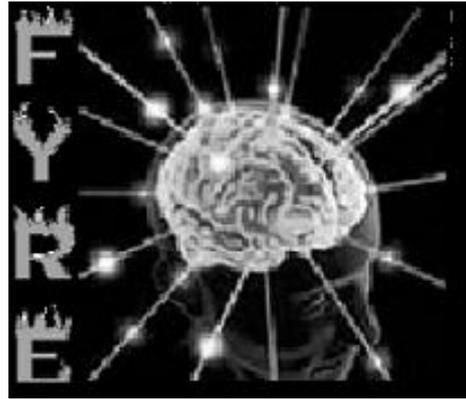


FYRE

Forum of Young REsearchers *Report 2011*



The Forum of Young Researchers (FYRE) is a group of young, enthusiastic clinical scientists within the RG-ACD who are interested in the study of patients with disorders of cognitive and language functions. FYRE is specifically geared towards early career researchers in aphasiology, cognitive and behavioural neurology, neuropsychology, clinical linguistics and related disciplines.

After FYRE was formed at the Bi-annual RG-ACD Meeting in Edinburgh (2008), its members hosted the first poster competition for early career researchers during the meeting in Istanbul (Turkey), on 15-18 May 2010. The Istanbul meeting was also the first occasion for FYRE members to meet up and know each other in person.

After the Istanbul meeting, a dedicated facebook group was created in order to support the link between the FYRE members. In addition, amongst other ideas and suggestions, it has been recently proposed: **1)** to create an “advisory panel” of experienced scientists interested in mentoring FYRE members; **2)** to mention the existence of FYRE in the papers published by the FYRE members, to allow experienced scientists to familiarize with the existence of FYRE.

Regarding the next future, the FYRE would aim to host a second poster competition during the 2012 conference in India. Moreover, FYRE would hope to introduce a new feature: a special symposium led entirely by FYRE-researchers. This symposium will aim to encourage young investigators to make their high-quality and academically distinctive work known to the RG-ACD research community. To maintain scientific excellence, both the poster competition and symposium will be subject to the same selection procedure as other abstract submissions to the meeting.

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