangelos Almpandis

Level 2 Research award – Lisa Roberts

Level 3 Research award – Akushla Rathnayake

Student Research Awards:

Hertfordshire – Dave Turner

QMUL - Erica Justine Gethen Smith

We have had 3 applications for the September level 1 award which are currently being peer reviewed.

The new research awards that were developed last year are still on hold until the new contract with Elsevier is finalised. We had one successful meeting with Elsevier in May and have another meeting tentatively planned for November.

A big thank you to the research committee members: Andrea Ravindra, Martin Rabey, Jaj Mankelow, Stuart Wareham and Matthew Willett.

### **Progress against sub-speciality strategic aims**

1. Offer appropriate bursaries to all tiers of MACP membership to support research

This year we have seen an increase in uptake of applications for our awards, with increasingly high standards. We hope with the launch of the new awards and an increase in comms that this will continue to improve.

We are also adding IFOMPT travel bursaries for Basel 2024 for members of the MACP. Please see website for details.

2. Horizon scan important research priorities for the MACP, and where appropriate commission studies.

We feel this is an important piece of work to focus on for the upcoming year. We plan to consult with the membership on research priorities as well as referring to national priorities set by leading bodies such as Versus Arthritis, NIHR etc.

3. Disseminate research through MACP communications channels / wider networks and through close collaboration with the knowledge exchange officer.

We disseminate all of our awardees' research on the website. Members can recruit via our website and through social media.

Our collaboration with BASEM, the nurturing research conference and IFOMPT 2024 offer an excellent opportunity for members to hear the latest MSK research. Members can apply for the IFOMPT travel bursary (see website for details).

Please also see our knowledge exchange officers report.

4. Support and help to develop MACP members in research activities including mentorship for abstract submissions to conferences

The nurturing research conference will provide feedback at both the abstract application stage as well as feedback on presentations on the day.