

MACP AGM 2022

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Overview of Year

The main focus this year has been to develop a conference aimed to develop abstract writing and research presentation skills to those new to research. The conference will enable those submitting abstracts to receive feedback on their abstract submission as well as to receive direct feedback on their poster or presentation. Additionally, we have 3 experienced researchers who will be presenting their research journey. Abstracts are now open and any MACP member is welcome to submit. The conference will take place on-line on the 3rd March and is open to any clinician with an interest in Musculoskeletal health.

This year, we have had some competitive applications for our research awards. The level 3 grant was awarded to Dr Martin Rabey to enable open access for his study on exploring the beliefs and understanding of musculoskeletal pain of members of the public. One level 2 award was given Helen Oakes to support the analysis and writing up of her work on back pain in swimmers. Kerry Glendon won the Elsevier Award. At the time of writing of this report, we have had 2 applications for the level 2 awards.

The new research awards that were developed last year are still on hold until the new contract with Elsevier is finalised.

The research team is sad to say good bye to Janet Deane, and would like to thank her for all of her hard work on the research sub-committee. We welcome Andrea Ravindra and Martin Rabey to the team. A big thank you to the remaining research sub-committee Jaj Mankelow, Stuart Wareham and Matthew Willett.

Progress against organisation's strategic aims

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

We are continuing to support the research pillar by offering funding to members.

The Nurturing research in practice conference will take place in March 23 and its primary aim is to offer support for those new to presenting at conferences. By doing so, we hope to provide reassurance and guidance to enable clinicians to feel more confident in presenting their research findings. This is an important aspect of the Research Pillar to enable dissemination of research.

- *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 the focus on the AP standards, 14 fish portal and changes too associate membership. Commissioning of important, contemporary research that meet the MACP's priorities will be considered over the next one to two years.
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](#). The nurturing research in practice conference will not only enable new researchers to receive feedback but will also enable the dissemination of their research.
4. *Continue to support mentoring for all research activities*
The nurturing research conference will offer an opportunity for members to present their work and receive feedback.

Key Development Plans for 22/23

- To launch the new research awards
- To host the first nurturing research in practice conference
- Post-pandemic, Brexit and the latest economic crises we feel a review of the health and social care landscape is critical to focus on the most important research areas for the MACP. We will then be in a better position to consider commissioning a study as a priority for the MACP.