

GRAPPA Research/Collaborative Research Network (CRN) Committee

Description of the overall role of the committee

The GRAPPA Research/CRN committee is advisory with the overarching role of driving and supporting research within the GRAPPA organisation.

Frequency of meetings

The Research/CRN committee will meet at least quarterly, to be decided by the chairperson(s).

Specific Tasks/sub-groups

There are several specific tasks undertaken by the committee including the following:

1. Organising the Trainee Symposium/Abstract selection at the Annual Meeting. This specific task is currently being led by Dr Lihi Eder, Dr April Armstrong and Dr Elaine Husni (see assoc job descriptions). Together with other members of the abstract review group, they will review the abstracts and decide on whether oral vs poster. Dr Armstrong and either Dr Eder or Dr Husni (to be agreed between them) will chair the Trainee Oral Abstract symposium. Either Dr Eder or Dr Husni will chair the poster sessions and organise the poster tours. Drs Armstrong/Eder/Husni will report to the Research/CRN committee and will seek extra support from members of the committee or from the extended GRAPPA community as is required.
2. Organising/reviewing the GRAPPA Pilot Grant awards. This specific task is currently being led by Dr Vinod Chandran together with the Pilot Grant review group. Depending on the number of available grants to be confirmed each year by the GRAPPA Executive Committee, Dr Chandran will make recommendations for awarding of the Pilot Grants and will provide a report to the Research/CRN committee.
3. GRAPPA Collaborative Research Network (CRN). This specific task has been led by Drs Ritchlin and FitzGerald and they intend to step down from the leadership role at the end of 2021. Their successors as chairperson(s) of the Research/CRN committee, ideally a Rheumatologist and a Dermatologist, will direct the CRN leadership team, assist in driving the development of collaborative research within GRAPPA and organise the annual GRAPPA CRN meeting, held adjacent to the annual meeting. CRN leadership team meetings should take place at least quarterly.

Reports to

The Research/CRN committee should provide quarterly reports to the GRAPPA Executive committee.

Membership

The Research/CRN committee should consist of approximately 10-12 members reflecting the main GRAPPA constituents. These constituents include the following: rheumatologists, dermatologists, basic scientists, Y-GRAPPA and patient research partners. The leaders of each of the sub-groups (mentioned above) will automatically be members of the research committee. The immediate past-chairpersons may remain on the committee for one 3 year term. Declarations of interest in joining the Research/CRN committee will be sought from the full GRAPPA membership.

Chairperson(s)

Ideally, the Research/CRN committee chairpersons should be a rheumatologist and a dermatologist. Declarations of interest in this role will be sought from the full GRAPPA membership. The GRAPPA Executive committee will decide on how best to proceed in the event of several candidates expressing interest.

Terms of Office

The term of office for the chairperson(s) of the Research/CRN committee will be 3 years. This may be renewed for a maximum of 1 term.

The membership of the research/CRN committee will also be for 3 years, renewable for a maximum of 1 term.

Description of the role of Co-chairs of the Trainees Symposium:

1. Are members of the Research Committee
2. Draft the RFA along with Chairperson of Poster Session and Sharon Andrews that is sent to the trainees in January
3. Together with co-chair of the poster session, help plan the format of the oral and poster sessions
4. Serve on the abstract review committees
5. Organize the oral presentations for the annual meeting with Sharon Andrews
6. Co-chair the oral presentations acting as co-moderators
7. Collaborate with others on the research committee to select the best oral and posters for awards
8. Together with co-chair of the poster session, select two trainees to draft the annual trainees symposium and poster session manuscript for J Rheum
9. Edit and review the manuscript and newsletter.
10. Communicate with the trainees after the meeting.

Description of the role of Poster Session Chairperson:

1. Member of the Research Committee
2. Draft the RFA along with co-chairs of trainee symposium and Sharon Andrews that is sent to the trainees in January
3. Together with co-chairs of trainee symposium, plan the format of the oral and poster sessions
4. Serve on the abstract review committee
5. Organize the poster presentations for the annual meeting with Sharon Andrews liaising with poster presenters.
6. Organise the poster tours if possible, to be conducted by both a Dermatologist and a Rheumatologist
7. Collaborate with others on the research committee to select the best posters for awards
8. Together with co-chairs of trainee symposium, select two trainees to draft the annual trainee's symposium and poster manuscript for J Rheum
9. Edit and review the manuscript and newsletter with co-chairs of trainee symposium.
10. Communicate with the trainees after the meeting.