

# COLLABORATIVE PROCESSES IN RESEARCH

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# INTRA-UNIVERSITY COLLABORATIONS

REACH OUT –  
DON'T WAIT TO BE APPROACHED  
SUGGEST PRESENTATIONS; MEETINGS; GROUP ACTIVITY  
BE PREPARED AND THOROUGH WITH  
THE IDEAS BEHIND COLLABORATIVE SUGGESTIONS  
ADAPT; KEEP AN OPEN MIND TO THE  
COLLABORATOR'S OBJECTIVES  
AND DO-ABLES



# INTRA-UNIVERSITY COLLABORATIONS

## Case Study: School of Psychology, UoL

### DR. SIMON DURRANT

1. One journal paper
2. One 3<sup>rd</sup> year student project, that:
3. resulted in an international conference publication.
4. One grant Proposal with collaborator as co-PI.
5. One grant proposal with collaborator as the main partner.
6. A journal paper in preparation.

### DR. LOUISE O'HARE

1. One 3<sup>rd</sup> year student project, that:
2. resulted in an international conference publication.
3. One funded project just completed that was inspired by the work.
4. A journal paper in preparation.

# INTER-UNIVERSITY COLLABORATIONS

1. **Personal visits to labs:** in-person matters
2. **Specific research ideas or requirements:**  
why do you need to collaborate?
3. **Adapt to their schedule and working ways:** but need not be too 'bendy', meet half way through, they understand.
4. **Some people can be quite blunt and abrupt:** don't take it personally.
5. **Look out for further networks**

# INTER-UNIVERSITY COLLABORATIONS

## Case Study: University of Manchester

1. Journal paper
2. Three fund proposals
3. Departmental support for equipment purchase
4. Open day publicity
5. Network with Sevilla

# INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS AND NETWORKING

1. **Conferences!:** effective space for initiating and building on collaborations and networks – which then grows wider.
2. **Think and plan on maintaining the ‘ties’:**  
not necessarily continued activity
3. **Be prepared to devote time:** even if eating into personal time!
4. **But be prepared for the occasional ‘glitches’:** when things go horribly wrong; patience is the key

# INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS AND NETWORKING: CASE STUDIES

(+VE)

WCCI  
2010

Workshop CNS 2013

Edited  
volume -  
Springer

Invited  
Talk

Author  
invitations

Discussions,  
Suggestions

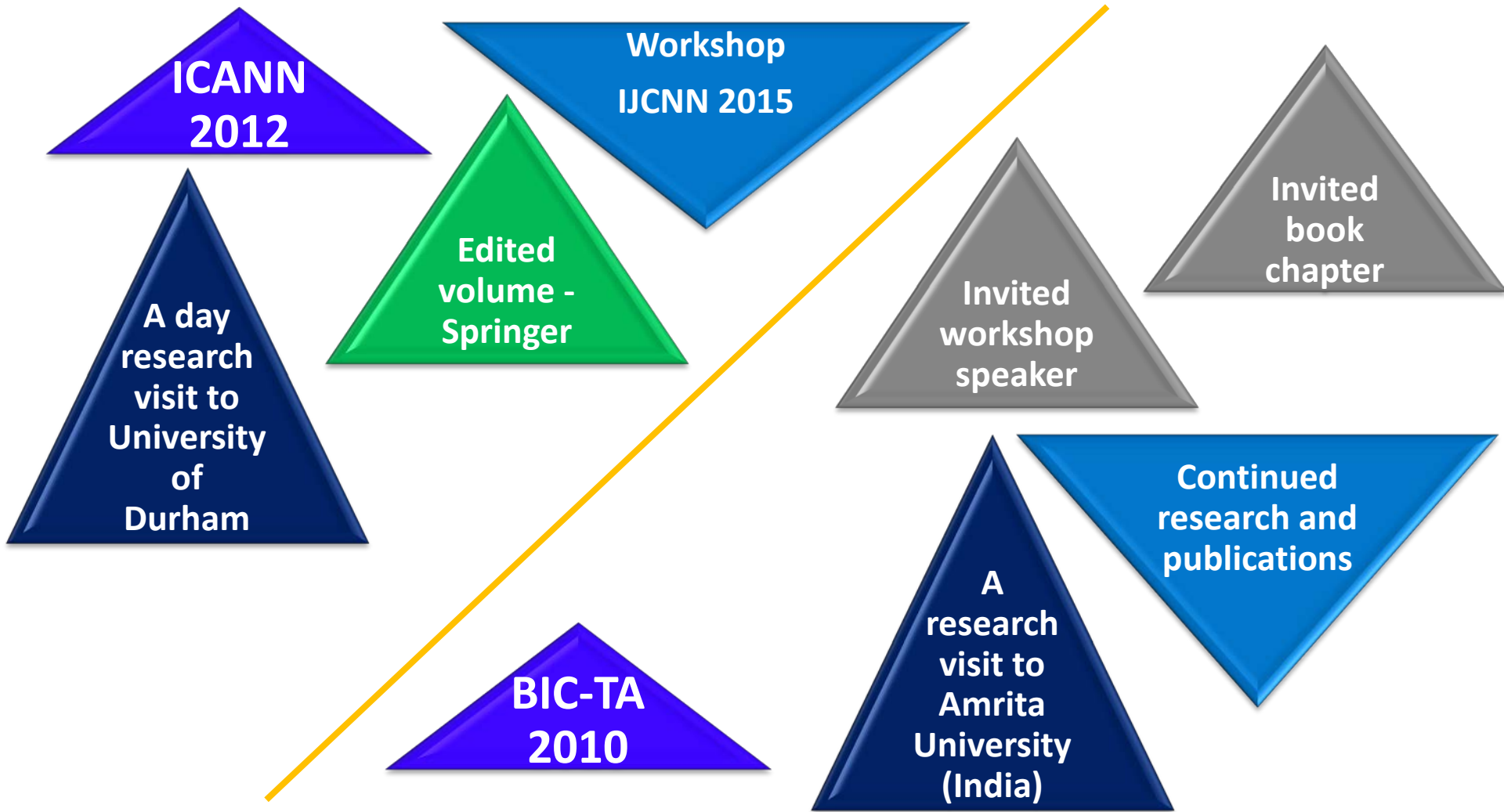
Royal Academy  
of Engineering,  
Distinguished Visiting Fellow  
Funds

Research lab visits and  
invitation for talks!



# INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS AND NETWORKING: CASE STUDIES

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# INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS AND NETWORKING: CASE STUDY

(-VE)

BICS  
2010

ICMS  
2011

Royal Academy  
of Engineering,  
Newton Research  
Collaboration Programme

Publications

SELECT  
CAREFULLY

MAKE A  
THOROUGH  
BACKGROUND  
SEARCH

MAKE SURE THEY  
UNDERSTAND WELL THE  
TERMS AND  
CONDITIONS  
IF ANY

IF WORKING  
OFF CAMPUS,  
ASK FOR  
UNIVERSITY  
SUPPORT AS  
APT

BEING FRIENDLY IS  
IMPORTANT

BEING 'VERY  
CLEVER' IS NOT!

# GENERAL NETWORKING

1. Get introduced...or re-introduced! Don't get put of with words like "I don't remember you"...
2. If you want to say hello, just go up and say it! Everyone likes a 'fan club'
3. Go to the pub! Catch a meal together!
4. Starting off with "I know so and so" is a complete NO NO – even if an honest gesture 😞
5. Important to have a different platform than purely area-specific.

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Are Women relatively more sceptical and emotional?  
Should we take note?

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Thank you for the invite

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