General Notice

UCL Neuroscience Symposium 2016 – One month left to register

The full programme is now confirmed for the 2016 Neuroscience Symposium and it promises to be a fascinating day. In addition to the talks, over 170 posters will be presented at the meeting. Over 700 people have already registered to attend leaving less than 150 places remaining.

Registration closes on 17 June 2016 so book soon secure your place.

Register here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2016-ucl-neuroscience-symposium-tickets-21078734061

#UCLneurosym

Do you look for research funding opportunities? If yes, please tell us about your experience.

The Office of the Vice Provost (Research) is currently reviewing UCL’s requirements for funding opportunity search tools, and your views will be crucial in our search for a service provider that will meet your needs.

You may be an academic, a researcher or support staff, or a student looking for funding opportunities for yourself, for someone else or for a group.

We would like to hear how you find out about funding opportunities, and your experience of UCL’s current search tool provider, Research Professional (ResearchProfessional.com), if you have used it.

Please tell us your views by completing this short online survey, which takes no longer than five minutes. The survey will be open until 9 June.

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Neuroscience Careers Network

Neuroscience Careers Network mailing list

The UCL Neuroscience Careers Network (NCN) provides opportunities for neuroscientists to meet their peers, to share ideas, experience and initiate collaborations. It also provides a platform for careers advice and the dissemination of information regarding jobs, training and funding opportunities.

The NCN is organised by a committee made up of representatives from a variety of departments under the UCL Neuroscience Domain and includes both post-doctoral researchers and PIs.

Subscribe to the mailing list, to hear about events, workshops, job and funding opportunities.

Subscribe here: https://www.mailinglists.ucl.ac.uk/mailman/listinfo/earlycareerneuro

Research Fellow - Neural representations of movement in the primary motor cortex

A postdoctoral research assistant position is available for a highly motivated research scientist to investigate the cellular and circuit mechanisms underpinning cortical motor control of skilled movements. The position is available for 3 years in the laboratory of Dr Ian Duguid in the Centre for Integrative Physiology, University of Edinburgh, UK (www.DuguidLab.com).

Our research focuses on unravelling the complex cellular and circuit mechanisms underpinning simple and skilled motor behaviours. By combining bespoke behavioural paradigms with in vivo 2-photon imaging, patch-clamp electrophysiology and viral-based manipulation techniques, the project aims to investigate the cellular and circuit mechanisms underpinning population level representations of movement in the primary motor cortex of awake behaving mice.

The successful candidate will have a PhD in Neuroscience or related subject and extensive research experience in in vivo 2-photon imaging and/or electrophysiology, microneurosurgery, quantitative behaviour and optogenetics. The ability to code in C++, Python or MatLab and a proven track record in designing/leading in vivo research projects is essential.

Informal enquiries should be directed to Dr Ian Duguid (Ian_Duguid@ed.ac.uk).

This post is available on a fixed term basis, with a working pattern of 35 hours per week for 3 years.

Ref: 036140   Closing Date: 23 June 2016

For further particulars and to submit an application visit our website: https://www.vacancies.ed.ac.uk/pls/corehrrecruit/erq_jobspec_version_4.jobspec?p_id=036140
Workshop on Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) funding

10 June 2016

This will be an opportunity to hear from the BBSRC funding team and a BBSRC-funded UCL researcher.

In addition to covering the BBSRC remit, funding opportunities, and peer review process, we have asked our speakers to discuss research areas that may sit at the BBSRC/MRC interface and how to tailor such research projects to align with the BBSRC remit; we therefore particularly encourage attendance from researchers in Divisions/Institutes that are classically disease-oriented (who may have more experience with MRC) but who have basic biology research that could be relevant for the BBSRC remit.

The workshop is open to all research staff.

Event details
Date: Friday, 10 June
Time: 13:00 – 15:00
Location: Bedford Way G03
Agenda:
• 13:00 - 13:10  Welcome and introductions
• 13:10 - 13:50  Overview of BBSRC remit, strategy, and funding opportunities (BBSRC)
• 13:50 - 14:30  How to write a BBSRC grant / explaining the Peer Review Process (BBSRC)
• 14:30 - 14:50  Experience of a BBSRC-funded UCL Researcher (Prof Kate Jeffery)
• 14:50 - 15:00  Q and A
Register: Please register using the following link:
http://www.eventbrite.com/e/bbsrc-funder-workshop-tickets-25172054292

Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) workshop

25 May 2016

A few places remain on a Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) workshop on setting up and supporting a lay panel this month at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery.

This workshop will help researchers to:
• Be clear about why you are involving patients and/or members of the public in this way
• Be clear about the role of patient representatives
• Explore some of the benefits and challenges of this type of involvement - from the perspective of researchers and of people who have acted as patient representatives on research committees or steering groups
• Plan how to involve people effectively

Wednesday 25 May 2016, 9.30am-12.30pm
National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery,

The National Institute for Health Research University College London Hospitals Biomedical Research Centre in partnership with UCLPartners is running a programme of regular award-winning, free workshops for clinical academic researchers on PPI in research over the next eight months.

