Dear All,

We are pleased to confirm that the **2019 Annual OPSYRIS** meeting will take place on **Friday, 4th of October**, at **St Anne’s College in Oxford**. We have made a first step towards designing an appealing programme with a planned keynote presentation from Professor Sarah Pendlebury (University of Oxford), specialising in Clinical Neurosciences, Geratology and Stroke Prevention.

As in 2018, we also look forward to awarding the Rising Star prize to an outstanding early career researcher or clinician, with the recipient invited to present their work at the annual meeting. This year, however, we would like to receive nominations for the award from you, our OPSYRIS members! Please email the name of your suggested candidate by the **15th of July** to [b.drozdowska.1@research.gla.ac.uk](mailto:b.drozdowska.1@research.gla.ac.uk). We request that the email specify whether the nominee is an early career researcher or clinician, as well as a brief account (no more than 150 words) of why you think they should receive the award.

Based on your feedback following last year’s meeting, there are also a couple more changes we would like to implement for OPSYRIS 2019. Firstly, aiming to finalise the meeting programme earlier, the **call for abstract** submissions will be open from the **1st of May till the 15th of July**. Please look out for a separate email with all the relevant details towards the end of April.

Secondly, several 2018 delegates indicated an interest in a new addition to the meeting programme – a session on implemented innovations in clinical services. We envision that speakers would be selected for oral presentations based on specially tailored abstract submissions. We welcome all OPSYRIS members to voice their opinion on this proposal via:

1. Twitter: @OPSYRIS1
2. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/226829764730675/>
3. OPSYRIS discussion forum: <http://opsyris.proboards.com/>
4. Email ([b.drozdowska.1@research.gla.ac.uk](mailto:b.drozdowska.1@research.gla.ac.uk))

With your help, we hope to create an exciting programme for the 2019 Annual OPSYRIS meeting and see an even greater attendance than last year!

Very best wishes,

Bogna on behalf of the OPSYRIS team