

## Research Staff Network Funding 2013/14 Summary

### Key focus:

- AS – Athena Swan (with female lead or participant focus) = **11**
- I-D/Collab – Inter-disciplinary for collaborative aim = **11**
- Output – The network activity produced a tangible output = **5**
- Collegiate – the network supported collegiality in the department/faculty = **6**
- PE – the network included a public engagement focus or activity = **2**
- PhD – the network encouraged engagement with PhD students to support researcher development = **3**

### 1. Researching Human Fatigue in the Workplace (continued funding) : AS, I-D/Collab, Output

This interdisciplinary network aimed at collaboration through increasing knowledge about work going on in the field. This was achieved through 8 events and a symposium attended by 30 people. The network has also worked on designing a pilot study (involving Psychology, WMG and WBS), including data collection, with a view to completing a funding application.

### 2. Public Engagement Staff Network – I-D/Collab, PE

Funding for ‘mini summits’ to support discussion and collaboration on public engagement initiatives. Two successful events held, with 60 and 120 attendees (approx. half were RAS)

### 3. Education Research Network (continued funding?): AS, I-D/Collab

Informal network but also aim to increase research capacity in the Centre and explore inter-disciplinary collaborations. Fizzled out but a survey run in 2014 highlighted a focus/need to develop collaborative research interests in the future.

### 4. WMG Researcher Forum (continued funding): AS, collegiate and collab, PhD

Funding has helped grow the network and new initiatives to encourage collaboration. Up to 15 events held with 20 attending on average, including Athena Swan and mentoring sessions, plus researcher breakfasts.

### 5. Women in Science Day: AS, I-D/collab, PhD

Event went well, 60 attendees and planning future events.

### 6. Health Economics Journal Club: AS, I-D/collab, output

Good attendance across disciplines, including statisticians at later events. Discussions have begun generating collaborative research proposals and increased links with Warwick Evidence, Economics and CTU.

### 7. Social Science and Discourse Analysis Research Network: AS, I-D/collab, PhD, output

A two day conference across the Social Sciences – 62 attendees, 29 from outside Warwick and 19 RAS. 2 PhD students presented and a website was set up including video's of all the talks. Calls for network to continue – effective sharing of research agendas.

#### **8. Microtubules Network event: I-D/collab, output**

Networking opportunity across relevant departments to encourage increased collaboration. 65 attendees, 84% from Warwick, across disciplines. Good opportunity for senior researchers and ECR's to discuss opportunities. Involvement in this event led to 2 researchers becoming scientific organisers of the first British Microtubule meeting in 2015 in Edinburgh, with discussions to alternate the national event between Edinburgh and Warwick.

#### **9. WMS Early Career Researchers Network (continued funding): AS, collegiate**

The network is expanding its activities, with 3 women organisers providing a succession of leadership. Attendance at events is approx. 20-25, with a profile amongst senior academics.

#### **10. Physics Research Network (continued funding): AS, collegiate**

Series of lunch-time seminars, lower than expected attendance (5-20) and only 3 events held but gave researchers a platform and has a 50:50 gender split.

#### **11. CLL Research Staff Network: AS, collegiate**

To encourage integration and research relationships following departmental changes and explore collaborative funding ideas. Monthly meetings went well – able to contribute to the Centre's future research strategy, which was reviewed in this period. Plan to integrate more with SWELL.

#### **12. Public Engagement Practitioner Network: AS, I-D/collab, PE**

Four meetings to showcase the activities of individuals and discuss public engagement opportunities. Involved 27 individuals from 4 departments, with 4 active organisers. Have participated in Warwick and external events, including Warwick's stand at the Big Bang Fair.

#### **13. Horizon 2020 Workshop: I-D/collab**

Participatory event to help develop projects still at a very early stage. Only 13 attended. Ideas for proposals discussed but no firm output. However, see value in repeating/using the format of the event for encouraging early-stage project discussions from other bodies.

#### **14. Medical Statistics Book & Journal Club (continued funding): AS, collegiate**

This year added discussions on nominated topics to book/journal discussions – both help increase understanding of statistical methods. 2 organisers and regular 13 attendees. Survey conducted – hope to continue.

#### **15. Microbiology & Infectious Disease Network: I-D/collab, output, collegiate**

Aim was to explore collaborative and funding opportunities in one event. 15 staff presented (attendance numbers unknown). Developed links with Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM) and ideas for joint ventures and ongoing networking. A joint research manuscript has been submitted for publication.