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Prof Paul Boyle has left St Andrews University to become Chief Executive of Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC). The SHIP team wish him well in his new post. Paul had been leading Core Programme 3: Engaging Researchers and Research Programme 4: Demographic, Socio-economic and Environmental data linkage.

SHIP is grateful to Dr Colin McCowan for taking over Core Programme 3: Researcher Engagement and to Dr Chris Dibben for taking over Research Programme 4. Chris will also take the lead in the organisation of the SHIP biennial conference which will take place on 9th-11th September 2011.

Chris Dibben is a Lecturer in health geography at the University of St Andrews and is also the Director of the UK Economic and Social Research Council's Administrative Data Liaison Service. He has worked on, amongst other subjects, epidemiological studies into recovery after heart attacks, the causes of Low Birth Weight, the survival of drug misusers and the impact of air pollution. He also contributed to work on the UK NHS health funding formula and on measuring health inequalities, for example developing the Health Poverty Index for the Department of Health and Information Centre (NHS). Other work includes the development of national deprivation indices across the UK and in South Africa and evaluations of government area based. Finally he is interested in the vulnerability of communities to "natural hazards".

Colin McCowan is a Lecturer in Health Informatics at the University of Dundee and is also Deputy Director of the Health Informatics Centre. He has worked within the Medical School at the University of Dundee since 1993, after obtaining a degree in Computer Science in 1992. He won an MRC Fellowship in 1993 and was awarded a Masters degree in Health Services Research (2004) at the University of Aberdeen and a PhD in Health Services Research (2009) at Dundee. His research centres on the use of routine data to answer important clinical questions and he has worked in breast cancer, prescribing in the elderly and methadone management, amongst other areas. He also has an interest in the use of Clinical Prediction Rules.

Colin has created a program of lectures, seminars, workshops and training courses tailored to the needs of the research community working with routine data. A key aim over the next year is to start disseminating the findings of the SHIP workstreams to the research community which will be start with a workshop in Dundee on Information Governance and Public engagement - details can be found on the next page.



Dr Chris Dibben



Dr Colin McCowan

Lay representatives to join management group

The SHIP team is delighted to welcome two lay representatives onto the Management Group: Helen Millar and Ron Jamieson.

They have both been involved with the Chief Scientist Office Public Involvement Group since its formation in late 2002: Helen as Co-Chairman and Ron as a Member.

As well as the CSO Public Involvement Group, Ron is also a member of several associated research groups. A

company director and retired chartered surveyor, Ron studied at The Royal Technical College and the Glasgow College of Building. He was a long term member of statutory, construction industry and BSI committees regarding technical and quality assurance codes and standards. Ron's interests include genealogy and family and local history.

Helen Millar has previously served for nine years as a lay member of the Multi-centre Research Ethics Committee

for Scotland. For several years Helen was also on the Medical Research Council Advisory Group on Public Involvement and Biobank Interim Advisory Group. She presently sits as a lay member on various committees in the Royal College of Pediatrics and Child Health, in the Beatson and the MRC Edinburgh Brain Bank. Her special interests are ethics and patient / participant information. We look forward to working with them both.

New web pages for Privacy Advisory Committee

NHS National Services Scotland Privacy Advisory Committee (PAC) has new web pages

PAC is an advisory committee to the board of NHS National Services Scotland. It was originally set up as an independent body in 1990 to provide advice on requests for the release of patient identifiable information by ISD, and by the General Register Office for Scotland (GROS).

It comprises 5 members, the

majority of whom are non-NHS, and its current chair is Professor Graeme Laurie.

PAC advises the ISD Caldicott Guardian and Medical Advisor to GROS, currently Dr Janet Murray, on the correct balance between protecting personal data, and making data available for research, audit and other important, legitimate uses in two key areas: new record linkages and the release by NSS of identifi-

able, or potentially identifiable, health data.

NSS has just moved and improved its information about PAC on the web. Detailed information about PAC's role, its application and decision-making process can now be found at http://www.nhsnss.org/pages/about/pac_privacy_advisory_committee.php.

E-mail queries about PAC should continue to be sent to the PAC mailbox at nss.pac@nhs.net.

Save the date!

**SHIP International Conference:
Exploiting Existing Data for Health
Research**

**9-11th September 2011 at the
University of St Andrews**

John Halamka to give Mackenzie Lecture



John D. Halamka MD, MS.

On 26th May 2011, this year's Mackenzie Lecture will be given by John D. Halamka, MD, MS. As Chief Information Officer at Beth Israel Deaconess, he is responsible for all clinical, financial, administrative and academic information technology serving 3000 doctors, 14000 employees and two million patients. As well as being CIO of Harvard Medical School John is also a practicing emergency physician: a globally recognized expert on mushroom and wild plant poisonings. As Chairman of the New England Healthcare Exchange Network, he oversees the HIPAA transactions exchanged among the payors and providers in New England. As Chair of Healthcare Information Technology Standards Panel/co-Chair of the HIT Standards Committee he coordinates the process of electronic standards harmonization among stakeholders nationwide.

