IAGG Global Research Network on Health & Ageing
Questionnaire for selection process

Name of the Centre: Brunel Institute for Ageing Studies
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Description of the Centre:

a) Type of investigations:
- [ ] Basic Science / Fundamental
- [ ] Clinical Research
- [ ] Health Services Research
- [ ] Epidemiologic/Public Health Research
- [ ] Other

b) Themes investigated (please specify):
- [ ] Dementia
- [ ] Frailty
- [ ] Sarcopenia
- [ ] Other Neurodegenerative Disorders
- [ ] Geriatric Disorders
- [ ] Cardiovascular Risk Factors
- [ ] Metabolism
- [ ] Ageing research
- [ ] Genetics
- [ ] Gerontechnology
- [ ] Other

c) Number of investigators in ongoing positions:
- [ ] Less than 5
- [ ] to 10
- [x] More than 10

d) Number of investigators funded by specific projects:
- [ ] 1 to 3
- [ ] 4 to 5
- [x] More than 5

e) Does your Centre have a:
- [ ] Clinical affiliation
- [x] Academic affiliation

f) Does your Centre have a basic sciences program? (Please specify topic)
- [x] Yes  Ageing cells (cell biology)
- [ ] No

If your Centre is affiliated to a Geriatric Department, please provide the following information:

a) Types of units:
- [ ] Acute Ward - Number of beds: 0
- [ ] Outpatient Ward - Number of patients/year: 0
- [ ] Community Care Unit - Number of visits/year: 0
Day Hospital - **Number of places/day:** 0
Geriatric Rehabilitation Unit - **Number of beds:** 0
Long-Term Care - **Number of beds:** 0
Special Units (stroke, memory, ortho-geriatric, psycho-geriatric) - **Number of beds:** 0

b) **Number of staff in the Department:**
Geriatric: 0
Gerontology: 0
Other: 0

c) **Does the Day Hospital have specialist services?**
- Dementia / Memory
- Cardiovascular clinic
- Rehabilitation
- Falls assessment clinic
- Parkinson's disease clinic
- Other

d) **Does your Geriatric Department already cooperate with supervising clinical trials?**
- Yes
- No

Management of the Centre:

a) **Is your Centre an existing national or government recognized medical research Centre?**
- Yes
- No

b) **Does the Centre receive funded grants? (Please specify source)**
- Yes  ESRC, Leverhulme, New Dynamics of Ageing Programme
- No

c) **Does the Centre collaborate with trials funded by pharmaceutical companies?**
- Yes
- No

d) **Will the Centre shortly begin investigation projects?**
- Yes
- No

**Indicate the three main publications over the last 2 years:**

1/ **Name of Journal:** Psychology and Aging
   **Title of article:** Depression, anxiety, and within-person variability in adults aged 18 to 85 years.

2/ **Name of Journal:** Journal of Gerontology: Psychological Sciences
   **Title of article:** Mental health and cognitive function in adults aged 18 to 92 years

3/ **Name of Journal:** Ageing and Society
   **Title of article:** The prevalence of and risk factors for loneliness among older people in China

**Please add short biographies (maximum 1 page) of the Key Investigators and Head of Department**

The Brunel Institute for Ageing Studies is a 'collaborative research network' within Brunel University. BIAS has a membership of around 80 staff members with interests ranging from cell biology to legal and ethical issues at the end of life. The Executive Director, Professor Mary Gilhooly, is a psychologist by training and is Deputy Head of School for Research, School of Health Sciences and Social Care, Brunel University, England. Professor Gilhooly's research concerns issues surrounding ageing and older adults, and has covered topics as varied as petitioning the House of Lords on the subject of ?living wills?, research on the effects of playing chess and doing crosswords on cognitive ability in old age and the role of ICT in quality
of life in old age. Professor Gilhooly conducted one of the first studies in the UK on family care of people with dementia. Research funded by the ESRC includes studies on (a) transport and ageing, and (b) quality of life and real life cognitive functioning. Current grants in the New Dynamics of Ageing programme include a study of decision-making in detecting financial elder abuse and research on incontinence. Professor Gilhooly was President of the British Society of Gerontology from 2000-2004. Dr Ian Kill, Deputy Executive Director is a member of the Biosciences Division of the School of Health Sciences and Social Care. Dr Kill is also the director of the Centre for Cell Biology. There are nine programmes of research within BIAS. The programme directors and research programmes are as follows: Prof David Bunce, Cognitive Ageing; Prof Christina Victor, Healthy Ageing; Ms Eleanor van den Heuvel, Assistive Technology; Dr Gabriella Spinelli, Business Strategy and Innovation; Dr Mary Pat Sullivan, Gerontological Social Work; Dr Tony Elliman, ICT and Ageing; Prof Susan Broadhurst, Arts and Ageing, Dr Ian Kill, Biological Ageing; Prof Mary Gilhooly, Legal and Ethical Issues in an Ageing Society.