

**ETHICAL REVIEW  
OF CLINICAL RESEARCH**

18<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

**ROBINSON COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE**

**20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Now in its 18<sup>th</sup> year, the continuing series of “Ethical Review of Clinical Research” conferences has become recognised as a key training resource for members of ethics committees and clinical researchers. Some 1500 people from a wide variety of backgrounds have attended the conferences and this diversity of background/specialities is one of the strengths of the conferences, which are designed to be participatory and allow time for reflection.

The conferences employ a variety of teaching styles including plenary lectures, question/answer and discussion sessions, small group discussions and a series of parallel workshops. The CCRA has deployed the foremost experts in their fields and the high standards of the college accommodation provide an ideal venue. The pace is fast and the time for reflection has been reported by delegates as crucial for them to digest the wealth of material presented.

Once again this year, the conference will focus on developing a consensus on how a successful ethics committee should operate.

Detailed training folders will be provided. These contain many relevant guidelines and reports.

This conference has always been very popular and early booking is recommended.

## **OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the conference are:

- To provide practical training for ethics committee members;
- To develop a consensus on how a successful ethics committee should operate;
- To provide an opportunity to discuss the function of a successful ethics committee;
- To identify current best practice in ethical review

## **WHO SHOULD ATTEND**

The conference will be of value to all those involved in clinical research and its ethical review particularly Members, Chairs and Administrators of RECs and Trust R&D Leads.

CPD accreditation, which has always been granted in the past, will be applied for again this year.

# PROGRAMME

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

1400	Registration	
		<i>Session Chair: Dr Bev Holt</i>
1430	Introduction and Overview	Professor John Saunders
1515	What Makes for a Good Ethics Committee?	Ms Anna Ernsting Canon Ian Ainsworth-Smith
1600	<i>Tea</i>	
1630	How to Make Sense of an Application	Dr Jane Lees-Millais
1700	Group Review of Applications I	
1800	Discussion of Results of Application Review: Session I	Professor John Saunders
1830	<i>Close</i>	
1900	<i>Buffet Dinner</i>	

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2009**

*Session Chair: Canon Ian Ainsworth-Smith*

0900	Research and Its Ethics	Professor John Saunders
1000	Questions & Answers	
1030	<i>Coffee</i>	
1100	Group Review of Applications II	
1215	Discussion of Results of Application Review: Session II	Professor John Saunders
1245	<i>Lunch</i>	
		<i>Session Chair: Ms Anna Ernsting</i>
1400	An Introduction to Genetic Research and Ethical Issues Arising	Professor Norman Nevin
1500	The R&D / REC Interface/ Making Use of IRAS	Dr Janet Messer Canon Ian Ainsworth-Smith
1530	<i>Tea</i>	
1600	Ethical Issues Arising in Paediatric Research	Professor Terence Stephenson
1645	Specialised Topic Based Workshops I	
1800	<i>Close</i>	
1900	<i>Sparkling Wine Reception and Conference Dinner</i>	

## Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2009

*Session Chair: Canon Ian Ainsworth-Smith*

0900	Legal Issues of Consent	Dr José Miola
0945	Specialised Topic Based Workshop II	
1100	<i>Coffee</i>	
1130	The Human Tissue Act and Research Ethics Committees	Dr Birgit Whitman
1215	<i>Lunch</i>	
1315	Psychiatric issues and the Mental Capacity Act	Professor Tom Burns
1400	Progress Towards Consensus – Overview, Summary and Closing Remarks	Professor John Saunders
1430	<i>Tea</i>	
	Completion/Handing in of Conference Evaluation Forms & Collection of Conference Attendance Certificates	
1500	Close	

## PARALLEL WORKSHOP SESSIONS

Two seventy-five minute workshop sessions will be run during the conference. To ensure that delegates can attend their chosen workshops from the eight workshops offered (described in the insert) please indicate your preferences on the application form, giving an **extra choice** alternative (marked\*) should any workshop be over subscribed.

- WORKSHOP A:** Healthy Volunteer Studies and Beyond
- WORKSHOP B:** Qualitative Research
- WORKSHOP C:** Research with Special Patient Groups
- WORKSHOP D:** Ethical Issues Arising From Advances in Genetic Research
- WORKSHOP E:** Statistical Problems Solved
- WORKSHOP F:** Studies Involving Individuals With Severe Mental Illness:  
The Same or Different?
- WORKSHOP G:** A Survival Guide for New REC Members
- WORKSHOP H:** Legal Issues in Clinical Research
- WORKSHOP I:** Population Research and Epidemiology

## CORE FACULTY

Canon Ian Ainsworth-Smith:	Vice-Chair South West REC
Ms Anna Ernsting:	Senior Oncology Clinical Study Manager, GlaxoSmithKline plc
Dr Bev Holt:	Consultant Research Physician, GDRU Quintiles
Dr Sid Jevons	Independent Research Consultant
Dr Jane Lees-Millais	General Practitioner and Former REC Chair
Professor John Saunders:	Consultant Physician, Nevill Hall Hospital, Abergavenny

## INVITED SPEAKERS/GROUP LEADERS

Professor Tom Burns	Chair of Social Psychiatry, University of Oxford
Dr Janet Messer	NRES Policy Associate – IRAS, Deputy Director NHS R&D Forum
Dr José Miola:	Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Leicester
Professor Norman Nevin:	Emeritus Professor in Medical Genetics, Queen's University Belfast
Dr Bill Newsom	Emeritus Consultant Microbiologist, Addenbrookes Hospital
Professor Terence Stephenson:	Dean, Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences, University of Nottingham
Dr Birgit Whitman:	Research Governance Manager, University of Bristol
Dr Rosamund Wilson:	Director, Spica Consultants
Sue Ziebland	Reader in Qualitative Health Research, University of Oxford