John will speak on "Connecting Patients, Providers, and Payers", a discussion of how \$27 Billion will be spent to improve the quality, safety and efficiency of Healthcare in the US through strategic implementation of information technology"

Email info@hic.dundee.ac.uk with your details if you would like to be kept updated.

Forthcoming SHIP workshop on governance

A workshop for researchers: Information Governance and Public Engagement

SHIP integrates developments in data linkage for health research with a robust approach to research governance; this process involves engaging with researchers and wider publics in discussing social and ethical concerns to support the development of appropriate governance models.

This workshop is an invitation to engage in this process. A potential framework for governance that has been developed within the governance strand will be presented and discussed. Attendees will hear about the public engagement work and be able to discuss their views about the value of public engagement

Presentations:

Prof Graeme Laurie and Dr Anthea Springbett - A Governance Framework

Prof Sarah Cunningham-Burley and Dr Mhairi Aitken - Public Engagement

information on SHIP will be offered, with particular focus on the work of the public engagement stream along with a paper presentation from Graeme Laurie on a potential framework for the governance of data reuse for research. The participants will subsequently be addressed with several questions for discussion in order to inform the Public Engagement and Information Governance strands of the project.

Time and Place:

2pm—4:30pm

A buffet lunch at 1:15pm

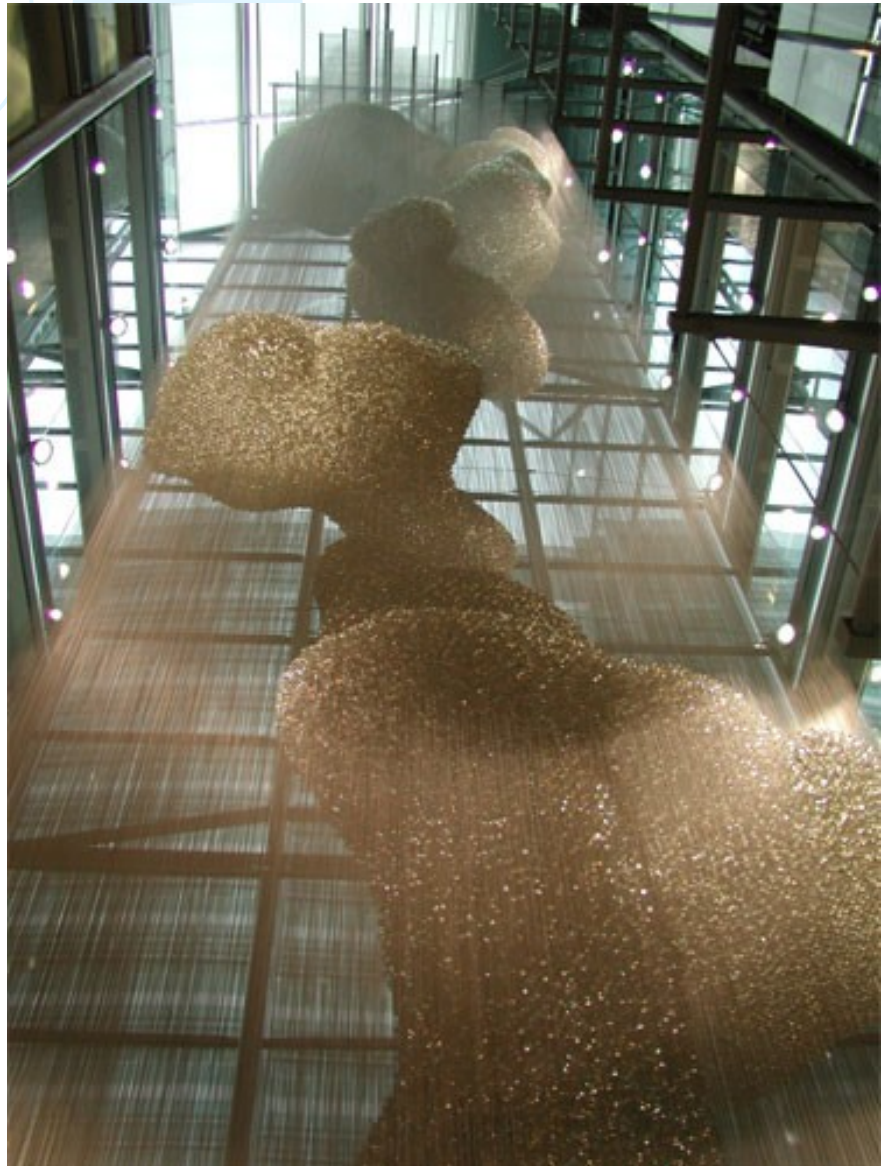
Monday 13th December Central Teaching Area, Mackenzie Building,

Kirsty Semple Way

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Places are limited: Contact Christine Lamb ship@st-andrews.ac.uk to reserve a place.

SHIP is granted an extra year



Sculpture by Thomas Heatherwick “*Bleigiessen*” in the Wellcome Trust Gibbs Building, Euston Road, London

The Wellcome Trust has extended the grant until 30th April 2013. This is due to the complex nature of the programme necessitating a staggered start to recruitment. The extension does not entail any additional money from the Wellcome Trust and each institution remains responsible for managing its budgetary envelope.

New Contact Details. . .

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