Registration closes this Friday 12th June for the UCL Neuroscience Symposium

Places are limited and pre-registration is essential for this fascinating day. Over 850 people have already registered to attend this year’s UCL Neuroscience Symposium.

Registration closes on Friday 12 June, and anyone arriving on the day who has not registered will be asked to wait until all pre-booked delegates are seated before being allowed entry.

Don’t miss out on this must-attend event. Book your free place now.

Register here

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If you are interested, please email candice.lewis@ucl.ac.uk to be sent a short submission form.
Help the UCLH/UCL BRC get school children excited about research

The UCLH/UCL Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) is looking for UCLH/UCL researchers to help get school children excited about clinical research by talking about their research careers as part of their research open day on 23 June.

Year 9 and 10 students (age 13-15) from local schools will be visiting UCLH and the BRC needs enthusiastic researchers to talk for approximately 30 minutes on a range of topics including what their research is about and its benefits, what a normal working day is for a researcher, what university degree they have, their motivations and what the biggest challenges have been. There will also be time for questions afterwards from the children.

The BRC welcomes help from everyone from PhD student to Professor who is happy to talk about clinical research and the pathways they followed to a career in research.

If you would like to give young people the opportunity to discover more about research contact Ros Yu, Communications & PPI Manager, Rosamund.Yu@ucl.ac.uk.

Internship opportunity

Congenica are seeking highly motivated interns to assist with the development of their genome analytics platform SAPIENTIATM.

Congenica is a young, fast-growing company spun-out from the Wellcome Sanger Trust Institute based at the Genome Campus, Hinxton, Cambridgeshire. We have developed a proprietary clinical decision support platform that allows processing, analysis and interpretation of next generation DNA sequence data to aid the diagnosis of patients with rare inherited disorders. To date our platform has been successfully tested in NHS laboratories and by Genomics England as part of the flagship UK100,000 Genomes project. We are continually striving to improve SAPIENTIATM and consequently we now require enthusiastic, motivated individuals to assist in user testing of the latest developments to ensure that that new innovations can be transferred to the clinic rapidly and efficiently for the benefit of patients.

Find out more at www.congenica.com

Neuroscience Careers Network

The Neuroscience Careers Network (NCN) has completed all the events for this academic year, and is currently planning the schedule for 2015-16. Future events are likely to include:

- Grant Writing Seminar and Workshops
- Interview Skills Workshops
- Academic Careers Seminar
- Presentation Skills Seminar

If you have any other suggestions of events you would like to attend, or would like to subscribe to the NCN mailing list, please email ecnforum@ucl.ac.uk

Further information on the NCN can be found here
Creating Connections 10

Monday 15 June 2015

In celebration of our tenth event, Creating Connections 10 is taking Creativity and Collaboration as its twin themes. As with all previous Creating Connections, the aim of the event is to bring UCL’s academic staff and postgraduate researchers together with representatives of the community and voluntary sector (with a healthy sprinkling of arts, heritage and cultural organisations on this occasion), to find areas of common interest and projects they can collaborate on. The evening is a mix of themed discussions in small groups with more informal networking to follow.

Find out more and book your place by Monday 8th June.

Talk on Funding Opportunities from the NC3Rs

Tuesday 16 June 2015

Dr Vicky Robinson CBE, Chief Executive of the National Centre for the Replacement, Refinement & Reduction of Animals in Research (NC3Rs), will be visiting the UCL Institute of Ophthalmology on 16th June 2015. She will present on grant opportunities available with the NC3Rs, followed by a small lunch in the Museum Room. The NC3Rs fund research which will lead to the replacement, refinement and reduction of the use of animals and they provide a range of funding schemes including project grants, studentships and personal fellowships (https://www.nc3rs.org.uk/funding).

If you would like to attend, please email Natalie Reeve (n.reeve@ucl.ac.uk) by Wednesday 10th June. Also, if you would like an individual meeting with Vicky Robinson after the lunch to discuss the details of your potential research proposals, please contact Natalie for appointments too. The Institute of Ophthalmology is located five minutes’ walk from Old Street tube station, on the Northern Line. Bus 205 also runs from Euston (alight at the Moorfields Eye Hospital stop).

UCLPartners' Academic Health Science Centre

Monday 22 June, 3pm – 6.30pm
The Lutyens Suite, BMA House

Join Prof. Sir John Tooke for an afternoon event to celebrate UCLPartners' Academic Health Science Centre (AHSC) and explore the opportunities that the unique partnership of world-leading Universities and NHS Trusts presents. By working together, the AHSC seeks to set a new benchmark for UK academic-clinical partnership, driving population health and wealth gain by aligning academic and clinical excellence.

