

CTRad bulletin

CTRad is 10! Top-10 achievements revealed

- This year CTRad is celebrating its ten-year anniversary! Read the announcement on NCRI's website here: bit.ly/NCRIcelebratesCTRad10
- To celebrate 10 years of NCRI's flagship initiative CTRad, we revealed CTRad's top 10 achievements to mark its contribution to radiotherapy research in the UK. Check them out at the following website together with case studies, blogs and quotes to celebrate the people behind this initiative and the progress made through collaborative working: ctrad.ncri.org.uk/achievements
- You can also find all the tweets relating to the activities with the hashtag #10yearsCTRad

Leadership transition and rotations

- At the April Executive Group face-to-face meeting in London, Anthony Chalmers passed on the CTRad Chairmanship to David Sebag-Montefiore, and Mererid Evans also officially took up the role of Deputy Chair of CTRad. We are thankful for the time and effort Anthony has put into the role, and CTRad has achieved a great amount under his leadership. To mark the Chairmanship transition, you can read a NCRI's 60-second interview with David here: bit.ly/CTRad60SecDSM
- In terms of WS co-chair rotations, Yat Man Tsang (Mount Vernon Cancer Centre) has been appointed as co-chair of WS3 after the latest competitive recruitment process; we are thankful to Emma Hall for her contribution as the WS3 methodology co-chair over the past 6 years. Sarah Brown (Leeds) has also recently taken on the role of WS2 co-chair following return from maternity leave; we are very grateful to Ananya Choudhury who kindly agreed to act as interim WS2 co-chair for the first half of this year.
- We would also like to welcome our new consumer members who came on board from earlier this year: Tim Humphrey (WS1), Catharine Raitt (WS1), Tim Ward (WS2), Debbie Keatley (WS3), Richard Stephens (WS3 and Exec Group) and Julie Wolfarth (WS4).
- The latest list of workstream co-chairs and members can be found on the CTRad website ctrad.ncri.org.uk/about-ctrad/leadership-and-members.

CTRad PBT clinical trials development workshop, February 2019

- A well-attended two-day PBT clinical trials development workshop took place 28 February–1 March at the Christie Hospital, Manchester. It was organised by Karen Kirkby, Zoe Lingard and Neil Burnet, and aimed at helping research teams develop existing PBT trial ideas.
- The workshop started with plenary talks including topics relating to PBT treatment planning, the use of image guidance, and PBT treatment from a radiographer's perspective. Participants then spent the rest of their time working in disease-specific breakout groups with experts such as PBT planning physicists, RTTQA, methodologists, consumers, clinical trial unit representatives and health economist, who helped with developing the programme of work needed to deliver the final trial funding application. Each group was also supported by medical physicists, radiographers and clinical site leads from The Christie Hospital and UCLH.
- The second day started with presentations from each trial, to gain feedback from the wider group, followed by a further development breakout session. The workshop concluded with a tour of the new PBT Centre.
- Seven proposals were discussed during the breakout sessions and they are for a variety of disease sites which will be suited to different funders. CTRad is continuing discussions with a range of funders in navigating the challenging funding landscape.

Top 10 achievements over #10yearsCTRad

- 1 Development of a broad portfolio of radiotherapy trials
- 2 Spearheading innovative clinical trial design
- 3 Benchmarking radiotherapy research excellence
- 4 Excellence in patient and public involvement (PPI)
- 5 Engagement with funders and influencing policy
- 6 National and international leadership of radiotherapy-drug combinations development
- 7 Building a multidisciplinary radiotherapy research workforce
- 8 Supporting quality assurance for radiotherapy clinical trials
- 9 Coordinating a national approach to proton beam therapy (PBT) clinical trial development
- 10 CTRad identified as NCRI's flagship initiative

