



# KU colloquia rhapsody

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Share memory highlights,  
linkages to my own research journey,  
and some reflections

# Oxford 2002

- Fantastic place!
- Vague memories of the meeting agenda
- PhD student – meeting authors of papers that I had read
- The importance of coffee breaks

# Melbourne 2005

- Strong focus on context (PARIHS)
- Presentations style but also much time for discussions
- Growing discussion on the need of getting 'products' out of the meetings
- A work group was established on 'interventions'

# Minneapolis 2006

- From last year's meeting – the link between context and interventions
- ReS-IS: Change agency - serial story on KU meetings

METHODOLOGY

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## Realist synthesis: illustrating the method for implementation research

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### Abstract

**Background:** Realist synthesis is an increasingly popular approach that focuses on understanding the mechanisms by which an intervention works. This paper therefore fills a gap in the literature by providing examples of realist synthesis.

McCormack et al. *Implementation Science* 2013, **8**:107  
<http://www.implementationscience.com/content/8/1/107>

RESEARCH

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## A realist review of interventions and strategies to promote evidence-informed healthcare: a focus on change agency

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### Abstract

# Next stop – Stockholm 2007



# Stockholm 2007

- Focus on interventions, measurement and theory
- Still much of 'presentation style'
- Perhaps not that fantastic agenda, but nice venue and boat trip.



# Banff 2008

- Beautiful place!!!
- Big meeting KT08 and then KU08
- KU08: economic consequences, theory use, and measurement and evaluation
- Supervisor of the year

# Llandudno, North Wales, 2009

- Also a great place!
- Themes: measurement/evaluation, impact, context and sustainability
- Establishing a new contact – Ottawa!

# Belfast KU11

- World Café!!
- Themes:
  - blended and collaborative approaches to knowledge production and use;
  - supporting sustainability and spread of evidence-informed innovations
  - advancing understanding of knowledge use and impact
- Exceptional wrap up, leading to a published commentary (Joyce Wilkinson)

# Melbourne 2012

- World Café again – more structured
- Two themes: Innovation in measurement and behavioural change

# Baltimore 2013

- Themes:
  - methodological and technical issues with a focus on context
  - Critically examine study designs
  - Innovative research designs and methodologies to improve the understanding of context
- International panel

# Tällberg, Dalarna, 2014

- Sweden again
- Three major sessions
  - Process evaluation
  - Strategic communication
  - Introducing Open Space



# Thoughts

- Advantageous development – from presentation to interaction
- Evolvement of a thematic style – (but) many themes are repeated
- (Maybe) becoming more of working meeting
- Poster sessions have worked well
- Beneficial mix of senior and junior researchers
- Networking key ingredient
- For my part: Tremendous help for establishing contact and productivity together with other researchers