To register please visit: http://uclpartners-ahsc-2015.eventbrite.co.uk

The event will provide an opportunity to learn about UCLPartners and the role
of the AHSC in modern healthcare, to explore the aims of its six Academic Medical Centres, to meet with the leadership from across the partnership, and to consider and discuss opportunities for the future.

The AHSC partners are UCL, Queen Mary University of London, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University College London Hospitals, Great Ormond Street Hospital, Barts Health, Royal Free and Moorfields NHS Foundation Trusts. Attendees are welcome from all organisations and from across the wider UCLPartners partnership.

Launch of the UCL Institute of Digital Health

Monday 22 June, 1.30pm – 6.30pm
Gustave Tuck Lecture Theatre, UCL Wilkins Building

Are you doing research in digital health at UCL? Join the Launch of the UCL Institute of Digital Health, to:

- Be part of this exciting new initiative that is bringing together researchers across UCL with an interest in Digital Health;
- Share your research on Digital Health;
- Learn about other — complementary — research in Digital Health at UCL; and
- Help shape the future of Digital Health at UCL.

Find out more

Public Engagement

Train and Engage Program

Train and Engage offers postgraduate research students the chance to apply for grants of up to £1,000 for activities that involve people outside the university. Alongside funding, Train and Engage provides advice, training and resources to support you in designing, developing, delivering and evaluating your own public engagement project.

To be eligible for funding from Train and Engage, applicants must either attend the Train and Engage workshops or the Connecting with the Public course offered by the UCL Doctoral School in collaboration with the Department of Science and Technology Studies and the Public Engagement Unit. Students who attend either of these training programmes are eligible for any subsequent Train and Engage deadline.

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National Brain Appeal’s Letter in Mind exhibition

The National Brain Appeal is looking for artists – whether you’re established, up-and-coming or simply have a flair for the creative. You can help by donating your artwork to their fundraising exhibition, A Letter in Mind? This is their second art project and exhibition and they want to make it bigger and better than ever. They’ve expanded the title to create a further theme for entries – The Art of a Journey. Whether your journey is emotional, psychological, real or imagined, they hope you are inspired by the title and can’t wait to see all your incredible creations.

Find out more

In the News

Professor Lees awarded ABN Medal 2015

We are pleased to announce that Professor Andrew Lees, Professor of Neurology, National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, and Emeritus Director, Reta Lila Weston Institute of Neurological Studies, UCL Institute of Neurology, is the ABN Medallist 2015.

The ABN Medal is awarded annually to recognise outstanding contributions by British and Irish neurologists to the science or practice of neurology, or for contributions to the Association. Professor Lees’ medallist lecture was entitled Butterflies of the Soul.

Read full article
Current Funding Opportunities

Call for contributions to Research Topic titled "Neuroimaging in clinical practice – towards prognosis and prediction of treatment response"

**Deadline:** Friday 4th September

In collaboration with *Frontiers in Neuroscience* and *Frontiers in Neurology*, section *Brain Imaging Methods*, we are organizing a Research Topic titled "Neuroimaging in clinical practice – towards prognosis and prediction of treatment response", hosted by Jane Rondina, Nick Ward and Geraldo Busatto.

As host editor, I would like to encourage you to contribute to this topic. Please find more information about Research Topics below, including the publishing fees that apply. You can also visit the homepage we have created on the Frontiers website, which defines the focus of the topic, and where all published articles will appear.

http://www.frontiersin.org/Brain_Imaging_Methods/researchtopics/Neuroimaging_in_clinical_pract/3735

To find out more email j.rondina@ucl.ac.uk

Call for papers in neural plasticity

**Deadline:** Friday 13th November

The Journal "Neural Plasticity" is calling for papers for a special issue titled: Neural Plasticity in the Neonatal Brain in Health and Disease. The purpose of this special issue is to publish high-quality clinical, basic and translational original research and review articles that seek to address the mechanisms and significance of neural plasticity in the neonatal brain in health and disease. The lead guest editor is Mariya Hristova from the UCL Institute of Women's Health.

The call is aimed at original and review articles including, but not limited to Fragile X syndrome, hypoxia-ischaemia, Coffin-Lowry syndrome, etc.

