

Courses and events

Edinburgh Stroke Winter School 24-28 February 2014

The course is aimed at doctors who would like to start or further develop their careers in stroke research. During the course, you will develop answerable questions in stroke research, and present your work to senior academics and funders. Course attendees will be eligible to apply for a Princess Margaret Research Development Fellowship.

Places are limited. To apply, send 100 words on why you think the course would develop your career, and your CV to judi.clarke@ed.ac.uk by 9th December 2014.

Further information is available on the course website:

www.ccbs.ed.ac.uk/training/pmr_winterschool.asp and on twitter: @edinburghstroke

Edinburgh Clinical Research Methodology Course 27-28 February 2014

Preparations for the 2014 course are underway. The course will consist of interactive lectures and opportunities for delegates to network with distinguished researchers, all of whom are recognised experts in their field. The course is aimed at practitioners at all levels from all disciplines (including medical, allied health professionals, nursing and midwifery staff, and scientists) who have an interest in or are actively engaged in clinical research.

Over 140 delegates enjoyed talks from a broad range of speakers, including Sir Iain Chalmers, Professor Doug Altman and Dr Trish Groves in 2013.

See www.ecat.ed.ac.uk/research-methods for the previous course programme

Further details will be available online in due course. <http://www.ecat.ed.ac.uk/research-methods/>

News

US government science funding shutdown lifted (16 October 2013)

The controversial US shutdown of research funding ended today. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Science Foundation (NSF) will resume processing grant applications that have been piling up during the 16-day layoff, and accepting new applications. Read reports on how this created a dramatic week of events and comment.

Shutdown lifted Science magazine free text:

: <http://news.sciencemag.org/funding/2013/10/u.s.-shutdown-ends-back-work>

Comments from the BBC during the shutdown period- free text-

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-24469778>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-24525913>

Discrepancies in reporting clinical trials

Comment piece discussing a review of how trials are reported. A group from Yale University School of Medicine explored how well the results posted on ClinicalTrials.gov match up with what's published. Free full text: Science magazine: <http://news.sciencemag.org/scientific-community/2013/09/conflicts-and-clinical-trials-researchers-report-new-results>

2nd Clinical Trials Methodology Conference- CPD accredited

18-19 November 2013, Edinburgh

Registration open now from £300 including conference dinner and exhibition. Sponsorship and exhibition opportunities available.

www.methodologyconference2013.org.uk

CTMC2013 has been approved by the Royal College of Physicians as an external approved activity, awarding **9 CPD credits**.



Conference registration is now open, and the full programme is available online. Registration includes all sessions in the two-day Conference, lunch on both days and conference dinner and ceilidh.

Full programme online now.

New Big Data funding

David Willetts MP, Minister for Universities and Science, speaking at the prestigious Mountbatten Memorial Lecture last night, announced the recipients of the first phase of the Economic and Social Research Council's (ESRC) £64 million funding of investment in Big Data. Four new innovative administrative data research centres and a data service will strengthen the UK's competitive advantage in Big Data.

The centres and service together form the Administrative Data Research Network (ADRN) which will enable research based on linked data between government departments and be overseen by a single governance structure that will allow for consistent and robust decision-making. At the core of the ESRC's Big Data Network are the centres to be led by the Universities of Southampton and Edinburgh, Swansea University and Queens University Belfast, with the administrative data service to be based at the University of Essex. Collectively, they will benefit from a grants package totalling approximately

More on this: <http://www.esrc.ac.uk/news-and-events/press-releases/28673/the-big-data-family-is-borndavid-willetts-mp-announces-the-esrc-big-data-network.aspx>

Events

28-29 Oct	WinBUGS in Health Economic Evaluations- Cambridge
30 Oct	Crick symposium: DNA repair and genomic instability- London
3-6 Nov	NCRI Cancer Conference- Liverpool
5-7 Nov	BIT's Major Diseases Clinical Summit 2013- Poland
7 Nov	Presenting Data- Royal Society, London
11-13 Nov	Research Methods Course- Birmingham
14-16 Nov	Clinical Trials On Alzheimer's Disease- San Diego, USA
18-19 Nov	2nd Clinical Trials Methodology Conference- Edinburgh
21 Nov	ABPI conference: Harnessing Big Data- 360 of Health Data- London
27-28 Nov	Clinical Trial Management Course (ECTMC)- Edinburgh
29 Nov	Public Health Science 2013- University College London
2 Dec	Joint North West Hub for Trials Methodology Research-Manchester Children's Research Network - Methodology CSG Meeting
5-6 Mar	Introduction to Cancer Trials for Statisticians (2014)- London
20 Mar	Qualitative Research in Randomised Trials- Bristol
24-26 Mar	Medical Research Council Conference on Biostatistics- Cambridge
18-21 May	Society for Clinical Trials 35th Annual Meeting (2014)- Philadelphia, US

www.methodologyhubs.mrc.ac.uk

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