



newsletter

Committee Member Updates - Screening Matters Report - November 2008 PBSC Funded Applications

Changes to PBSC:

In November 2008 Professor John Weinman and Professor KK Cheng came to the end of their tenure as the Chair and Deputy Chair of PBSC. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Professor Weinman and Professor Cheng for their immense contribution over the past few years.

We would also like to thank Professor Robert Leonard, Professor Stephen Sutton, Professor Lucy Yardley and Dr Nick Reed who also stepped down from the Committee in November.

As you may be aware, Cancer Research UK has recently published its 5 year Research Strategy (http://science.cancerresearchuk.org/research_strategy/). The Population and Behavioural Sciences Committee will be renamed to the Population Research Committee and as of the March 2009 meeting the new Chair and Deputy Chair will be Professor Philip Hannaford and Professor Harry de Koning. We would like to welcome Professor Hannaford and Professor de Koning to their new roles and look forward to working with them.



Professor Philip Hannaford
(Chair)



Professor Harry de Koning
(Vice-Chair)

The PBS Office Team would also like to warmly welcome Professor Jenny Donovan, Dr Andrew Roddam and Professor Galina Velikova who have recently joined the committee. We look forward to working together in the future.

As many of you are aware, Dr Charlotte Moore (Acting Head of PBSC) has been on maternity leave and has recently decided not to return to work. We would like to thank Charlotte for all of her hard work and wish her well for the future. Dr Fiona Reddington will continue as Acting Head of Population & Behavioural Sciences.

Cancer Research UK Screening Campaign

In 2007, Cancer Research UK, and its partner charities launched a nationwide campaign 'Screening Matters'. This campaign aimed at getting at least 3 million more people into cancer screening, reduce variation and to reach out to those not attending and provide the best possible screening programmes. More than 100,000 people supported the campaign, committing to attend screening when invited.

9000 campaigners wrote to their local MP asking for details of screening in their area. MPs then contacted their local Primary Care Trust to provide information. 115 of the 155 Primary Care Trusts responded. A report showing the results can be found on the Cancer Research UK website: : <http://www.cancercampaigns.org.uk/cancercampaigns/ourcampaigns/screeningmatters/reports/?a=5441>

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Programme Grants:

Professor Doug Altman - Cancer Research UK Medical Statistics Group

Professor Jack Cuzick - Prevention of hormone related cancers

Professor Peter Sasieni - Cancer Prevention: Cervical Screening & HPV Control

Professor Peter Sasieni - Cancer Research UK Cancer Prevention and Screening Clinical Trials Unit (CPTU)

Project Grants:

Dr Neil Campbell - Primary care for people with colorectal cancer: complex intervention modelling

Next PBSC Deadlines:

The next application deadline is the 10th July 2009 for the November 2009 meeting. To apply for project or small grant funding please access our online Application Management System: <https://ams.cancerresearchuk.org/>. If you have any queries regarding the AMS website please contact the AMS helpdesk on ams.helpdesk@cancer.org.uk or 0207 438 5452.

Update: The National Information Governance Board

The Patient Information Advisory Group (PIAG) was established to provide advice on issues of national significance involving the use of patient information (data). As of the 1st January 2009, PIAG has been formally replaced by the National Information Governance Board for Health and Social Care (NIGB). The NIGB have established a new committee, the NIGB Ethics and Confidentiality Committee to administer applications on its behalf. Most PIAG members have transferred to the new committee to provide continuity and prevent disruption as a result of the statutory changes. For further information please see <http://www.nigb.nhs.uk/>.