

West Midlands Association for the Study of Obesity Regional Meeting
(in partnership with AWM, UoB Centre for Obesity Research and UoW)

Thursday 25 February 2010

Institute of Biomedical Research Seminar Room (N143)
College of Medical and Dental Sciences
University of Birmingham

13.30 Coffee and Registration

Young investigators session

14.00 Is idiopathic intracranial hypertension the neurological manifestation of the metabolic syndrome? – The impact of weight loss

*Dr Alex Sinclair, MRC Clinical Research Training Fellow
School of Immunity and Infection, University of Birmingham*

14.15 Effects of vitamin D on the risk of cardiometabolic disorders: systematic review and meta-analysis

*Johanna Parker and Omar Hashmi
Health Sciences Research Institute, Warwick Medical School, University of Warwick*

14.40 Reduced-fat chocolate: is it possible, and do consumers want it?

*Jennifer Norton
School of Chemical Engineering, University of Birmingham*

14.55 'Families for Health': a group-based intervention with families for the management of childhood obesity

*Dr Wendy Robertson, Assistant Professor in Public Health
Health Sciences Research Institute, Warwick Medical School, University of Warwick*

15.15 Adrenal androgens and human adipogenesis

*Dr Jo McNelis, Post Doctoral Research Fellow
School of Clinical and Experimental Medicine, University of Birmingham*

Break – coffee / tea and biscuits

State of the Art Sessions

16.00 Cognitive influences on appetite control

*Dr Suzanne Higgs, Senior Lecturer
School of Psychology, University of Birmingham*

16.30 Trajectories of obesity, weight gain and metabolic syndrome: their impact on healthy ageing

*Dr Oscar Franco, Assistant Clinical Professor in Public Health
Health Sciences Research Institute, Warwick Medical School, University of Warwick*

17.00 Decisions, decisions - stairs or not; stair climbing interventions targeting obesity'

*Dr Frank Eves, Senior Lecturer in Applied Psychology
School of Sports and Exercise Sciences, University of Birmingham*

17.30 Brain mechanisms for the reward value of food, and their relevance to understanding obesity

*Professor Edmund Rolls
Engineering, International Manufacturing Centre, University of Warwick*

18.00 Concluding remarks and meeting close