The workshops, which are supported by the Wellcome Trust and open to researchers working in UCLPartners partnership organisations, are practical and
the aim is to build up researchers’ skills in effectively involving lay people in the research process, from setting research priorities to designing protocols. Visit the BRC website to view the schedule and information on how to book a place.

Encountering Pain; hearing, seeing, speaking

1 – 2 July 2016

A free 2-day live event and international conference at UCL

Dr Deborah Padfield, a visual artist, and Prof Joanna Zakrzewska, a facial pain consultant, have put together a pain conference with a difference. Pain is not only expressed linguistically but through bodily movements, emotional reactions, and artistic expressions.

How do we respond when we encounter the pain of another? What happens when our own bodies encounter pain? What tools do we possess when attempting to communicate pain and are there forms other than language for expressing it?

During these two days, we will explore a range of international and interdisciplinary approaches that can help us better understand encounters with pain both within and beyond the clinic.

The event will divert radically from the traditional academic conference format to encourage exchange between different groups affected by pain. Please consider putting in an abstract: Deadline 18th March.

More information

Eppendorf & Science Prize for Neurobiology

Application Deadline: June 15, 2016

The annual Eppendorf & Science Prize for Neurobiology is an international award which honors young scientists for their outstanding contributions to neurobiological research based on methods of molecular and cell biology. The winner and finalists are selected by a committee of independent scientists, chaired by Science’s Senior Editor, Dr. Peter Stern. Researchers who are not older than 35 years are invited to apply.

You could be next to win this prize and to receive
> Prize money of US$25,000
> Publication in Science of an essay by the winner about his/her research
> Full support to attend the Prize Ceremony held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroscience in the USA
> An invitation to visit Eppendorf in Hamburg, Germany
> Up to three finalists are honored, too!

Learn more at www.eppendorf.com/prize

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Funding Opportunity: Focus on the Positive

Are you a researcher in the School of Life and Medical Sciences (SLMS)? Do you have ideas on how to start solving one of the problems facing the world today? Are you interested in considering and presenting your research in new ways? Could your research spark a new project, a piece of advocacy, or work with a charity? Would £2000 help you to get this off the ground?

Focus on the positive is a series of events hosted by Public and Cultural Engagement and began in October 2012. In front of a live audience, each project leader spends five minutes describing a problem with the world, and how they want to fix it. You can propose all sorts of solutions: perhaps a donation to a charity or a small research project, a piece of advocacy – or something completely different.

At each event, several researchers will put forward their ideas. The audience then has a chance to mingle and debate the issues before voting on what they'd like to support right there on the spot. The audience will choose a project they think will make a real difference. That project will receive real money to make that difference.

The winning researcher gets £2,000 to spend on the idea that they've proposed. A runner-up will also receive £1,000 to take their project forward.

To find out more, visit the Focus on the Positive blog, which features stories from past winners about the project.

In2ScienceUK – Summer Internship

UCL is running a 2 week summer placement scheme for A-level students from disadvantaged backgrounds and we are seeking PhD students and post docs who would like to make a difference to these young people by providing a 2 week placement.

The scheme is designed so that you have minimal paper work to complete. Rebecca McKelvey and Davor Ivankovic who run the scheme interview all students and ensure they have inductions and insurance. The students you host are able, enthusiastic and happy to support you with your ongoing project. UCL PhD students also receive 5 points on their Skills Development log for participating.

Last year was a massive success with students being placed in the laboratories of Professor Gibb, Dickenson, Fitzgerald, Edwards, Greensmith, Kittler and Hristova. If you, or someone in your lab would like to make a difference to the prospects of these young people by providing a placement or would like to know more contact Davor Davor@in2scienceuk.org or Rebecca r.mckelvey@in2scienceuk.org

Train and Engage

Do you want to inject more excitement into your time at UCL? Would you like to develop your public engagement skills? Do you have an idea for a project or activity that will help you to connect your studies with people outside the university?

UCL’s Public Engagement Unit brings you the Train and Engage programme. Train and Engage provides the opportunity to attend Public Engagement training and then apply for grants of up to £1000 for SLMS postgraduate students who have
good ideas for activities that involve people outside the university.

These sessions are delivered by the UCL Public Engagement Unit and feature training and group work as well as the chance to attend and critique a short public engagement event. The training will provide you with an excellent grounding in this exciting and fulfilling area.

The next Train and Engage programme for SLMS PhD researchers is now scheduled for May 2016. Dates for each of the sessions are online, and you are expected to attend each session.

More information

In the News

**BBC film highlights dementia research**

A new BBC One film examining the science behind dementia which was partly filmed at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery airs tomorrow 19 May at 9pm.

In The Truth About Dementia, 71-year-old presenter and Alzheimer’s Society ambassador Angela Rippon investigates the disease that took her mother’s life and is now starting to affect her friends.

Cath Mummery, consultant neurologist and head of therapeutic trials at the Dementia Research Centre (DRC), features in the programme. She talks about the groundbreaking clinical trials research that is being undertaken at the DRC and the Leonard Wolfson Experimental Neuroscience Centre.

