



## Scottish Consortium for Rural Research

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## Rural science for public good: sharing our best ideas

### SCRR Mini-Conference focusing on Early Years Researchers

November 13, 2019

Venue: An Lochran, Inverness

Across the breadth of Scotland, there are many researchers examining different aspects of the 'rural' from multiple perspectives – geography, geology, sociology, ecology, animal health, anthropology – and from the very micro through to the macro.

In November 2019, SCRR held a Mini-Conference at An Lochran, Inverness entitled 'Rural science for public good: sharing our best ideas' and focusing on early career researchers (ECRs).

This was a poster-based mini-conference: a full list of posters is available in our newsletter (see below). Researchers had the opportunity to discuss their ideas with scientists in the research community of SCRR member organisations and with people from charities, private sector and development organisations, colleges and local government. The focus was on networking as equals, sharing ideas and fostering new connections.

Prof Sarah Skerratt, scientific director of SCRR, welcomed everyone to the conference and her passion for ensuring that research evidence impacts positively on policy and on people's livelihoods in rural areas was clearly demonstrated. She hoped all present shared her enthusiasm to find out more about the great rural research taking place across Scotland.

There was also a video-recorded interview between Sarah and Professor Jonathan Seckl, Chairman of the SCRR Board, in which Prof Seckl encouraged ECRs to take full advantage of the opportunities offered by SCRR and be curious about all aspects of rural research.

In the competition for the best poster, which was voted on by all the attendees, there were joint winners, Celia Delugin and Rod Lovie, both from the University of the Highlands and Islands. Celia Delugin also won the Scholar Award and was instrumental in working with the ECRs and co-organising the conference, along with extensive support from Catriona Clark of SRUC.

Call for posters:

[SCRR-Mini-Conf-Nov-2019.pdf](#)

### Event report

There is a report of this event on pages 10-11 of our newsletter, SCRR News issue 94, Winter 2019/20 (PDF, 796 KB)

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