

## Summary of Conference Feedback on the EAPCRN Junior Forum

EAPCRN Junior Forum is a place where members would like to.....	
<b>Learn about</b>	General principles of research; what research 'is' and 'is not' Trial methodologies : choosing the right one Statistics and data analysis
<b>Find out how to</b>	Get started in research Write a research curriculum vitae (CV) Get your work published Write grants and get funding
<b>Have detailed discussions on</b>	How to do a PhD Pitfalls and difficulties in research Strategies for problem solving
<b>Be involved in</b>	Group discussion Social activities
<b>Have the opportunity to</b>	Share ideas and expertise Learn about each other's work Discuss topics directly with interested parties Meet international research partners, including those representing psychological medicine, social sciences and humanities

EAPCRN Junior Forum will be important because .....	
<b>It offers the opportunity for</b>	Sharing ideas with others The transfer of knowledge and information Discussion Social and scientific networking Young researchers to present their own work Young researchers to ask questions
<b>It has the potential to</b>	Enhance training and boost education in research related topics Help 'neglected' areas of research gain acknowledgment Facilitate multi-centred trials through collaboration Establish a strong foundation for the future of research Enable Palliative Care to lead the field in the training of 'young researchers'
<b>It will help</b>	Individuals to get started in research Young researchers develop skills for research Young researchers make the most out of their research experience Disseminate information about educational and collaborative opportunities Counter the 'isolation' sometimes felt by young researchers Teach young researchers more about work of EAPC Make it easier for young researchers to get to know one another

<b>EAPCRN Junior Forum might achieve its goals through .....</b>	
<b>An “on line” forum</b>	For dissemination of information As a platform for discussion As a portal for ‘online’ courses in research-related topics Where individual’s research work can be highlighted Where research opportunities can be advertised
<b>A secure webpage</b>	Where individual’s can post their research profiles
<b>Satellite conference at EAPC meetings (ie half day session)</b>	For lectures on specific themes given by experts For young researchers to present their own experience of research For presentations on research-related topics Where researchers can meet via concept of ‘speed dating’
<b>“Summer School” Programme</b>	To foster informal internships and visiting scholar exchanges With view to developing specific PhD / ‘masterclass’ programmes With a view to developing educational courses
<b>An Organizing Committee</b>	Formed and convened via on line forum Led by the needs and involvement of JF members
<b>Coordination</b>	With PhD / teaching programmes already being established ie from Australia and USA

<b>EAPCRN Junior Forum should be cautious not to .....</b>	
<b>Reinvent the wheel</b>	By setting up courses which are already readily available
<b>Neglect areas of research</b>	By failing to represent properly less mainstream fields of research

### **Further (more detailed) thoughts and feedback suggestions included;**

#### ***Questions which should be addressed when ‘learning about research’;***

- What is it about?
- What is it like?
- Where do I start?
- Is it for me?
- Should I do this?
- How do I do it?
- Who can I turn to for advice?
- How does research work?

***An 'Online' forum could include***

- Online bulletin board
- Wiki- environments
- Article of the month
- JF blog
- 'Toolbox' of getting started in research – questions and answers addressed, practical advice
- A source of Information on courses and conferences
- A checklist of skills required/desired in research
- Forum for sharing ideas and information through concept of 'social networking forum' ie facebook

***Secure webpage could ;***

- Contain Information on members such as name, contact details, area of research, supervisors etc
- Act as pinboard for collaborators
- Central trial register – to find out what's going on where

***Educational programmes could include finding out about;***

- How to obtain and secure funding (as the central point of research)
- What infrastructures are available for junior researchers in their country?
- What (and where) research opportunities are available? – MSc, MD, PhD – and how to make these meaningful experiences
- What opportunities are available after your period of research or after you have gained your MD/PhD? What opportunities are there for an 'academic career' at a national/international level?

***Other ideas and activities could include;***

- Mentoring: Experts/Seniors being offered the opportunity to mentor young researchers
- Learn about infrastructure for research in different countries
- Representation on Training Boards/ Research bodies to help understand requirements of and/or obtain resources for doing research at Registrar level