

5th Research Staff Conference
University of Liverpool, Foresight Centre,
20th May 2013

Planning ahead: building on our research capacity and career network

What you will gain from attending:

- ✓ Realise the benefits of collaborative research and active networks
- ✓ Explore career destinations for researchers
- ✓ Receive information about the latest University plans on research practice and research staff development
- ✓ Add your comments and views on processes available to support research staff and engage with the University's senior management
- ✓ Meet other university research staff and share your experiences with staff from all faculties of the university

Audience: Research Staff across all disciplines.

The conference is free of charge to University of Liverpool staff

Conference Themes:

Theme 1: Collaboration and research networking

- The purpose of the theme is to demonstrate the need for developing effective collaborative networks, maintaining them and managing them productively. The theme presenters will also discuss potential collaborative arrangements that may hinder productivity.

Theme 2: Career development and management for researchers

- Presenters will reflect on their career development and discuss relevant career management strategies and destinations with participants. The purpose of each parallel session is to provide participants with an opportunity to think about their career and reflect on their plans for progression.

Conference Organising Committee

Dr Valentina Barrera; Eye and Vision Science
Dr Anthony Deakin; Electrical Engineering and Electronics
Dr Mukesh Dherani; Public Health and Policy
Dr Christos Petichakis; Educational Development Division





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Conference Programme

Conference website: <http://www.liv.ac.uk/researcher/conf2013>

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| 9.00 – 9.20 | Registration and Refreshments |
| 9.20 – 9.30 | Welcome note and Introduction by conference team and morning session Chair |
| 9.30 – 10.00 | <p>Keynote – Taking responsibility for your own research career development, Professor Ian Prior – Royal Society University Fellow</p> <p>Brief Description: Professor Prior will talk about his experiences of planning and developing his research career having been a postdoctoral researcher through to his recent appointment as a Professor at the University of Liverpool. Through dedication and planning, Professor Prior will share development processes to be considered by the conference participants</p> |
| 10.00 – 10.30 | <p>1st Plenary – Research Integrity, Professor Peter Kinderman – Academic Lead for Research Governance and Chair of the Research Governance Committee</p> <p>Brief Description: Professor Kinderman will discuss the importance of research integrity as part of the development of researchers and the wider university strategy. Through his role as Chair of the Research Governance Committee he will present processes that have been developed in the University to maintain ethical approaches to research conduct</p> |
| 10.30 – 10.50 | <p>2nd Plenary – Current developments in researcher development at the University of Liverpool, Professor Lu-Yun Lian – Chair of the Concordat Implementation Group</p> <p>Brief Description: Professor Lian will present the work done over the past year at the Concordat Implementation Group. The Group is tasked with reviewing and developing capacity towards establishing support mechanisms for research staff in the University.</p> |
| 10.50 – 11.10 | Coffee Break |
| 11.10 – 11.40 | <p>The PVC Forum – Strategic overview: Future research landscape, Professor Dinah Birch - Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research and Knowledge Exchange</p> <p>Brief Description: Professor Birch will discuss the University's planning actions in relation to research activities in the emerging research environment, including the Research Excellence Framework outcomes. She will also launch two support guides for research staff and principal investigators</p> |
| 11.40 – 12.30 | <p>Q&A panel discussion - An interactive session to share views and ideas. An opportunity to ask your questions to the panel. The panel will consist of: Prof Dinah Birch; Prof Lu-Yun Lian, Prof Ian Prior</p> <p>Have you got a question for the panel? – Submit your question anonymously here (by 17th May 2013)</p> |

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| 12.30 – 13.20 | <p>Lunch - including Information Fair</p> <p>The fair will include stalls from university professional services divisions with a research support remit, and an HR support drop in session by appointment: book a 5 minute appointment here</p> |
| 13.20 – 14.10 | <p>1st Parallel –Collaboration and research networking– More information at http://www.liv.ac.uk/researcher/conf2013_theme1</p> <p>Choice of 3 parallel sessions; The session presenters are experienced researchers who have practiced collaborative work in their discipline (or as part of a multidisciplinary project in an academic or industry based environment), and are familiar with the characteristics of effective collaborative work:</p> <p>Session 1.1 – Dr Joao Pedro de Magalhaes; faculty of Health and Life Sciences – further information about Joao Pedro</p> <p>Session 1.2 – Dr Jon Bridge; faculty of Sciences and Engineering - further information about Jon</p> <p>Session 1.3 – Dr Beatriz Garcia; faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences - further information about Beatriz</p> |
| 14.10 – 14.15 | <p>Moving Rooms</p> |
| 14.15 – 15.00 | <p>2nd Parallel – Career Development and Management – More information at http://www.liv.ac.uk/researcher/conf2013_theme2</p> <p>Choice of 4 parallel sessions of particular focus to a specific career destination for researchers; presenters will reflect on their career development and discuss relevant career management strategies and destinations with participants. The purpose of each parallel session is to provide participants with an opportunity to think about their career and reflect on their progression.</p> <p>Session 2.1 – Dr Aphrodite Vasilaki, Fellowships and Academic career – further information about Aphrodite This session will look into an early academic career path through a fellowship and relevant academic output. The presenter will discuss her experiences of planning her career towards a fellowship with the aim to lead to an academic post</p> <p>Session 2.2 – Dr Alison Fairclough, Academic support services – further information about Alison The session will explore employment opportunities available in academic support roles. These strategic roles appear in funding bodies, research institutions or universities and require prospective employees to demonstrate advanced analytical skills and in-depth awareness of the research environment.</p> <p>Session 2.3 – Dr Dave Adams, Industry and SMEs – further information about Dave This session will discuss options available to researchers to transfer their expertise to industry. The session will be based on the experiences of the presenter who worked for Unilever and then returned back to Academia.</p> <p>Session 2.4 – Prof Steve Taylor, Spinouts and commercialisation of research – further information about Steve In this session the presenter will share his experiences of commercialising research findings. The session will explore issues around intellectual property, efforts required towards getting research to market and how researchers can benefit from this type of activity.</p> |
| 15.05 | <p>Conference Summary and Close, followed by refreshments and snacks</p> |