Full story

**Bacterial immunization prevents PTSD-like symptoms in mice**

Injecting mice with a UCL-discovered bacterium can reduce stress and inflammation, preventing them from developing PTSD-like conditions, finds a new international study led by the University of Colorado Boulder.

* M. vaccae

The research, published in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, found that mice injected with the bacterium were more resilient to stress, showing less fear and anxiety in stressful situations. The immunization also changed serotonin activity in the brain, with similar beneficial effects to antidepressants or long-term exercise. Additionally, immunized mice were protected against colon inflammation which was caused or worsened by stress in unimmunized mice.

Full story
Why bad experiences are remembered out of context

Bad experiences can cause people to strongly remember the negative content itself but only weakly remember the surrounding context, and a new UCL study funded by the Medical Research Council and Wellcome Trust has revealed how this happens in the brain.

Hippocampus

The study, published in Social, Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience, has important implications for understanding conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder.

“When we presented people with negative content alongside neutral content, the brain areas involved in storing the negative content were more active while those involved in storing the surrounding context were less active,” explains lead author Dr James Bisby (UCL Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience). “When we experience a new event, we not only store the contents of the event in memory, such as the people we met, but we also form associations with the context in which the event took place. The hippocampus is a crucial brain region for forming these associations so that all aspects of the event can be retrieved together and placed in the appropriate context, and it was here that we saw reduced activity.”

Full story

UCL Drug Discovery Institute Launch

The Alzheimer’s Research UK UCL Drug Discovery Institute was launched at an event last Wednesday 4 May as part of the Alzheimer’s Research UK Drug Discovery Alliance.

Prof Paul Whiting

Part of a network of three Institutes, the UCL Drug Discovery Institute will work with its counterparts at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge to support the translation of cutting-edge academic science towards new treatments for dementia. The event, hosted by UCL and Alzheimer’s Research UK, saw several speakers take to the stage to discuss current efforts in dementia research at the university and reflect on the importance of the charity’s investment.

Professor Michael Arthur, UCL’s President & Provost, opened the event by speaking of the major strategic importance of the UCL Drug Discovery Institute and how it integrates with ongoing efforts taking place at the university to tackle dementia. He spoke of a historic moment where future generations will look back at the launch of these initiatives as real turning points in the fight against Alzheimer’s and other dementias.

Full story

BBC Horizons - Curing Alzheimer’s

Professor Nick Fox (UCL Institute of Neurology) discusses the use of new brain scans that can pick up the early signs of dementia at a cellular level, allowing Alzheimer’s disease to be detected up to 15 years before symptoms become apparent. Watch: BBC Two ‘Horizon’, Listen: BBC World Service ‘The Newsroom’ (from 5 mins 57 secs)

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Wellcome Trust launches a new Clinical Research Career Development Fellowship

Deadline: 13th June 2016 (prelim) 15 August (full)

This Fellowship is for medical / dental candidates (with a NTN or CCT) and clinical psychologists (BPS accredited). (It replaces the old Postdoctoral and Intermediate Clinical Fellowship.) The new Clinical RCDF has two stages for entry (1 & 2), depending on seniority and research experience, plus flexibility, in that any one of these can be held for up to 5 years and the two together for a combination of 8 years. It is also possible to apply to either stage separately. Continued Clinical Training is also possible but the Fellowship would become dormant during this period and then resume once research activities continue. See the scheme notes for further information. The FAQs on Wellcome’s website are also really helpful in unpicking the scheme eligibility and providing example scenarios to follow.

There are two application rounds per year (preliminary & full application + interview). The next deadline for the preliminary application is 13 June 2016.

MRC Industrial (i)CASE PhD studentships

Closing date: 7th July 2016

The annual call for MRC Industrial (i)CASE PhD studentships has been announced with a deadline of 7 July 2016. Full details of the call are available on the MRC Website.

The July deadline does not allow a lot of time to develop a new relationship, but for those who already have an industrial partner, there should be no problem in getting a proposal submitted in good time. If the industrial partner is a SME then there is little or (more usually) no financial contribution expected, and even for larger pharma and biotech the contributions are modest. If you think you have a suitable project as PI, please get in touch with your Faculty Vice-Dean Enterprise (VDE) in the first instance:

- Stephen Moss (FBS) (s.moss@ucl.ac.uk)
- Neil Millar (FLS) (n.millar@ucl.ac.uk)
- Rachel Chambers (FMS) (r.chambers@ucl.ac.uk)
- Thomas Voit (FHPS) (t.voit@ucl.ac.uk)

For those looking for future industrial engagement (perhaps for the 2017 MRC iCASE call) please contact your VDE and where appropriate they will direct you to a member of the Industrial Partnerships Group within the Translational Research Office.
Pump Priming Awards for preliminary research using IMPC knockout mice

Closing date: 8th July 2016

Researchers are invited to apply for pump priming awards to support the receipt and preliminary use of gene knockout mouse lines developed and phenotyped through the International Mouse Phenotyping Consortium (IMPC). Pump-priming investment of up to £1 million is available through a two-phased initiative opening in May 2016 and May 2017, with 10-25 awards made in September 2016 and 2017. As the awards are for preliminary studies only, they will be of 1-2 years duration and up to £20-40k in value.