Find out more

UCL Grand Challenges: Small Grants Call Open

**Deadline:** midnight, Monday 15 June 2015

UCL Grand Challenges bring researchers together, from diverse fields of expertise, to tackle global problems. The [Small Grants programme](#) encourages new collaborations between staff in different UCL departments or faculties, to address some of these challenges. Up to £4,000 is available for applications led by UCL staff. The Four Grand Challenges are [Global Health](#), [Sustainable Cities](#), [Intercultural Interaction](#), and [Human Wellbeing](#). Applications must be made to one of these.

Find out more
MRC: Experimental medicine challenge grants: discovery science in humans

Deadline: 25 June 2015

The Experimental Medicine Challenge Grants (EMCG) initiative supports ambitious programmes of research into disease pathophysiology, conducted in humans. The MRC seeks to generate new and deeper understanding of human disease mechanisms and identification of potential new therapeutic targets, so accelerating translation of basic science to impact on patient health.

“In the last 50 years we have been given all the tools we need in order to bring the investigations to ourselves”  Sydney Brenner

These studies, addressing the biggest gaps in understanding the causes and progression of human disease, will produce major new mechanistic insights, with potential application to new therapeutic or diagnostic approaches and opportunities for ‘reverse translation’ to basic research.

Find out more

ECMED Research Projects

A 3-year EU-funded position is available at the UCL Institute of Neurology, under the supervision of Prof. Matthew Walker, as part of the ECMED European Training Network (ETN), a consortium of 9 leading European research institutions and 2 industrial companies that will involve 12 Early Stage Researchers working collaboratively to determine the role of brain extracellular matrix in the development of epilepsy and to develop novel approaches to treat and to prevent epilepsy. Another 11 similar positions to the one offered by UCL are available at the project partners' institutions.

Background - The Project
Over 50 million people worldwide have epilepsy and 30% are resistant to our present therapies. Epilepsy, therefore, comprises a major burden to society and so there is a pressing need for new approaches to treatment. The brain extracellular matrix (ECM) plays a critical role in governing brain excitability and function. Although research into the role of the ECM in neuronal signalling and network function has advanced considerably in recent years, its full translational potential has yet to be realised. There is growing evidence for a major role of the ECM in epilepsy including the association between ECM protein mutations and epilepsy, changes in the ECM and associated proteins during the development of epilepsy and the strong association between the ECM and brain diseases associated with epilepsy including stroke, traumatic brain injury, neurodegeneration and autism.

For more information on the ECMED Research Projects and how to apply, please visit http://ecmed15.wix.com/epilepsy

Bio-Techne announces travel grants to attend Neuroscience 2015

Bio-Techne is proud to support neuroscience researchers with travel grants to attend Neuroscience 2015 held in Chicago, IL, October 17-21, 2015. We will award ten recipients $1,000 each for travel to the meeting.

Read more.
8 June, 2015 - **MRC Centre for Neuromuscular Diseases Seminar Series: Molecular promiscuity: serine-palmitoyltransferase – the unfaithful enzyme**

Time: 17:30 -
Speaker information: Thorsten Hornemann, Institute of Clinical Chemistry, University of Zurich
Location: Wolfson Lecture theatre, NHNN, National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Christine Oldfield
Email: christine.oldfield@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

8 June, 2015 - **SLMS Introduction to Information Governance**

Time: 14:00 - 15:30
This event will provide clear guidance on information governance responsibilities and control, how these affect research activities and how the SLMS Information Governance Framework can help researchers meet their legal obligations. UCL staff and students who handle sensitive personal data are eligible to attend.
Location: Lecture Theatre 1, Royal Free Campus, Rowland Hill Street, Hampstead, NW3 2PF
Contact: Jack Hindley
Email: j.hindley@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

8 June, 2015 - **UCL Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience Seminar Series - Plasticity of the social brain**

Time: 16:00 -
Speaker: Tania Singer, Director, Dept Social Neuroscience, Max Planck Institute, Leipzig. Host: Vincent Walsh. Effects of a one-year mental training on social cognition, attention, stress, interoception and pro-social behaviour.
Location: Gilliat Lecture Theatre, Institute of Neurology, Queen Square House, Queen Square, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Rosalyn Lawrence
Email: rosalyn.lawrence@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: 020 7679 1164; internal extension: 21164

9 June, 2015 - **Experimental Psychology Seminar: I can get that song out of your head; Decoding perceptual representations with retinotopic and tonotopic maps**

Time: 16:00 -
Speaker: Geoff Boynton, University of Washington Host: Sam Solomon
Location: Room 305, 26 Bedford Way, London, WC1H 0DS
Contact: Antonietta Esposito
Email: a.esposito@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

