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.

In order to join FYRE, a potential member should have completed their PhD or MD less than 5 years ago. Moreover, a researcher should provide proof of two posters or abstracts submitted to a conference from any of the aforementioned fields.

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 Turkey, on 15-18 May 2010. Michal Harciarek (Poland) was judged to have created the best poster and won free registration for the next RG-ACD Meeting to be held in India, 2012.

Several young researchers met during the last meeting and discussed ideas on how to make FYRE a successful endeavour. After having received a large amount of positive feedback on the poster competition from various members, we aim to host a second competition during the 2012 conference in India.

Moreover, FYRE hopes to expand its activities and introduce a new feature: a special symposium led entirely by FYRE-researchers. This symposium aims to encourage young, promising 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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