

MACP AGM 2021

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Report:	Research
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Overview of Year

I commenced my role on the committee at the end of 2020. My main focus for this year has been on reviewing the research awards and ensuring that they are contemporary, good value for money and meet the members needs for all tiers of membership. The research committee which has included representatives from all 3 tiers of membership have supported me in this task. We had planned to launch these new awards this year, however we are due to renew our contract with Elsevier next year, and at this time we will review the Elsevier research award. In the meantime, I have adapted the current awards to ensure that associate and affiliate members have access to some of these awards.

We are developing webinars and resources for members on aspects of research, both from a methodological perspective as well as in engaging experienced researchers to share their journeys with MACP members.

Another new initiative this year has been to collaborate with course leaders to develop a student conference to celebrate new members' research, to enable them to present their work in front of a supportive audience and provide them with feedback. We are currently in the process of organising dates and these will be announced as soon as possible.

Once again, we have awarded research funding to members. Whilst the smaller pots of money have not been applied for this year, (almost certainly reflecting the difficulties of research in a Covid world), the Elsevier Research award was awarded to Dr Rachel Chester for "the development of a digital intervention to guide the selection of behaviour change techniques and support physiotherapists and patients work together to improve engagement with self-management and adherence to a home exercise programme".

Progress against organisation's strategic aims

- *Lead, engage and influence MSK AP accreditation / standard development*

The MACP and APPN have collaborated this year to run a stream at Physio UK. Our theme was entitled evolving practice and within this stream we have attracted speakers in both the symposia and the abstract (rapid 5 and platform presentations) on aspects around Advanced Practice

- *Engage with HEE for credentialing and reciprocal recognition of routes to membership N/A*
- *Further develop the existing MACP portfolio route to include an accelerated pathway to membership N/A*
- *Scope information technology capabilities to support PDC activities and CEA portfolio routes to membership N/A*

Progress against sub-speciality strategic aims

1. *Consider clinical academic career funding-* the new awards will offer support to all tiers of membership which should support both clinical academics as well as non-clinical academics
2. *Commission research for MACP priorities-* this has not been a priority for this year due to considerable financial commitment to the portfolio routes and AP/FCP standards. Commissioning of important, contemporary research that meet the MACP's priorities will be considered over the next year.
3. *Improve research dissemination through MACP communications channels / wider networks.* The research officer continues to work with the knowledge transformation committee. This year we have continued to support members by facilitating recruitment of participants through both social media and adverts via the website [Members' study recruitment](#). We have requested members who are presenting at conferences to share their abstracts which we will place on the website, and have asked for members to give short videos about their research to place on the website.
A student research conference is planned for 2022 (see above in overview of the year).
4. *Continue to support mentoring for all research activities*
Support was offered for members submitting abstracts for Physio UK this year as in previous years. In addition, awardees of the level 3 research award are asked to mentor future applicants as part of their award. With the new research awards, we plan to offer mentorship to applicants for the more substantial awards.
The student conference will offer an opportunity for members to present their work and receive feedback from peers as well as other MACP members.

Key Development Plans for 21/22

- To launch the new research awards
- To host the first MACP students' research conference
- To consider most important research areas for the potential to commission a study on behalf of the MACP.