13th UK Stroke Forum Conference 2018

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The Lifetime Achievement Award is bestowed by the UK Stoke Forum Steering Committee to specifically recognise and reward the contribution of an individual for their life-time commitment and dedication to the world of stroke.

This inaugural special award has been awarded to Professor Tyrrell for her immense contribution to stroke research and the dedication she has given to the stroke community.

Professor Tyrrell has worked tirelessly throughout her career to improve the quality of stroke services, both locally and nationally. Professor Tyrrell was the first stroke physician to be appointed in Manchester in 1995.

Professor Tyrrell has always put survivors and carers at the heart of her work and has passed on her person-centred approach to many hundreds of other clinicians and students, as a mentor and Professor in her role at the University of Manchester. Driven by a desire to bring life-saving stroke treatments to patients, she played a key part in transforming stroke services in Greater Manchester and beyond.
In order to recognise and celebrate the NHS turning 70, the UK Stroke Forum is awarding a Chair's Special ‘NHS at 70’ award. This award is bestowed by the UK Stoke Forum Steering Committee to specifically recognise an individual who has made a major contribution to the delivery of stroke care in the NHS.

Professor Tony Rudd is a Stroke Consultant at St Thomas’ Hospital, the National Clinical Director for Stroke with NHS England and the London Stroke Clinical Director. He is Professor of Stroke Medicine at Kings College London and chairs the Intercollegiate Stroke Working Party at the Royal College of Physicians which has been responsible for developing the National Clinical Guidelines for Stroke and running the National Sentinel Stroke Audit programme.

Professor Rudd continues to work relentlessly to improve services for stroke patients and has been a huge advocate and champion of the new National Plan across England to renew the NHS’ commitment to providing improved health and care services in stroke.
The Princess Margaret Memorial Lecture is in memory of the late Princess Margaret. The lecture sees leading figures in stroke care and research share knowledge and expertise in their field, with the aim of inspiring others to do the same. Professor Sackley has been awarded the Princess Margaret Memorial Lecture and will host the plenary session on Wednesday 5 December.

Cath is Head of Physiotherapy, Professor of Rehabilitation and Deputy Head of Division in Health and Social Care Research. She is an NIHR Senior Investigator and trialist who specialises in the evaluation of complex and behavioural interventions. Her research focuses on the problems experienced by older people and people with stroke and neurological disease living in the community.
The British Stroke Research Group awards a prize for the highest scored abstract which will be presented within a parallel session.

Verity Longley has been awarded the BRSG oral prize for the abstract entitled: ‘Do people with pre-existing cognitive impairments receive less stroke rehabilitation?’ which will be presented on Wednesday in the high scoring abstracts session.

Verity is a qualified Occupational Therapist, with a background in psychology and stroke research. Her PhD is funded by the NIHR Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care (CLAHRC) Greater Manchester.
The British Stroke Research Group awards prizes for the highest scored abstracts, for 2018 we have joint winners -

Dr Akila Visvanathan has been awarded the BRSG poster prize for the abstract entitled: ‘A tool to aid shared decision-making on treatments after severe stroke’ which will be presented within a poster tour. Dr Visvanathan is a Clinical Research Fellow at The University of Edinburgh.

Dr Devesh Sinha has been awarded the BRSG poster prize for the abstract entitled: ‘The model of Impact on the length of stay and bed days at NHS Trust on Mechanical thrombectomy eligible patients’ which will be presented within a poster tour. Dr Devesh Sinha is a Lead Stroke Consultant at the Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trust.
Dr Hazel Dickinson has been awarded the NSNF poster prize which is awarded by NSNF to the highest scored abstract from a nurse. The abstract entitled: ‘The inter and intra-rater reliability of the Comprehensive Oral Assessment Tool for Stroke (COATS) stroke’ will be presented within a poster tour.

Hazel is a Senior Lecturer in pre-registration adult nursing at the University of Central Lancashire. Hazel is a nurse who has worked clinically in stroke care for 20 years, of which 10 years were as a stroke specialist nurse. She has a keen interest in research and developing the evidence base for clinical practice, working on stroke research projects for 23 years.
Lisa Everton has been awarded the ACPIN AHP Stroke Abstract Prize which is awarded by ACPIN to the highest scored abstract from a coalition AHP member. The abstract entitled: ‘Swallowing therapy for dysphagia in acute and subacute stroke: Review – Cochrane Collaboration’ will be presented on Thursday in the high scoring abstracts session.

Lisa Everton qualified as a Speech and Language Therapist in 1994. She is currently completing a PhD at the University of Nottingham. Lisa also does some clinical work, primarily conducting Videofluoroscopy and FEES instrumental swallow assessments. She is on secondment from her permanent post as joint team leader for the SLT Team at Nottingham University Hospital’s Stroke Unit. Lisa has previously completed an MPhil, using fMRI and electromyography to explore whether air pulse stimulation to the posterior mouth induces swallowing in healthy volunteers. Lisa is especially interested in improving treatments for stroke survivors with dysphagia.
Dr Ulrike Hammerbeck has been awarded the SRR Prize for Stroke Rehabilitation which is awarded by SRR to the highest scored rehabilitation abstract. The abstract entitled: ‘The effect of high repetition reaching training early after stroke on cortical connectivity and impairment’ will be presented on Thursday in the high scoring abstract session.

Ulrike is a Physiotherapist and Stroke Association post-doctoral fellow investigating proximal arm recovery processes in the acute period after stroke at the University of Manchester. Ulrike is interested in recovery mechanism of function after neurological insult. Her research investigates the effect of training not only on movement performance but also on cortico-spinal connectivity.
Dr Isuru Induruwa has been awarded the Abdul Majid Basic Neuroscience and Translational Research Prize which is in honour of the late Abdul Majid. The abstract entitled: ‘Platelet receptor glycoprotein VI-dimer is over expressed in ischaemic but not haemorrhagic stroke; a promising future anti-thrombotic target?’ will be presented on Wednesday morning in the BASP trainee session.

Isuru is an Elderly Care Registrar and Stroke Clinical Research Fellow at Cambridge University Hospital. His research interests lie in atrial fibrillation, as well as the role platelets play in thrombus formation in such conditions.
Prizes to be awarded at the conference are –

The **BASP Warlow Prize** is an all-expenses paid place to the Australian Stroke Society Conference in Australia where the winner will present their winning presentation. This will be awarded at the conference.

**Highest Scored Poster Presentations** are for the highest scored poster presentation from the posters tours on Wednesday and Thursday.