**Scottish Pain Research Community (SPaRC)**

**Fourteenth Annual Scientific Meeting**

**Friday 06th December 2024**

**Key note Speakers:**

**Prof Geert Crombez (Ghent University, Belgium)**

**Prof Frances Williams (King’s College, London)**

**MALMAISON Hotel, Dundee**

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Call for Abstracts \*\*\*\*\*\***

Following last year’s successful meeting, we are pleased to announce the Fourteenth Annual Scientific Meeting of the NRS Pain Specialty Group/ Scottish Pain Research Community (SPaRC) which will take place on Friday 06th December 2024. This will be an opportunity for meeting, sharing research, and identifying potential collaborations. You are invited to attend this meeting and to submit an abstract for presentation (oral or poster).

**The objectives of the SPaRC Annual Scientific Meeting will be to:**

* + Update SPaRC members on pain research
  + Share current and recent research between members of the Community (submitted abstracts, invited speakers and posters)
  + Identify the ways in which patients will benefit from the research
  + Identify and develop collaborations within the Community
  + Identify other possible activities within the Community

We are therefore seeking abstracts representing the full range of pain-related research in Scotland, including basic, clinical and population science. This includes research that has been published recently, as well as current activity. Abstracts are to include results from the research, and not just a description of expected future results. **Please note that abstracts that have been previously presented elsewhere will be considered, as well as new work.** **Please note that the meeting this year will be in person only: if you are submitting an abstract for presentation, we would require that the presenting author attends the meeting in person.** We are committed to involving people living with chronic pain in all aspects of research. Hence, we ask presenters to put their research into a clinical context by including details of the (potential) patient benefit arising from the research and detailing any involvement of people with lived experience in the project.

**Oral presentations:**

Sessions in the main programme will be presented orally. Each presenter is allocated ~10 minute session followed by question and answers. If you had any PPIE involvement in your study, you may wish to consider (or we would encourage) co-presentation with a patient partner but the costs of the involvement would be the responsibility of the study investigators.

**Poster Presentations:**

Poster presentations will be displayed in the exhibition area throughout the conference, and presented by the authors. Poster will also be accessible online. Posters can be presented in landscape or portrait format. The maximum size limits are A1 (594 mm x 841 mm) for landscape posters, and A0 (841 mm x 1189 mm) for portrait posters. Poster presenters are encouraged to use a design that minimizes an overload of text and highlights the main findings of a study. More information about easy-to-scan and learner-centric posters can be found in these YouTube videos:

1) How to create a better research poster in less time #betterposter Generation 1

([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1RwJbhkCA58&t=961](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3D1RwJbhkCA58%26t%3D961&data=05%7C02%7Cjacqueline.pearson1%40nhs.scot%7Cb468b887cc5f4a42e79808dca19692df%7C10efe0bda0304bca809cb5e6745e499a%7C0%7C0%7C638562915340633967%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=rS0gm9hrTc2Ngqxl%2Fe2rsLJtuT4n%2BI5fC%2Fc6fVyf1Qk%3D&reserved=0))

2) The Latest Research on Scientific Posters 2024

([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QU8HMU8A3ns](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DQU8HMU8A3ns&data=05%7C02%7Cjacqueline.pearson1%40nhs.scot%7Cb468b887cc5f4a42e79808dca19692df%7C10efe0bda0304bca809cb5e6745e499a%7C0%7C0%7C638562915340645165%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=QO6tlsRaoY6XVYMYHafb5XPACvCrvMQgRtr4N3wGVIM%3D&reserved=0))

We will continue with the successful “Datablitz” format, where poster presenters will have the opportunity to give a 1 minute summary of the key points, using 1 slide, at the start of the poster session.

With the permission of the authors, selected abstracts will be posted on the Pain area of NRS Scotland Website (<https://www.nhsresearchscotland.org.uk/research-areas/pain>).

Please email your abstracts using the attached form to **jacqueline.pearson1@nhs.scot.** Abstract guidelines are provided below. **The deadline for submission of abstracts is 11 OCT 2024.**

If you have any questions, please email **jacqueline.pearson1@nhs.scot.**

Professor Lesley Colvin,

Chair of the Scottish Pain Research Community (SPaRC)/ Clinical Lead for NRS Pain Network

**GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION**

**Please note the following for all Abstracts:**

* All abstracts should be completed on the attached abstract form.
* All should include: title, presenting author, other author(s), organisation, background, objectives, methods, results, conclusions, relevance for patient care.
* Maximum 300 words in total
* Abstracts will be reviewed based on criteria as follows: acceptability for programme, originality, completeness, clarity of objectives, methods, results (not expected future findings), conclusions and relevance for patient care.
* Format: when emailing please name your word document “Abstract CP2024 & your name/name of first author”.

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# Abstract Submission Form

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**Please indicate preference for your abstract submission:**

**Poster** 🞎 **Oral Presentation** 🞎

**If accepted, please indicate if we can publish your abstract on the SPaRC website and on the NHS Research Scotland Website (**<http://www.nhsresearchscotland.org.uk>**): Yes/ No**

**Please limit to 300 words maximum, and ensure you complete ALL sectons.**

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| **Title:**  **Background:**  **Objective(s) – please include the “problem” being addressed in lay terms:**  **Methods:**  **Results:**  **Conclusions:**  **Relevance for patient care and involvement of people with lived experience in the project:** |