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Day conference organisers' report

The BSRLM Spring day conference

The conference was held at the Open University. Presentations included:

20 research reports (16 x 30, 4x 60)

6 workshops (3 x 30, 3 x 60)

2 working groups (1 x 60, 1 x 30)

The table below provides statistical data about this and previous [Spring](#) conferences.

The conference began with a plenary session in the Berill Lecture theatre. First there was a short tribute to Professor Rosamund Sutherland who passed away in January 2019 and then a talk by Sue Staats, the winner of the Janet Duffin award 2018. The Sue Staats lecture was live-streamed and video recorded.

Spring Conference (since 2011)					
Venue and date	Participants	Research Papers (RPs)	Working Groups (WGs)	Research Workshops (RWs)	Total Number of Sessions
IoE London (12/03/2011)	121	45	1	n/a	46

Manchester (03/03/2012)	76	17	4	n/a	21
Bristol (02/03/2013)	72	23	2	n/a	25
King's College (01/03/2014)	110	30	2	n/a	32
Dublin (27-28/02/2015)	66	37	2	n/a	39
MMU (27/02/2016)	92	41	4	3	48
Birkbeck College (04/03/2017)	97	27	2	5	34
Nottingham (03/03/2018)	45 (76)	16 (25)	3 (3)	1 (4)	20 (32)
Open University (09/03/2019)	62	20	2	6	28

The BSRLM Summer day conference and New Researchers' Day

The conference was held at the University of Birmingham.

Presentations at the New Researchers' Day included:

2 plenary lectures by invited speakers

8 research presentations

Presentations at the main conference included:

1 plenary lecture (by the winners of the Janet Duffin award)

20 research reports (20 x 30, 3x 60)

6 research workshops (5 x 30, 1 x 60)

2 working groups (3 x 60)

New Researchers' Day

In all there were 25 attendees, 3 of which were members of the exec, one was an outside speaker and one was the local organiser.

The programme began with a plenary lecture entitled *Writing for peer-reviewed publication* (by Jennie Golding). The afternoon session began with a plenary interactive session entitled *What do you need to know to critique or employ statistical analysis in research?*, presented by Ian Davison (University of Birmingham).

The presentations by new researchers followed the plenaries: there were seven half hour presentations and one hour-long presentation.

Feedback from the attendees suggests that the day went well and was valued by the participants.

Table 2, below, provides a table of data relating to previous new researchers' days, for comparison. The Birmingham day attracted fewer new researchers than in recent years but enough to make a good group. The number of proposals submitted was perhaps disappointing.

New Researchers Day (NRD) (since 2011)		
Venue and date	Participants	Total Number of Sessions
Leeds (10/06/2011)	24	n/a
Sussex (08/06/2012)	23	8
SHU (07/06/2013)	25	14
Southampton (13/06/2014)	16	10
Durham (05/06/2015)	29	15
Loughborough (14/06/2016)	47	14
Oxford (09/06/2017)	60	15
Wales Trinity Saint David (08/06/2018)	33	14 (8 Welsh teachers)
Birmingham	25	8

Table 2: Summary of data for NRDs

Summer Conference (Saturday)

The day began at 10 am with the forum, chaired by Pete Wright. This was followed by the presentation of the Janet Duffin award, and a lecture by the winners of the award, Sue Gifford and Julie Alderton. One comment received in the feedback referred to this lecture, saying 'The Janet Duffin Lecture by Sue Gifford and Julie Alderton was really inspirational.'

Presentations began at 11:30. In all there were 32 presentations, summarised below in Table 2.

Summer Conference (since 2011)					
Venue and date	Participants	Research Papers (RPs)	Working Groups (WGs)	Research Workshops (RWs)	Total Number of Sessions
Leeds (11/06/2011)	64	17	2	n/a	19
Sussex (09/06/2012)	66	24	2	n/a	26
SHU (08/06/2013)	84	19	4	n/a	23

Southampton (14/06/2014)	50	19	0	n/a	19
Durham (06/06/2015)	90	31	3	n/a	34
Loughborough (14/06/2016)	96	24	4	4	32
Oxford (10/06/2017)	118	31	3	5	39
Wales Trinity Saint David (09/06/2018)	60	13	2	3	18
Birmingham (8/6/2019)		20 x ½ h 3 x 1h	3	5 x ½ h 1 x 1h	32

Table 2: Summary of data for main conferences (Summer)

The Autumn conference will be held at the Queen’s University Belfast on 9th November. QUB is kindly sponsoring the event up to £3000. At the time of writing this report, 35 people have registered (6 of whom are members of the exec). Eight Irish email addresses have been identified.

Table 3, below, summarises figures from Autumn conferences since 2013.

Autumn Conference (since 2010)					
Venue and date	Participants	Research Papers (RPs)	Working Groups (WGs)	Research Workshops (RWs)	Total Number of Sessions
Edinburgh (16/11/2013)	70	22	0	n/a	22
Leicester (08/11/2014)	87	21	4	n/a	25
Reading (07/11/2015)	103	35	4	4	43
Brighton (12/11/2016)	65	12	2	9	23
Liverpool Hope (11/11/2017)	70	20	3	3	26
King’s College London (10/11/2018)	127	44	2	5	51
Queen’s University Belfast	35	17	3	3	23

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