Applications are invited from UK-based research groups to receive knockout mice and undertake early biological investigations that build on existing research expertise and underpin longer-term research goals that would be supported through standard funding mechanisms.

More information

Applications open for new Sensory Systems, Technologies & Therapies Master of Research (MRes) programme

Closing date: 29th July 2016

This interdisciplinary MRes is designed to produce "scientists with an edge"; researchers capable of working at the interface between scientific disciplines and trained to understand the clinical and commercial as well as scientific issues surrounding development of technologies and therapies for disorders of sensory systems. Through a major year-long research project and supplemental coursework, students will learn to conduct cutting-edge research aimed at understanding fundamental principles of sensory systems function and/or developing novel technologies and therapies for sensory systems dysfunction.

The Sensory Systems, Technologies and Therapies MRes was devised in consultation not only with academic scientists pursuing cutting-edge research in sensory systems and therapies, but also with representatives from industries interested in developing new treatments for sensory disorders. The programme has therefore been designed with the intention of ensuring that successful graduates will be attractive candidates either for further PhD research or for jobs in the commercial sector (for example, in companies developing or marketing novel treatments for visual impairment or hearing loss).

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UCL Neuroscience Events and Seminars – May - June 2016

23 May, 2016 - Developing novel approaches to treating cognitive impairment after traumatic brain injury

Time: 16:00:00 - 17:00:00

Speaker: Professor David Sharp, Dept of Medicine, Imperial College London

Location: Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, Basement seminar room (B10), Alexandra House, 17-19 Queen square, London, WC1N 3AR

Contact: Rosalyn Lawrence
24 May, 2016 - Neuroscience Career Network: workshop on fellowship and grant interviews

Time: 13:00:00 - 16:00:00

Workshop chairs: Prof Elizabeth Fisher & Prof Giampietro Schiavo. Are you in the process of applying to or have just submitted your application for a Neuroscience fellowship or grant which involves an interview? As grants and fellowships are one of the most important requirements for a successful career in Neuroscience, we are organising a workshop for the final phase of that process: the interview. The workshop consists of 5 participants (postdocs or PIs) in the process of applying for grants or fellowships and who therefore will have written a proposal beforehand (short proposals have to be sent to the panel ten days before the workshop for preparation). Each participant will start with a short presentation to the panel members, consisting of the other participants and Prof Fisher and Prof Schiavo, followed by 10-15 minutes questioning. In the remaining 10-15 minutes the panel will give feedback. Video recordings will be provided for feedback on aspects of the presentation.

Location: TBC, UCL, London,

Contact: Sandrine Geranton or Tammaryn Lashley or Lorenzo Fabrizi

Email: ucgasmg@ucl.ac.uk; t.lashley@ucl.ac.uk; l.fabrizi@ucl.ac.uk

Phone: Please email

25 May, 2016 - CDCN (Centre for Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience) Seminar Series: Network dysfunction after traumatic brain injury

Time: 16:00:00 -

Speaker: Prof David Sharp, Imperial College London

Location: Leolin Price Lecture Theatre, Wellcome Trust Building, Institute of Child Health, 30 Guilford Street, London, WC1N 1EH

Contact: Agne Barysaite

Email: a.barysaite@ucl.ac.uk

Phone: Please email

25 May, 2016 - Experimental design, statistics and the 3Rs

Time: 13:00:00 -

MRC Prion Unit Events and Seminars, hosted by the MRC Prion Unit, UCL and the Institute of Neurology.

Speaker information: Dr David Lovell, Division of Biomedical Sciences, St George’s University of London Hosted by: Dr Emmanuel Asante

Location: 2nd floor Seminar Room, Institute of Neurology, Queen Square House, Queen Square, WC1N 3BG

Contact: Naho Ollason

Email: n.ollason@prion.ucl.ac.uk

Phone: Please email

25 May, 2016 - Lifestyle interventions for adults with ID: It was helpful, the talking about it

Time: 16:00:00 - 17:00:00

Organised by UCL Division of Psychiatry

Speakers: Professor Angela Hassiotis and Dr Rebecca Beeken. 1% of the population has intellectual disabilities (ID) which are lifelong and start during the early years of development. People with ID face many challenges and social and health inequalities. They have high rates of health problems including obesity, respiratory disease, diabetes, sensory problems and mental disorders. As most people with ID now live in the community, they also are subject to issues such as substance misuse which mainly includes cannabis and alcohol. In the seminar we shall present the findings from two feasibility and pilot studies that address obesity (Dr Beeken) and alcohol misuse (Prof Hassiotis). The presenters will discuss the findings and how such treatments may need to be included within public health programmes in order to improve outcomes of and equity in healthcare access for people with ID.
25 May, 2016 - Two Photon Vision and Coherence Imaging in Ophthalmology

