

MACP AGM 2024

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Report:	Research
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Overview of Year

This has been a successful year for the research committee. In June, in collaboration with the APPN, we proudly hosted the inaugural Nurturing Research Conference at Manchester Metropolitan University. This conference was created with the mission of empowering and developing novice researchers, and it exceeded all expectations in fostering a supportive and inspiring environment.

We were honoured to have three exceptional keynote speakers—Professor Dylan Morrissey, Professor Lisa Roberts, and Professor Caroline Alexander—who shared not only their unique research journeys but also invaluable insights and career reflections. Their contributions extended beyond their keynote addresses, as they generously led interactive sessions on NIHR pathways and the development of research ideas, providing attendees with practical guidance and inspiration to pursue their own research ambitions.

A highlight of the conference was our focus on NIHR Clinical Fellowships, speakers Jenny Ward, Siobhan Stynes, and Panos Sarigiannis shared their first-hand experiences of navigating the fellowship process, offering both insight and encouragement to those considering this path.

Lianne Wood and Jenny Ward presented real-world examples of how QI has been successfully applied in practice, making theory tangible for our attendees.

The conference also provided a platform for many delegates to present their own research. Each presenter received feedback at both the abstract

submission stage and during their presentations, fostering growth and refinement of their work. To celebrate excellence, we awarded Pauline May, Anthony Grinstead, and Jake Barley with prizes for best and runner-up presentations, generously supported by Elsevier, who provided annual journal subscriptions as prizes.

The feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive, reaffirming our commitment to this initiative. We are already looking ahead with excitement to the next Nurturing Research Conference in 2027, with the goal of continuing to cultivate the next generation of researchers.

A special thanks goes to Lianne Wood from the APPN and Sharon Chan for their exceptional dedication, support, and enthusiasm. Their contributions were instrumental to the success of this event, and it simply would not have been possible without them.

Another success of this year was to finalise our new research awards. Details of the new awards can be found under research news on the MACP website. We are particularly excited about our new award- the Elsevier and Jane Greening award, which is an award of £10,000 to support full members in their research ambitions. This replaces the Elsevier award which had a maximum award of £5000. These awards will be launched in the new year.

This year, we have had some competitive applications for our research awards. The awardees are as follows:

Elsevier Award – Lisa Roberts

Level 1 Research award March submission– Hazel Rudder and Yiduo Wang

Level 2 Research award – Michail Arvanitidis and Matthew Low

Level 3 Research award – Jane Simmonds

Student Research Awards:

2 nominations received - Morten Ekornsaether (University of Brighton) and Paul Riddle (University of Hertfordshire)

We have had 1 application for the September level 1 award which is currently being peer reviewed.

Additionally, we awarded 13 members £500 to attend IFOMPT conference in Basel.

A big thank you to the research committee members: Andrea Ravindra, Martin Rabey, Jaj Mankelow, Stuart Wareham and Matthew Willett.

Progress against sub-speciality strategic aims

1. Offer appropriate bursaries to all tiers of MACP membership to support research

This year we have seen another increase in uptake of applications for our awards, with increasingly high standards. We hope with the launch of the new awards and an increase in comms this will continue to strengthen.

2. Horizon scan important research priorities for the MACP, and where appropriate commission studies.

We have not highlighted a specific area to commission a study this year. The research committee will continue to assess any priorities in the next year and with discussion with the executive committee consider commissioning as appropriate.

3. Disseminate research through MACP communications channels / wider networks and through close collaboration with the knowledge exchange officer.

We disseminate all our awardees' research on the website. Members can recruit via our website and through social media. The nurturing research conference and supporting our members at IFOMPT 2024 offered an excellent opportunity for members to both disseminate their own research and to hear the latest MSK research.

4. Support and help to develop MACP members in research activities including mentorship for abstract submissions to conferences

The nurturing research conference provided feedback at both the abstract application stage as well as feedback on presentations on the day. We will continue to offer mentorship to members who are submitting abstracts to appropriate upcoming conferences. Additionally,

awardees of some of the new research awards will be asked to mentor future applicants as a condition of their award.