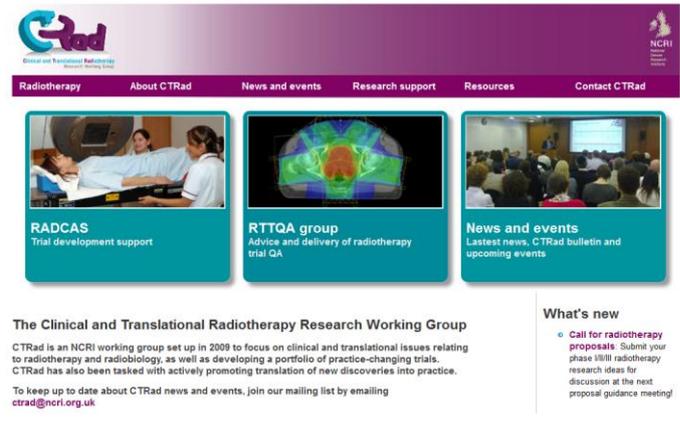


## CTRad bulletin

### Redesigned CTRad website is online!

- The new CTRad website [www.ncri.org.uk/ctrad](http://www.ncri.org.uk/ctrad) is online! Thank you to everyone who contributed ideas, comments, text or pictures to make this website more user-friendly.
- There is information on how to access the RADCAS advisory service and RTTQA support; you will also find CTRad meeting reports and publications, and other useful resources.
- Any comments and suggestions would be very welcome.



### CTRad all-workstream proposal guidance meeting June 2012

- CTRad again hosted a successful all-workstream proposal guidance meeting in London on one of many rainy days in June 2012. Even the rain did not prevent large number of attendees bringing their good proposal ideas to present.
- The morning saw three of the four workstreams meet to discuss individual workstream business; after a hearty lunch, members, invited presenters and guests met to discuss and provide feedback for 18 radiotherapy proposal ideas in four breakout groups. There was a good mix of clinical and translational research ideas including new proposals in conjunction with surgery.
- As the profile of these guidance meetings increases, more and more researchers present at these meetings before submitting to funding bodies, in order to receive expert advice and input, to improve the quality of their applications and in turn the chances of funding.
- The next meeting will be on 7 November 2012 at the NCRI meeting in Liverpool and the deadline for submitting your proposals is **4pm on 7 September**. More details can be found on the newly designed CTRad website.

### Membership rotation

- Membership rotation is now complete, after much interest and enthusiasm from the community. Around a quarter of the group are newly appointed and 11 existing members have switched over to a different workstream. You can see a list of members on the new CTRad website.
- We would like to thank the 21 members who have rotated off CTRad for their active involvement in the past few years – we will still be involving them in various activities, workshops and meetings.
- Each of the workstreams have met before the summer and are currently refining and updating their individual workstream objectives and deliverables.

## Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) in trial development

- As well as taking part in workstream meetings, CTRad consumers also meet as a group up to three times a year. Working together, they will be looking at the lay summaries from the call for proposals and how they can be improved.
- Don't forget to involve CTRad's consumer members when developing your proposals and patient information sheets, which form a significant part of obtaining ethics approval. You can get in touch with your workstream's consumer member(s) via the CTRad Secretariat or you will be able to meet these consumer members at the upcoming proposal guidance meeting.
- At this year's NCRI Cancer Conference, researchers will have the opportunity to pitch their proposed research projects to small panels of consumers involved in research, in an event organised by the NCRI Consumer Liaison Group. This open meeting takes place on the evening of Monday 5 November in the Conference venue; if you are interested in attending, please contact [ppi@ncrn.org.uk](mailto:ppi@ncrn.org.uk).

## Connecting with the RCR at the NCRI Cancer Conference, Liverpool, 4-7 November 2012

- This year the NCRI Cancer Conference is proud to be organising a joint programme with the Royal College of Radiologists (RCR) with a special day of sessions on **6 November**. Highlights:
  - A morning educational workshop on translation of radiation biology hosted by Ricky Sharma
  - A dedicated symposium on lung cancer hosted by Fergus Macbeth, with speakers including Corinne Faivre-Finn, Kevin Franks and Frances Shepherd
  - A parallel session on acute oncology hosted by Diana Tait
  - A proffered paper session and a poster session
  - In addition, an RCR training session will take place on the morning of **7 November** (free to attend but registration with the RCR required).
- This is an excellent opportunity for the radiotherapy community to network and showcase their work at a leading international cancer meeting in the UK. See the Conference website for more details [www.ncri.org.uk/ncriconference](http://www.ncri.org.uk/ncriconference). We look forward to lots of CTRad submissions!
- If you haven't yet done so, online registration is open until **30 September**.

## CTRAd members' news

Various CTRad members have made community headlines in the past two months and we would like to congratulate them on their successes:

- Kaye Williams (WS1) appointed as Professor of Experimental Therapeutics and Imaging in Manchester
- Kevin Harrington (WS1) appointed as Professor in Biological Cancer Therapies at the Institute of Cancer Research
- Chris Nutting (WS3) appointed as Professor in Clinical Oncology at the Royal Marsden Hospital.

## CPD points

Most of our workshops and meetings are now CPD-accredited – don't forget to collect your certificate after each meeting.

## Contact us

If you have any feedback, news you want to share, or want to find out more about topics mentioned above, please contact the CTRad Secretariat ([CTRAd@ncri.org.uk](mailto:CTRAd@ncri.org.uk)). You can also browse the CTRad web pages [www.ncri.org.uk/ctrad](http://www.ncri.org.uk/ctrad) for more information and future dates of CTRad events.

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