

SINAPSE Launch

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- Budgets for research 2008/09
 - QR £197.5M, SRDG £24.1M, KTG £23.5M
- Dynamic environment
 - *New Horizons*
 - *Framework for Science*
 - *Innovation Framework*
 - *Budget 2009/10*



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Pooling- a distinguishing feature of Scotland

- SUPA (Physics)
- ScotChem (Chemistry)
- SAGES (Geo- and Environmental Science)
- SIRE (Economics)
- SRPE (Engineering)
- SULSA (Biological and Life Science)
- SINAPSE (Brain Imaging)
- SICSA (Informatics)
- Senior Clinical Fellowships Scheme
- **SUPA II**
- **MSS (Marine Science)**
- **... and other alliances**



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... other alliances

- **Nursing, Midwifery and the Allied Health Professions**
- **Scottish Institute for Policing Research**
- **Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research**
- **Gaelic**
- **with more under discussion**



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SFC's hopes for Scotland's research pools

- **Enhanced competitiveness**
 - attraction of research leaders
 - co-ordinated and improved PhD training
- **Increased research grant income**
- **More effective research interactions**
 - with other disciplines and pools
 - with industry, government and users



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Direction of travel

- More pools in development
- Pooling Reflections meeting
 - Challenges, Successes and Surprises
 - Meta-Pooling
 - Challenge led
 - Opportunity led



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Scotland creates world hot spot on climate change
Times Higher 4 July 2006

Scots fill life sciences pool
Times Higher 2 February 2007

Diving in
Research Fortnight 4 June 2008

A collective ambition that builds up to a critical mass
Times Higher 12 June 2008

Reflections on pooling expertise
Research Fortnight 2 July 2008



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SINAPSE

- SINAPSE is a £42 million commitment by Scotland
 - SFC £5.6M, HEI's £35.6M and CSO £0.7M
- Challenges from the review process included
 - Management, NHS involvement, Knowledge Exchange





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SINAPSE opportunities

- **Broaden imaging research areas**
 - CSO co funding for posts in oncology, cardio-vascular
- **NHS interaction and benefit to nation**
- **Contribution to Scotland's infrastructure**
 - Wyeth
 - More ?



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SINAPSE hopes and early happenings

- Trans pool opportunities
 - Chemistry etc
- NHS Infrastructure initiative



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Congratulations and Good Luck !