

Versus Arthritis Pain Research in the UK Conference 2021
Wednesday 14th July 2021
Jubilee Conference Centre Nottingham

After rising to the challenges and enjoying the highly successful Virtual Versus Arthritis: Pain Research in the UK Conference last year, we are delighted to invite you to the **3rd Versus Arthritis: Pain Research in the UK Conference 2021**. This will take place on **14th July 2021** as a face-to-face meeting in Nottingham. Face:face participant numbers will be limited in order to ensure success as a networking opportunity, and because of the current uncertainty about any travel restrictions that may be still in place in the summer due to Covid-19. Therefore, there will be some limited access to the conference for virtual participation for those unable to attend in person.

The conference will bring together UK researchers in musculoskeletal and chronic pain. It will enable research leaders and early career researchers to meet, discuss, establish, and consolidate collaborative networks, and to shape future research direction. Past meetings have addressed themes around Models of Pain, Measurement of Pain, Psychological Mechanisms, Pain Biomarkers, Brain Networks, Functional Connectivity and Novel Targets for Treatment and much more.

The day will combine elevator and poster presentations, a plenary lecture and parallel workshops, as well as networking activities. Please let us know if you are willing to showcase your research in a three-minute elevator pitch, which may be linked to one or more posters from your team for a more detailed discussion. Workshops will be based around the key themes of the day. Please let us know the topic of any workshop that you would like to see included. Our Organising Committee comprises a small group of key pain researchers from around the UK. We would appreciate your suggestions for elevator pitches, posters and workshops to be received before 22nd March 2021 so that they can be collated in time for the Committee's next meeting.

Timings

Registration

Registration is now open and numbers are limited so please contact the conference team if you wish to register your interest in attending the 2021 conference on the following email ms-paincentre@exmail.nottingham.ac.uk.

Presentation

If you would like to present at the 2021 meeting please contact the conference team ms-paincentre@exmail.nottingham.ac.uk with the following information by **Friday 26th March** presentations will be selected by the conference organising committee and announce early April 2021;

- **Elevator pitch – Author details and proposed title.** If your presentation is selected you will be asked to provide a short abstract no longer 360 words for the programme. Elevator pitches provide a fast-paced introduction to the excellent research being undertaken across the UK. Each presenter will provide a 3 minute introduction to pain research from their research group or institution. work via a pre-recorded PowerPoint pitch followed by a live 2 minute question and answer session. This is a quick-fire session

providing a fast paced opportunity for researchers to present their work and spark discussion. Please advise if you would like posters from your team and colleagues to be linked to your oral elevator pitch.

- **Poster Presentation – Author details and proposed title.** Authors of selected presentations will be asked to provide a short abstract no longer 360 words for the programme. Posters will be presented in two sessions and will be available to view over lunch. Each presenter will have a dedicated slot to discuss their work. A PowerPoint slide will also be requested of the poster for delegates to view online via the Conference MSTeams platform.
- **Workshops.** These will be focused on key themes of interest to participants. Please suggest topics for workshops that you would particularly like to be covered at the meeting. The Organising Committee will also develop workshops based on the topics covered by submitted elevator pitches and posters.

We do not wish for costs to be a limiting factor in your attendance therefore travel bursaries may be available if required. To register your interest and receive further information, please contact us at the following email ms-paincentre@exmail.nottingham.ac.uk Should you have any questions please contact the conference organiser Dr Julie Jones-Diette at Julie.jones-diette1@nottingham.ac.uk

Warmest regards



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