Imaging Series Speaker: Prof Maciej Wojtkowski, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Turon Hosted by Chris Dainty, IoO-Department of Visual Neuroscience The Imaging Series is supported by Optos

Location: Lecture Theatre, Institute Of Ophthalmology, 11-43 Bath Street, London, EC1V 9EL

Contact: Chris Dainty
Email: c.dainty@ucl.ac.uk
Phone:

26 May, 2016 - Institute of Neurology Open Day

Time: 16:30:00 - 18:00:00

The UCL Institute of Neurology will be holding an Open Day for prospective students. The Open day will comprise a short introduction to our courses and you will have the opportunity to meet and interact with faculty and current students. If you would like to sign up to attend the Open Day please email the Education Unit at ion.educationunit@ucl.ac.uk

Location: Basement Lecture Theatre, National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG

Contact: ion.educationunit@ucl.ac.uk
Email: ion.educationunit@ucl.ac.uk
Phone:

26 May, 2016 - UCL ABC - entrepreneurship for Postdocs

Time: 09:30:00 - 17:30:00

Got a great idea? World-beating lab skills? Made a discovery that could change the world? Get your talent out there, beyond the lab and into the world! You may not have thought about it before, but you can use those brightly-honed postdoc skills as a consultant, or spin-out a new business. Build a brand, and be the next Elon Musk, make a difference and earn a bit of cash on the side. And UCL is here to help. We've got specialists from UCL Consulting to get those lab skills working for you, UCL Business can help you start that company or patent that world-beating idea, and UCL Advances will offer training to hone those Entrepreneurial skills and face down the dragons in the den. They're all here to show what's on offer and get you started in the World Beyond the Lab. This event is organised by the UCL Populations & Lifelong Health Domain Early Careers Network and the UCL Institute of Child Health Post-doc Society.

Location: Leolin Price Lecture Theatre, UCL Institute of Child Health, 30 Guilford St, London , WC1N 1EH

Contact: Dan Kelberman
Email: d.kelberman@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

27 May, 2016 - Brain meeting - The role of the ventromedial prefrontal cortex in voluntary and automatic mental (time) travels

Time: 15:15:00 -

Speaker: Elisa Ciaramelli, Centre for studies and research in Cognitive Neuroscience, University of Bologna

Location: 4th Floor Seminar Room, Wellcome Trust Centre for Neuroimaging, 12 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG
27 May, 2016 - **Queen Square Symposium 2016**

**Time:** -

The 17th annual Queen Square Symposium brings together MSc and PhD students across diverse neuroscience domains, including clinical, cognitive and computational scopes of study, and offers students at the IoN an invaluable opportunity to showcase and discuss their research. It provides a platform for students to network with peers, gain a broader perspective of neuroscience research, and to gather feedback on their work from the variety of academics present on the day. The symposium will be a day-long event commencing with poster sessions in the morning, and talks by students, early career neuroscientists and the keynote speaker in the afternoon. The event will be followed by an early evening drinks and cheese reception.

**Location:** Queen Square, London,

**Contact:** Demis Kia

**Email:** [demis.kia.10@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:demis.kia.10@ucl.ac.uk)

**Phone:** Please email

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1 June, 2016 - **Vascular changes in Hypertension and Diabetes**

**Time:** 13:00:00 -

Imaging Series Speaker: Professor Steve Burns, University of Indiana
Hosted by Chris Dainty, IoO-Department of Visual Neuroscience
The Imaging Series is supported by Optos

**Location:** Lecture Theatre, Institute Of Ophthalmology, 11-43 Bath Street, London, EC1V 9EL

**Contact:** Chris Dainty

**Email:** [c.dainty@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:c.dainty@ucl.ac.uk)

**Phone:**

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2 June, 2016 - **A physiological role for alpha-synuclein**

**Time:** 16:00:00 -

Speaker: Marthe Ludtmann, Dept of Molecular Neuroscience, UCL Institute of Neurology
Host: Institute of Neurology Postdoc Seminar Committee

**Location:** Basement Lecture Theatre, National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG

**Contact:** Institute of Neurology Postdoc Seminar Committee

**Email:** [ionpostdocsrequest@gmail.com](mailto:ionpostdocsrequest@gmail.com)

**Phone:** Please email

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2 June, 2016 - **Psychodynamic Neuroscience Research meeting: Second skin formations: Attachment and emotion regulation in skin diseases**

**Time:** 18:00:00 -

Speaker: Chiara Vari, King's College London

**Location:** Room 305, 3rd Floor, 26 Bedford Way, , London, WC1H 0DS

**Contact:** Dr Katerina Fotopoulou

**Email:** [a.fotopoulou@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:a.fotopoulou@ucl.ac.uk)

**Phone:** Please email

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3 June, 2016 - **Brain meeting - Alzheimer's and the auditory scene**
During infancy, there are discrete periods during which the brain has an enhanced capacity for reorganisation in response to environmental inputs: the ‘sensitive’ periods of brain plasticity. Traditionally, it has been thought that reorganisation after a sensitive period is not possible. However, recent research has shown that plasticity is a property of both the developing and adult brain, and that functional recovery after the close of sensitive periods is possible. Integrating animal and human models, and insights from the study of deafness and language, in this workshop we will discuss mechanisms of brain plasticity throughout the lifespan, its impact on perception and cognition, and the current and future applications for functional adaptation. This is a free event but you need to register in advance via the link below.

