



# CAMARADES Edinburgh

Newsletter: November 2015

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## Inaugural EQUATOR/REWARD Conference

28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> September, Edinburgh

The inaugural EQUATOR/REWARD conference was a success! Over 200 delegates joined us for discussions and talks on reducing research waste and increasing value. To read more about the speakers and talks, click [here](#). Special thanks to the organising team; Malcolm Macleod, Rustam Al-Shahi Salman & Judi Clarke for the amazing conference. The CAMARADES team pictured right at the conference dinner.



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## CAMARADES Edinburgh News

- Emily Sena attended the National Academy of Medical Sciences - Team Science Initiative Meeting in London. It was exciting to learn about [Project CRediT](#), which has developed a taxonomy to provide different kinds of contributor roles in research outputs.
- Alexandra Bannach-Brown, a new PhD student, joined the team. Alexandra will be investigating animal models of depression.
- Cadi Irvine joined the team as a research assistant. Cadi will be supporting the team in various projects.



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## Ongoing Activities

### IvSyRMAF

Emily Sena gave a presentation about ivSyRMAF and its aims at the EQUATOR/REWARD conference. The aims of ivSyRMAF are to provide an easily accessible source of methodological support, mentoring, guidance, educational materials and practical assistance to those wishing to embark on systematic review and meta-analysis of data from in vivo studies. Read more [here](#).



## Nature Reviews

The CAMARDES team are working on a project with Nature Reviews to investigate whether their implemented publishing checklist for submissions, as of 2013, has been effective at increasing the quality of reporting in published peer-review papers and reducing the risk of bias. Papers are examined and assessed as to whether procedures such as randomisation and blinding have been conducted and reported in papers. Once the project is completed, this could influence the future use of checklists in publishing, to reduce the risk of bias.

CAMARADES Edinburgh is part of CAMARADES, an international collaboration coordinated from Edinburgh, Tasmania (David Howells), Nijmegen (Merel Ritskes Hoitinga), Ottawa (Marc Avey) and UCSF (Tracey Woodruff).



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