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2nd Research Staff Conference

6th May 2010, Foresight Centre, University of Liverpool

Conference Programme

Conference Chair : Jayne Garner - Research Fellow, Michael Moneyppenny – Clinical Research Fellow

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9.00 – 9.20	Registration and Refreshments
9.20 – 9.30	Welcome note and Introduction by conference team – Dr Christos Petichakis (Research Staff development) Jayne Garner (Conference chair) & Dr Michael Moneyppenny (Conference chair)
9.30 – 10.00	Keynote – The University’s Research Strategy, Deputy Vice Chancellor , Professor Jon Saunders Brief Description: Professor Saunders will discuss the University’s research strategy and the current funding environment. The University is going through major changes aiming to promote and sustain research excellence. The role of research staff in this is essential
10.00 – 10.30	1st Plenary – Role of Research Staff in a Research Intensive Institution, Professor Lu-Yun Lian Brief Description: This session will demonstrate the role of research staff in a research intensive institution. Assuming responsibility early on in a research career is essential for a productive development
10.30 – 11.00	2nd Plenary – Institutional support for managing research funding , Head of Research Support Services, Veronica Shaw Brief Description: The speaker will introduce researchers to the services and role of the Research Support Office. At the planning and writing phase of a funding application, it is important to be aware of the central services that are in place to support the Researcher, this includes costing support, full economic costing, resource allocation and project management
11.00 – 11.20	Coffee Break
11.20 – 12.20	1st parallel – Positive Working Environment - Discussion themes: Participants have the opportunity to express their views on key issues that can have an impact on a research career. Up to four points from each session will be captured and reported back at the Q&A session later in the day (choice of 4 parallel sessions): A1 - Professional Development, Carol Bolton , Human Resources Manager: This session will highlight key mechanisms that are in place to support the professional development of research staff A2 – Funding Arrangements, Veronica Shaw , Head of Research Support Services: This session will present what to consider in the planning stages of a research funding application. Funding opportunities for research staff will also be discussed A3 – Career Prospects Outside Academia, Dr Paul Redmond , Head of Careers and Employability Service: This session may be of interest to researchers who are considering transferring their skills to a different sector. The session will offer information about employment in a range of sectors and current challenges that may exist A4 – Flexible Research Arrangements, Frances Hardisty , Human Resources Manager: In this session participants will discuss flexible research arrangements; including arrangements that can be made to allow flexibility in employment contracts, work-life balance, institutional policies relating to maternity/paternity, childcare and corporate citizenship
12.20 – 13.20	Lunch - including an exhibition fair

13.20 – 13.40	3rd Plenary – Research Excellence, Impact and the REF , Professor Charles Forsdick , School of Cultures, Languages and Area Studies
13.40 – 14.00	4th Plenary – Research Governance and Ethics, a brief Introduction to Research Ethics, essential information for all Researchers, Sarah Fletcher , Legal, Risk & Compliance
5 minutes	Moving Rooms
14.05 – 15.00	<p>2nd parallel – Collaboration and Dissemination (choice of 4 parallel sessions)</p> <p>B1 – Effective Dissemination of Research Findings and the role of the Media, Samantha Martin, Corporate Communications: Dissemination of research findings is important. This session will discuss dissemination practices and how researchers can benefit and enhance their profile within the research community</p> <p>B2 – Value of Collaboration in Research (Arts and Humanities), Professor Jan Parker, Open University: Increasingly collaboration is becoming an essential aspect of a successful research career. Good practice and effective use of a professional network can be rewarding and productive. This session will demonstrate the value of effective collaboration in research in Arts and Humanities</p> <p>B3 – Value of Collaboration in Research (Sciences and Engineering), Professor Steve Rannard, Chemistry: Increasingly collaboration is becoming an essential aspect of a successful research career. Good practice and effective use of a professional network can be rewarding and productive. This session will demonstrate the value of effective collaboration in research in Engineering and Sciences</p> <p>B4 – Research Ethics and Governance, Dr Helen O’Sullivan , Medical Education and Sarah Fletcher, Legal, Risk & Compliance: Research can involve an element of risk, therefore meticulous governance of research is essential to protect reputation, preserve institutional responsibilities to the general public and ensure the well-being of staff and professional partners. This session will discuss in detail good research practice and the ethics review process in research</p>
15.00 – 15.20	Coffee Break
15.20 – 16.10	<p>3rd parallel – Impact in Research (choice of 3 parallel sessions) : This parallel session is about Impact and professional development in a competitive research environment. The purpose of the session is to inspire early career researchers and demonstrate the characteristics and challenges of a flourishing research career and the route towards becoming an independent researcher</p> <p>C1 – Professor Rudi Herzberg, for Researchers in Engineering, Physics, Chemistry and related Sciences</p> <p>C2 – Professor Sandra Walklate, for Researchers in Arts and Humanities</p> <p>C3 – Professor Francis Barr, for Researchers in Biomedical, Biological and related Sciences</p>
5 minutes	Moving Rooms
16.15 – 16.55	Q&A panel discussion with Deputy Vice Chancellor, Professor Saunders - panel includes: Professor Lian, Dr O’Sullivan, Professor Walklate – An interactive session to share views and opinions. Another opportunity to ask your questions to senior staff of the University
16.55 – 17.00	Conference Summary and Close
17.00 – 17.30	Wine Reception

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