



Knowledge Translation Officer - End of Year report 2019

The position of Knowledge Translation Officer was created in 2018 and Kevin Hall has been in post since 1st February 2018. The vision is that this role will enable the MACP as an organisation to promote knowledge translation within musculoskeletal physiotherapy. In the coming years the Knowledge Translation Officer (KTO) will establish strong links with our communications and research/education teams to develop innovative ways of translating knowledge and promoting diverse research careers within musculoskeletal physiotherapy.

Roles and Responsibilities of the KTO:

- Support and promote opportunities to disseminate research funded through MACP
- Maintain updated MACP publication list on website
- Collate research/publication output from Research Awards recipients
- Collate and report findings from MACP-supported surveys in different formats
- Liaise with sub committees (communications and education) to optimise knowledge transfer to practice
- Explore opportunities to engage with members to explore barriers and enablers to implementation of evidence in practice
- Consider any budgetary requirements to promote knowledge translation
- Liaise with Web champion to explore options to promote knowledge translation in new website
- Identify key research studies in musculoskeletal medicine and examine methods of effectively transferring this information to members

Activity of the KTO in his second year in post includes the following;

1. Developing the role

This year has seen development of the role of KTO to include links with the CSP and NIHR in supporting their translation activity with the 'Moving Forward' incentive. We have put a huge amount of work into the new website and now will use this fantastic resource to launch a host of knowledge translation activity over the next few years. Exciting times.

2. Developing the new website as a Knowledge Translation Tool

The new website has been released this year. There has been a huge amount of effort put into preparing and launching this fantastic new resource. Aldo has led the team on this and with his help we have put together lots of resources published by members. We will continue to build this database to promote knowledge translation over the coming years.

3. Developing links with MACP research active members

The KTO is developing a database of published MACP members and is developing links with these members to promote their research through social media and through the new website. We have been developing improved links with emerging and established researchers and through social media and linking into the new website plan to disseminate their work. We are starting our 'Author of the Month' knowledge translation activity in October 2019.

4. Student Dissertation Awards

We are publishing award winning abstracts through the MACP website and promoting these through social media. The plan is to help members build a research profile and engage with translation activity early in their career. This is also a great opportunity to celebrate the high quality output of our Universities and new members.

5. Translation of Awards and Bursaries

We will continue help previous award winners translate the outputs of their work through the new website. Previous winners will be encouraged to develop case studies to disseminate the impact of the MACP research awards on their work. We hope this will motivate others to apply for awards to support their learning and help them develop research activity within their roles.

6. Establishment of an Abstract Mentoring Panel

We have collated a team of reviewers who will offer abstract submission mentoring to all members wishing to submit an abstract for conference submission throughout the year. This is being offered on a rolling basis. We think this will be a good opportunity for the MACP to promote knowledge translation and to help our members disseminate their work at musculoskeletal conferences throughout the year.

7. Moving Forward Incentive

The KTO has been involved in the NIHR and CSP 'Moving Forward' incentive to help the translation of key NIHR research. We have put together a sub-committee with the intention of evaluating current practice using questionnaire developed through Kay Stevenson's Communities of Practice. We plan to snow-ball this evaluation over the next 6-9 months after the sub-committee has tested the process of evaluation. The hope is to capture current practice in a geographically diverse manner. Implementation will follow evaluation.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the executive committee for their support over the last year and I look forward to further developing this role over the next year.

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