### 3 June, 2016 - Neural Plasticity Workshop: Insights from Deafness and Language

**Time:**

**Speaker:** Jason Warren, UCL Institute of Neurology

**Location:** 4th Floor Seminar Room, Wellcome Trust Centre for Neuroimaging, 12 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG

**Contact:** Marion Oberhuber

**Email:** m.oberhuber.11@ucl.ac.uk

**Phone:** Please email

**3 June, 2016 - The editorial process at Cell and Cell Press - how to publish with Cell**

**Time:** 13:00:00 - 14:00:00

**Speaker:** Karen Carniol - Editor of Cell Host: IoN Postdoc Seminar Committee

**Location:** Gilliat Lecture Theatre, Institute of Neurology, Queen Square House, Queen Square, WC1N 3BG

**Contact:** ionpostdocsrequest@gmail.com

**Email:** ionpostdocsrequest@gmail.com

**Phone:**

**6 June, 2016 - Deep brain stimulation for severe OCD: comparison of ventral striatal/ventral capsule and subthalamic targets**

**Time:** 16:00:00 - 17:00:00

**Speaker:** Eileen Joyce (Sobell Dept of Motor Neuroscience and Movement Disorders, UCL Institute of Neurology)

**Location:** Basement Seminar Room, Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, 17 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3AZ

**Contact:** Rosalyn Lawrence

**Email:** rosalyn.lawrence@ucl.ac.uk

**Phone:**

**8 June, 2016 - Creating Connections 11**

**Time:** 17:30:00 - 19:30:00

Creating Connections is our regular networking event that brings together University College London staff and postgraduate students with representatives from community organisations, charities, residents’ groups, social enterprises and statutory organisations. The evening is a mixture of themed discussions in small groups with more informal hob-nobbing; the aim is to find areas of common interest and collaborative working. The June event will be co-organised with the Knowledge Quarter - a network of over 65 academic, cultural, research, scientific and media organisations situated within a one mile radius of King’s Cross. June’s event will be of particular value to
anyone interested in the following topics: the Knowledge Quarter, digital health, behaviour change, modern slavery and trafficking, community research and academic research, and libraries.

Location: Main Quad Pavilion, Wilkins Building, Gower St, London, WC1E 6BT

Contact: John Braime
Email: j.braime@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

9 June, 2016 - Big CACTUS (clinical and cost effectiveness of aphasia computer treatment)
Time: 17:15:00 -
Speaker: Dr Rebecca Palmer, University of Sheffield UCL Partners Centre for Rehabilitation seminar
Location: Gilliatt Lecture Theatre, Institute of Neurology, Queen Square House, Queen Square, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Centre for Neurorehabilitation
Email: cnr@ucl.ac.uk
Phone:

10 June, 2016 - BBSRC funding workshop
Time: 13:00:00 - 15:00:00
The UCL SLMS Research Coordination Office is pleased to announce a workshop on Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) funding. This will be an opportunity to hear from the BBSRC funding team and a BBSRC-funded UCL researcher. In addition to covering the BBSRC remit, funding opportunities, and peer review process, we have asked our speakers to discuss research areas that may sit at the BBSRC/MRC interface and how to tailor such research projects to align with the BBSRC remit; we therefore particularly encourage attendance from researchers in Divisions/Institutes that are classically disease-oriented (who may have more experience with MRC) but who have basic biology research that could be relevant for the BBSRC remit. The workshop is open to all research staff.
Location: Bedford Way G03 LT, 26 Bedford Way, London, WC1H 0DS
Contact: Melanie Bradnam
Email: m.bradnam@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: +44 (0) 207 679 0937 (int. 40937)

10 June, 2016 - Brain meeting - The future of fMRI in cognitive neuroscience
Time: 15:15:00 -
Speaker: Russ Poldrack, Stanford University
Location: 4th Floor Seminar Room, Wellcome Trust Centre for Neuroimaging, 12 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Micah Allen
Email: micah.allen@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

14 June, 2016 - Improving the outlook for motor neurone disease: the journey so far
Time: 12:00:00 -
Part of the ALS Seminar Series: run by the Greensmith and Fisher Laboratories. Speaker: Professor Pamela Shaw, Director of the Sheffield Institute for Translational Neuroscience (SITraN). Host: Linda Greensmith
Location: 2nd Floor Seminar Room, Institute of Neurology, Queen Square House, Queen Square, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Debbie Hadley
Email: d.hadley@ucl.ac.uk
15 June, 2016 - CDCN (Centre for Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience) Seminar Series: Dyslexia as a specific case of poor skill acquisition due to impaired statistical learning

Time: 16:00:00 -
Speaker: Prof Merav Ahissar, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Location: Leolin Price Lecture Theatre, Wellcome Trust Building, Institute of Child Health, 30 Guilford Street, London, WC1N 1EH
Contact: Agne Barysaite
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15 June, 2016 - Working with publics: Which group is right for me and how do I make a link?

