

Rehabilitation Sciences Group

2004

Outcomes 2003-2004

- **Benchmarking data used in two School Reviews**
- **Student exchanges**
- **Post-doc exchange**
- **Staff visits/networking**
- **Network for PhD examiners**
- **U21 Fellowship**

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**Outcome 1
Position Paper on Clinical Practice
Education**

**Develop a position paper on clinical/practice
education for Rehabilitation Sciences**

What is the purpose?

- To develop a U21 Rehab Sc position statement on the current and future context for clinical/practice education, associated issues and potential strategies
- To present a vision for the future of clinical/practice education for Rehabilitation Sciences
- To catalogue current examples of innovative and creative clinical/practice education and solutions/responses

Unique offerings of U21

- Cross cultural/global perspectives
- Evidence based practice culture
- Strong research culture in U 21
- Research into practice education
- An inter-professional perspective

What do we want to accomplish with the Position Paper ?

- Influence policy and funding

Government Policy, VCs, Deans

- Influence accrediting bodies for more flexible forward thinking about practice education
- Resource for changing ideas and shared knowledge among U21 universities

Importance of clinical practice for all Health Sciences professions

What do we want from U21 ?

- A plenary session on clinical practice education in Lund 2005
(Rehabilitation Sciences to lead)

Outcome 2: Benchmarking

- Template developed over past three meetings
- Template has been utilized in two U21 university reviews.
- Further refinement of template underway
- Each participating university to benchmark for Lund 2005
- Need to be discipline based

Outcome 3: Research Capacity Building

- Expanded benchmarking template
 - To enhance research collaborations and training
 - To establish research strengths and emerging areas.
- Already have U21 RS fellowship, student and staff exchanges.
- By 2005 aim to establish interdisciplinary research network

Feedback on E Health

- Rehab Sc supports white paper proposal
- Support adopt a hospital concept but must be broadened beyond a hospital centric focus
- Adopt an underserved community
- We will nominate SPOC from Rehabilitation Sciences in each University

Lund 2005

- RS agenda for 2005 established
- Main theme:
 - Research Action Plan across U21 enhancement
 - Establish inter-professional research agenda
 - Establish inter-disciplinary research agenda
 - Draft Position Paper for Discussion

Innovative ideas requiring support from U21

- **Teleconference (1) between meetings 2004-2005.**
- **Administrative support to assist with position paper up to 2005.**
- **Studentships/fellowships for postgraduate students.**
- **Staff exchanges within U21.**

Policy issues around financial support for U21
Health Sciences discipline groups

Submissions to VCs, U21 Managers

Will bring further specific submissions in 2005