

Randomised Controlled Trials in the Social Sciences

Sixth Annual Conference

Registration Brochure and Call for Abstracts

26th, 27th & 28th
September 2011

THE UNIVERSITY *of York*



Keynote Speakers

- ◆ Professor Don Green is A. Whitney Griswold Professor of Political Science at Yale University, where he has taught since 1989. Since 1996 he has served as Director of Yale's Institution for Social and Policy Studies.
- ◆ David Farrington OBE is Professor of Psychological Criminology at the Institute of Criminology, Cambridge University. David has received numerous accolades of international recognition for his work in criminology and is an honorary life member of the British Society of Criminology and of the British Psychological Society Division of Forensic Psychology.
- ◆ Robert M. Bernard is Professor of Education at Concordia University in Montreal, QC, Canada. He has undertaken numerous systematic reviews and meta-analyses in diverse areas in education research and is a long-time contributor to the Campbell Collaboration.



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Sixth Annual Conference

We are pleased to announce the sixth annual RCTs in the Social Sciences Conference. 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 26th, 27th and 28th September 2011 in the ARRC Building at the University of York.

Call for Abstracts

Abstracts are now invited for refereed oral and poster contributions relevant to:

- ◆ RCTs in the social sciences, methods and results
- ◆ Systematic reviews

Abstracts should:

- ◆ Follow a structured format - such as Introduction, Methods, Results
- ◆ 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.

Please send submissions by 15TH July 2011

by email to RCTs-conference@events.york.ac.uk OR by post to:

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

The conference is jointly organised by Professor David Torgerson (University of York, York Trials Unit), Dr Amanda Perry (University of York, Department of Health Sciences) and Professor Carole Torgerson (University of Birmingham, Department of Education).

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/np/maps for maps and directions to the University campus and further information about parking fees and restrictions.

Workshop on Sample Size Calculation – Monday 26th September 2011

Workshop

This is a half day workshop on sample size calculations, presented by Professor Martin Bland. He will introduce power calculations for two group trials, discuss some limitations, and describe an alternative approach using confidence intervals. He will discuss the special problems of sample size for cluster randomised trials and for pilot and exploratory studies. This will be followed by a question and answer surgery chaired by Dr Karen Bloor, where participants can put any questions about trial design to Professor David Torgerson, Dr. Gerry Richardson and Professor Martin Bland.

The workshop will be held in the Auditorium of the ARRC Building. The workshop will start at 1.00 pm and will finish at 6.00 pm. A buffet lunch will be available from 12.00 noon.

Main Conference – Tuesday 27th September, Wednesday 28th September 2011

The Conference will open on Tuesday 27th September and close on Wednesday 28th September. The registration fee includes lunch and refreshments on both days. The conference dinner will be held on Tuesday 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' on Tuesday 27th September.

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



Planning Committee

Mrs Hannah Ainsworth, Research Fellow and Trial Co-ordinator, University of York – Health and Education

Ms Sally Baker, Conference Administration, University of York

Professor Martin Bland, Professor of Health Statistics, University of York

Dr Karen Bloor, Senior Research Fellow, University of York

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Registration Form

Title	First Name
Last Name	Organisation
Address	
Postcode	
Telephone	Fax
Email	
Special dietary requirements (e.g. vegetarian/vegan/kosher/halal/other)	

Registration Fees: (Please Tick)

Early Registration (payment received up to and including 29th July 2011)

Workshop (including lunch) £20

Conference fees (two days) £250

Dinner £30

Standard Registration (for payment received after 30th July 2011)

Workshop (including lunch) £20

Conference fees (two days) £300

Dinner £30

Student Registration

Workshop (including lunch) £20

Full Conference £75

Dinner £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.

Monday 26th September 2011

 Single

Tuesday 27th September 2011

 Single

Please advise us of any special accommodation requests or accessibility requirements: _____

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

Method of payment

Please quote ref: 4011 C0095901 on all correspondence

Cheque - Amount enclosed: £_____ (Please tick if enclosing cheque)

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 tick if paying by bank transfer)

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

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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