Time: 13:00:00 - 14:00:00
Staff and students from across UCL are warmly encouraged to come to the first ever meeting of the UCL Public Engagement Network. These sessions bring together people who are interested in public engagement: whether you’re an old hand or a complete novice please bring your experience and questions to what we hope will be lively, thought-provoking and participatory sessions. At the first session, we’ll explore how to find public groups to work with and how to connect with them in a meaningful way. We’ve invited a community partner and two UCL project leaders to give very short talks. These will be followed by Q&A and time for discussion. We’re also keen to hear your ideas about how you’d like to use the network, so please come ready to share your thoughts.

Location: Bloomsbury Theatre Studio, UCL Bloomsbury Theatre, 15 Gordon Street, London, WC1H 0AH
Contact: UCL Engagement Unit
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16 June, 2016 - Wolfson Institute for Biomedical Research Seminar: Cortical Pre-synaptic HCN Channels: Function and Role in Epilepsy

Time: 16:00:00 -
Speaker: Professor Mala Shah, Professor of Neuroscience, Pharmacology, UCL School of Pharmacy
Host: Professor William D. Richardson
Refreshments will be provided.

Location: WIBR Cafe, 1st floor, Cruciform Building, Gower Street, London, WC1E 6BT
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17 June, 2016 - Brain meeting - Title tbc

Time: 15:15:00 -
Speaker: Rebecca Todd, University of British Columbia

Location: 4th Floor Seminar Room, Wellcome Trust Centre for Neuroimaging, 12 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG
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17 June, 2016 - Neurosurgery: Open for Research

Time: 15:30:00 - 17:30:00
The format of the event will involve a combination of short presentations (speakers TBC) on each of our
subspecialty areas in Neurosurgery. In doing so, we aim to describe neurosurgically important issues as well as
the privileged access we have to the human nervous system. Our goal is that this forum will lead to further
research collaborations. There will be ample time for Q&A, as well as a reception afterwards for informal
interactions. We look forward to your participation.

Location: Basement Lecture Theatre, National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, Queen Square, London,
WC1N 3BG

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20 June, 2016 - Understanding the function of Protein-RNA interactions, and their dysfunction in disease
Time: 17:30:00 -
MRC Centre for Neuromuscular Diseases Seminar Series. Speaker: Professor Jernej Ule, UCL ION
Location: Basement Lecture Theatre, 33 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG

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20 June, 2016 - Vocal emotional processing in typical and atypical populations
Time: 16:00:00 - 17:00:00
Speaker: Dr Cesar Lima, Speech Communication Research Group, Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, UCL
Location: Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, Basement seminar room (B10), Alexandra House, 17-19 Queen
square, London, WC1N 3AR

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22 June, 2016 - UCLPartners introduction to quality improvement
Time: 09:30:00 - 16:30:00
UCLPartners is committed to supporting our partners to build communities who have the capability to deliver
improvement across the partnership. This one day session is aimed at anyone interested in learning about the
methodology and models UCLPartners use to support quality improvement work, covering all the basics
necessary to understand and participate in QI initiatives. The session aim is to deliver a package including all the
basics necessary to understand and participate in Quality Improvement initiatives. Open to all UCLPartners and
partner organisation employees, and all UCLPartners postgraduate trainees and those in the Frontier (SASG)
programme
Location: TBC, 

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Neuromodulation: The Science - Call for abstracts

25 - 29 May 2016, , San Francisco, USA

Neurovations Award For Best Posters in Neuromodulation

Submissions are now open for the Neurovations Awards for Best Posters in Neuromodulation. The Conference Scientific Committee is accepting abstracts presenting original basic or clinical scientific research or updates in biomedical engineering, neuroscience and neuromodulation.

Neurovations Education will offer the top three posters in all specialties an award for scientific excellence, which will be presented on the final day of the conference. All posters must be attended by a registered attendee of the conference.

Abstract deadline is extended to Friday 29 April 2016.

More information

Neurizons 2016

31 May – 3 June 2016
Göttingen, Germany

The students of International Max Planck Research School (IMPRS) for Neuroscience, Göttingen are proud to present the collected symphony of their thoughts, ideas and creativity in the 7th biennial neuroscience conference Neurizons – ‘Speak your mind’.

31st of May – 3rd of June 2016 at the Max Planck Institute for Biophysical chemistry in Göttingen, Germany they will host a concert to resonate through the plethora of scales of Neuroscience.

More information

Alzheimer Scotland Annual Conference

3 June 2016
Edinburgh International Conference Centre

Alzheimer Scotland’s annual conference will bring together 550 delegates at the world-class Edinburgh International Conference Centre, for an innovative programme with key international, national and Scottish speakers.

