

SDHI Launch Event

The Universities of St Andrews and Dundee hosted an event on Wednesday 3rd December 2003 aimed at bringing together research-active health professionals from Tayside and Fife.

The meeting - an informal networking and fact-finding event - served to form new working relationships and partnerships between individuals with a special interest in the social, economic and cultural aspects of health.

It was hosted by the Social Dimensions of Health Institute (SDHI) and held at the St Andrew's Bay Hotel in St Andrews. The SDHI brings together more than 70 researchers from both Universities building on the long history of health-related research collaborations between the two Universities.

Around 150 professionals gathered at the event, and will include representatives from both Universities as well as individuals from the NHS, the Scottish Executive and Dundee and Fife Councils.

80 research groups displayed elements of their research and it is hoped that by raising awareness of health-related research expertise, the event will be a starting point for stimulating new research collaborations.



Winner of the best poster prize, Dr Stephen Greene, receives his prize from Prof Paul Boyle. The poster was entitled "'Sweet Talk' Text Messaging Support for Intensive Insulin Therapy for Young People with Diabetes"



(Researchers - Victoria Franklin, Stuart Gibson, Annalu Waller, Claudia Pagliari, Stephen Greene) 'Sweet Talk' was developed in collaboration with the University of Dundee Applied Computing Department and Orange plc. It is a web-based text messaging system with an ability to deliver scheduled text messages based on individual patient profiling. It is currently being evaluated in a RCT investigating the adherence of young people with diabetes to intensive insulin therapy. The Project is sponsored by Diabetes UK.