CBE for Professor Ann Moore

All at NCOR are delighted with the news that our previous director, Emeritus Professor Ann Moore, has been honoured with a CBE in the Queen’s Birthday Honours List. Ann was appointed the first chair of NCOR in 2003 when NCOR was based between at the Clinical Research Centre for Health Professions at the University of Brighton. Ann headed NCOR until 2012 when Dr Dawn Carnes was appointed as Director.

Dr Carnes said, “This award is well deserved. Ann and colleagues showed much foresight in the 2000s to conduct research into adverse events, which has enabled osteopaths to convey evidence-informed information to their patients.”

Professor Andrew Lloyd, Dean of the College of Life, Health and Physical Sciences at the University of Brighton said, “Through developing the evidence base in the field, Ann’s research has had global influence... and direct impact on patients.”

Reviewing ASA themes with the iO

In early July the Institute of Osteopathy arranged to meet with NCOR and members of some Osteopathic Educational Institutions to continue our ongoing conversations with the Advertising Standards Authority. The current guidance given to osteopaths regarding wording we can use in advertising can be unclear, and all parties involved feel that clarification would help matters. The iO have drafted a document of “themes” intended as a starting point from which to review and develop current guidance. This document is currently under review by NCOR and all other involved parties, and we welcome this opportunity to be involved in these discussions.

Systematic review of paediatric patients

Our team has been working hard, each of us reading dozens of papers. We’re currently in the middle of a typical process used by systematic reviews wherein papers are voted “in” or “out” by two reviewers, with a third reviewer resolving any disagreement. So far there is strong agreement between reviewers, with only a handful of papers requiring resolution.

Some papers are proving very hard to locate, unfortunately, so watch out for our appeals on social media. If you have some old osteopathic or chiropractic magazines in the attic, we may ask you to dust them off and search for some articles for us! We’ve been through our filing cabinet and found a handful of useful photocopies from our archives!

In the meantime we’re also looking for anybody who can fluently read Chinese, Lithuanian or French. If you can help us – please get in touch!

Email us for further information: info@ncor.org.uk

NCOR conference 2017

On Jan 28th 2017 we’ll be welcoming delegates to our conference, tentatively titled “Helping patients help themselves: Improving the management of long term pain”. We’re lining up our speakers, and hoping to include lectures from the worlds of psychology and physiotherapy as well as osteopathy.

The morning will see talks on the neurology of persistent pain; the latest evidence-informed advice from NHS guidelines; and psychological management of patients. There will also be an overview of clinical facilitation skills in preparation for the afternoon’s workshops.

If you have any questions about the conference please email us for details: info@ncor.org.uk

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http://www.ncor.org.uk/getting-involved/hubs/

Currently the hubs are reviewing topics such as the relationship between sitting and back pain, insomnia, and case studies. If you want to be involved – and gain some CPD experience – get in touch with us or your nearest hub.

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