This year’s conference will explore the theme Global to local: research, practice, innovation, via a variety of plenary and parallel sessions, as well as featuring our largest dedicated exhibition space, which will also host all the conference catering, ensuring all 30+ exhibitors’ benefit from maximum exposure throughout multiple breaks during the conference.

Delegates include people with dementia, carers, policy makers, national and local
government staff, academics, health and care professionals, staff from Alzheimer and dementia associations, along with representatives from the pharmaceutical industry, financial, legal, property and technology sectors.

With all the wonderful opportunities to learn and share from colleagues, the conference is also a great way to add to your Continuing professional development hours.

Early bird registration – almost 20% off if you register before 15th April

More information

9th International Epilepsy Colloquium – Surgical and targeted treatments for acquired lesions

22 - 24 June 2016
Westminster, London

This symposium is the ninth in a series of focused high level symposia that address specific areas of epileptology, with a particular emphasis on the place of surgical treatments. This symposium focuses on the place of surgical treatment the treatment of epilepsies with acquired causes: stroke, trauma, tumour, infections and autoimmune conditions, with keynote lectures on the role of the blood–brain barrier and inflammatory pathways in the pathogenesis of epilepsies.

More information

NPSA Congress – Chicago 2016

7 July – 10 July 2016
Chicago, USA

The 17th annual congress of the International Neuropsychoanalysis Society. Keynote talks, research sessions and symposia on the theme “Other Minds” as well as on a variety of other neuropsychoanalytic topics.

Visit https://npsa-association.org/events/npsa-congress-chicago-2016/ for details on the meeting

Visit https://npsa-association.org/event-details/chicago-2016-abstract-submission/ to submit a proposal for a talk, symposium, or poster.

Society for the Neurobiology of Language Annual Conference

17 – 20 August 2016
London

The Eighth Annual Meeting for the Neurobiology of Language will be held in London, England on August 17 – 20, 2016. The Meeting will be held at the UCL Institute of Education located in the Bloomsbury District of central London.

The meeting will feature three keynote sessions, as well as a panel discussion.

Scientific Program 2016
The eighth annual meeting of the Society for the Neurobiology of Language will feature three keynote sessions, as well as a panel discussion:

Keynote Sessions
Mairéad MacSweeney - Insights into the neurobiology of language processing from deafness and sign language
David Attwell - The energetic design of the brain
Anne-Lise Giraud - Modelling neuronal oscillations to understand language neurodevelopmental disorders

More information and registration

6th Motivation and Cognitive Control (MCC) Symposium

24 - 26 August 2016, University of St Andrews, Scotland

Full Residential Conference fee includes 3 nights accommodation and social events:
£475 with 10% discount if booked by 6th May.

Full Non Residential Conference fee includes social events:
£365 with 10% discount if booked by 6th May.

More information

INCF Short course 2016

31 August - 1 September 2016, Reading

This year, the two-day INCF short course in neuroinformatics will be held in Reading, UK on August 31 - September 1, just before INCF's Neuroinformatics 2016.

The venue is Penta hotel, 5-10 minutes walk from Reading train station. Registration is free, with lunch included.

The course is intended for neuroscience researchers wishing to develop their interests in neuroinformatics as well as informatics researchers with a strong interest in neuroscience. The course is open to advanced students, postdoctoral researchers, and faculty members. Basic knowledge of neuroscience is a prerequisite.

Apply latest May 31!
https://www.incf.org/resources/training/incf-short-course-2016

The Lancet Neurology Conference - Preclinical neurodegenerative disease: towards prevention and early diagnosis

19 - 21 October 2016
Park Plaza Riverbank, London

The clinical symptoms of neurodegenerative diseases arise years after the onset of neuronal damage. By the time the patient receives a diagnosis, it might be too late to intervene and modify the advanced pathological state of disease. Researchers are now focusing on preventing and stopping the pathological processes in the
brain at an earlier, asymptomatic state.

This conference aims to disseminate cutting-edge findings on preclinical neurodegenerative diseases—including Alzheimer’s disease, Parkinson’s disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, and Huntington’s disease. The event will provide a unique platform for specialists to come together across disciplines for an authoritative discussion of the methodological, regulatory, and ethical considerations of research in people at asymptomatic states of neurodegenerative disease.

Posters are invited to supplement the invited oral programme. Please submit abstracts by June 3, 2016.

More information

1st Annual Cyprus International Conference on Autism Treatment and Research

18 – 22 November 2016
Paphos, Cyprus

1st Annual Cyprus International Conference on Autism Treatment and Research entitled *Magic Always Happens through our interdisciplinary approach to autism!*

Our conference takes a true “360 degrees” approach and it aims to bring together experts and luminaries from transdisciplinary scientific research, as well as from applied fields including academicians, psychologists, physicians, geneticists, speech therapists, civil engineers, architects, economists, law, technology, and many other subject matter experts. Together, we shall all discuss best practices and suggest ideal ways of working with, treating, educating, building for, and sustaining quality centers for autism excellence, among other.

More information