

Randomised Controlled Trials in the Social Sciences

Ninth Annual Conference

Registration Brochure and Call for Abstracts

10th, 11th & 12th
September 2014

UNIVERSITY *of* York



Keynote Speaker

- ◆ **Professor Doug Altman** is the Founder and Director of Centre for Statistics in Medicine and Cancer Research UK Medical Statistics Group, University of Oxford.
- ◆ **Professor Carole Torgerson**, Chair in Education, School of Education, Durham University. 'What works...and who listens? Encouraging the experimental evidence base in education and the social sciences'

Invited Speakers

- ◆ **Miquel A. Alegre** has a PhD in Sociology of Education from the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB). He has been an analyst at Ivàlua since September 2012. Before that, he directed the Research Group on Education and Equity (UAB).
- ◆ **Federico A. Todeschini** has a PhD in Economics from the Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF). He has been an analyst at Ivàlua since June 2011. Before that he was a Professor at Universitat d'Alacant (UA) and worked in the Argentinian government for the Chief of Staff.

Ninth Annual Conference

We are pleased to announce the ninth annual conference of the RCTs in the Social Sciences. The conference will be an opportunity for delegates to share expertise, interests, and concerns about conducting trials in all fields of social sciences.

The conference will be held on 10th, 11th and 12th September in the ARRC Building at the University of York.

This conference aims to:

- ◆ Facilitate sharing and collaboration between academic disciplines in this area
- ◆ Discuss the methodological, practical and ethical challenges of undertaking trials in the social sciences

Call for Abstracts

Abstracts are now invited for refereed oral and poster contributions relevant to RCTs conducted in the social sciences.

Abstracts should:

- ◆ Follow a structured format - such as Introduction, Methods, Results, Conclusion
- ◆ Be no longer than 250 words, excluding references
- ◆ Include no more than three references

This year the planning committee will award prizes for the best contributed presentation and for the best poster. The prizes will be presented by one of the keynote speakers.

The conference is jointly organised by Professor David Torgerson (University of York, York Trials Unit, Department of Health Sciences), Professor Karen Bloor (University of York, Department of Health Sciences) and Professor Carole Torgerson (Durham University, School of Education).

The conference workshop will be jointly organised by Professor Doug Altman (University of Oxford, Centre for Statistics in Medicine) and Professor Martin Bland (University of York, Department of Health Sciences).

Please send submissions by Friday 11th July 2014 by email to :

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or by post to:

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Lower Ground Floor, ARRC Building
YTU, Department of Health Sciences
University of York
Heslington
York, YO10 5DD

Venue and Travel

The conference will take place in the ARRC Building, University of York, UK.

York is on the main East Coast Line from London King's Cross to Edinburgh. Fast trains leave from both north and south at frequent intervals. There is also a direct service across the Pennines between York, Leeds and Manchester Airport.

The University is two miles from the railway station. A journey by taxi from the railway station to the University will take approximately 15 minutes. There is a taxi rank just outside the station.

Parking at the University is very limited, however, delegates wishing to travel by car should visit www.york.ac.uk/about/maps for maps and directions to the University campus and further information about parking fees and restrictions.

Planning Committee

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The programme includes a workshop on measurement led by Professor Martin Bland and Professor Doug Altman on measurement error and randomised trials

Friday 12th September 2014 in the ARRC Building

Measurement has long been a research interest of both of us. In this workshop we will talk about the problems of measurement and how measurement error effects both the analysis and the design of randomised trials and other related research.

Main Conference

Wednesday 10th September and Thursday 11th September 2014

The Conference will open on Wednesday 10th September and close on Thursday 11th September. The registration fee includes lunch and refreshments on both days. The conference dinner will be held on Wednesday evening.

The Conference will include keynote and invited presentations from national and international speakers and contributed presentations on all aspects of randomised trials in the social sciences. There will be an opportunity for delegates to discuss their own trials at a one-hour 'surgery'.

The above details are correct at the time of going to print. The organisers reserve the right to make amendments to arrangements where necessary.



Registration Form

Title	First Name	Last Name
Organisation	Department	
Address		
City		
County		
Postcode		
Email		Telephone
Dietary and Special requirements (e.g. vegetarian/vegan/kosher/halal/other)		

Registration Fees: (Please Tick)

Early Registration

(payment received up to and including Friday 8th August 2014)

Workshop - FREE

Conference fees (two days: 10th and 11th September 2014) £250

Conference fee (one day only: 10th September 2014) £125

Conference fee (one day only: 11th September 2014) £125

Conference Dinner (10th September 2014) £30

Accommodation

There are a limited number of single en-suite rooms available on campus. If you would like to reserve accommodation for the event, please indicate your requirements below. The conference administrator will then be in contact with you regarding your booking

Wednesday 10th September 2014

Single ensuite

Thursday 11th September 2014

Single ensuite

Standard Registration

(for payment received after Friday 8th August 2014)

Workshop - FREE

Conference fees (two days: 10th and 11th September 2014) £300

Conference fee (one day only: 10th September 2014) £150

Conference fee (one day only: 11th September 2014) £150

Conference Dinner (10th September 2014) £30

Please advise us of any special accommodation requests or accessibility requirements.

Student Registration

Workshop - FREE

Conference fees (two days: 10th and 11th September 2014) £100

Conference fee (one day only: 10th September 2014) £50

Conference fee (one day only: 11th September 2014) £50

Conference Dinner (10th September 2014) £30

The University website also provides details of bed and breakfast facilities in York. View: www.york.ac.uk/about/visitors

Workshop Only

(led by Professors Altman and Bland - 12th September 2014) FREE

Method of payment

PLEASE QUOTE C0095904 ON ALL CORRESPONDENCE.

Online registration with individual credit/debit card payment only visit www.york.ac.uk/healthsciences/research/trials/rct-2014

Cheque - Amount enclosed: £ _____

Please make cheques payable to 'The University of York' and send together with your completed registration form to the address below.

Direct Bank Transfer - Amount transferred: £ _____

Please indicate which days you are attending and your name on all money transfers.

Name of account: University of York, Bank: HSBC, Branch: 13 Parliament Street, York YO1 8XS.

Sort Code: 40-47-31, Account No: 20898201

If you would like to pay by invoice, please tick this box and the conference administrator will contact you.

Please send completed registration form and payment to: Conference Administrator, Lower Ground Floor, YTU, ARRC Building, Department of Health Sciences, University of York, Heslington, York, YO10 5DD.

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