10 June, 2015 - **Centre for Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience speaker programme: Title TBC**

Time: 16:30 - 17:30
Speaker information: Professor Courtenay Norbury
Location: Leolin Price Lecture theatre (Lower Ground Floor), Institute of Child Health, 30 Guildford Street, London , WC1N 1EH
Contact: Rebecca Sage
Email: R.Sage@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

10 June, 2015 - **Division of Psychiatry seminar: Hearing loss: a new reversible causal factor for dementia?**

Time: 15:00 - 16:00
Organised by UCL Division of Psychiatry
Recent cohort studies have shown that hearing loss in middle age is a risk factor for accelerated cognitive decline and dementia in later life. Hearing loss is very prevalent, potentially preventable and treatable, and if it can be confirmed as a causative factor the benefits of addressing hearing loss could lead to substantial benefits in reduced dementia incidence. In this talk I will present the evidence linking hearing loss and dementia, discuss possible mechanistic pathways and confounding factors of the association, and reflect on research that could clarify this link. Speaker: Dr Sergi Costafreda. Host: Prof Gill Livingston, Division of Psychiatry.
Location: B40 LT, Darwin Building, access via Malet Place, London, WC1E 6BT
Contact: Berni Courtney
11 June, 2015 - **Pathogenic mechanisms in Alzheimer's disease through regional vulnerability**

Time: 12:30 -

Speaker: Scott A. Small M.D., Boris and Rose Katz Professor of Neurology, Director, Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, Departments of Neurology, Radiology & Psychiatry, Columbia University

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

Contact: Sandra Porteous
Email: pabusdir@prion.ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

11 June, 2015 - **The trials of conducting trials – practical problems encountered in rehab research and possible solutions**

Time: 17:15 -

Part of the CNR@UCLP Seminar Series 2015. Speaker information: Professor Avril Drummond. Open to all, free of charge and there is no need to register.

Location: Gilliat Lecture Theatre, Queen Square House, Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG

Contact: UCLPartners Centre for Neurorehabilitation
Email: cnr@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

15 June, 2015 - **UCL Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience Seminar Series - Essential contributions of frontopolar cortex to primate cognition**

Time: 16:00 -

Speaker: Mark Buckley, Experimental Psychology Dept, University of Oxford. Host: Sam Gilbert

Location: Lecture Theatre, Clinical Neuroscience Building, 33 Queen Square, London,

Contact: Rosalyn Lawrence
Email: rosalyn.lawrence@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: 020 7679 1164; internal extension: 21164

16 June, 2015 - **Experimental Psychology Seminar: Do we adapt to the recent variance of sensory signals**

Time: 16:00 -

Speaker: Hannah Smithson, University of Oxford. Host: Sam Solomon

Location: Room 305, 26 Bedford Way, London, WC1H 0DS

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

Contact: Natalie Reeve
Email: n.reeve@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

17 June, 2015 - **UCL Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience Seminar Series - Cognitive intermediate phenotypes and genetic risk for schizophrenia**

Time: 12:30 - 13:30

Speaker: Timothea Toulopoulou, Psychosis Lab, Institute of Psychiatry Lab, King’s College London. Host: Neil Burgess

Location: Basement Seminar Room (B10), Institute of Clinical Neuroscience, 17 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3AR

Contact: Rosalyn Lawrence
Email: rosalyn.lawrence@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: 020 7679 1164; internal extension: 21164
18 June, 2015 - Molecular regulation of cortical interneuron diversity and plasticity
Time: 16:00 -
Speaker: Professor Oscar Marin, MRC Centre for Developmental Neurobiology, King's College London. Hosted by: Wolfson Institute for Biomedical Research. Refreshments will be provided.
Location: WIBR Cafe, 1st floor, Cruciform Building, Gower Street, London, WC1E 6BT
Contact: Alison Kelly
Email: alison.kelly@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

19 June, 2015 - 2015 Neuroscience Symposium
Time: -
The 2015 Neuroscience Symposium, hosted by the UCL Neuroscience Domain, will take place at the Institute of Education on Friday 19 June. We are expecting more than 800 Neuroscientists from across the UCL community to come along to the annual symposium to find out more about the latest research in neuroscience at UCL, share expertise and enhance relationships. Keynote speakers: Professor John O'Keefe and Professor Yang Dan. Poster Exhibition: Last year over 30 lab posters and 150 research posters were presented at the Symposium. This is a great opportunity to present your work to your peers. Further details on themes can be found online and poster submission is with registration via the Eventbrite registration page.
Location: UCL Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London, WC1H 0AL
Contact: Candice Lewis
Email: candice.lewis@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: 020 3108 2419

24 June, 2015 - Division of Psychiatry seminar: The development and genetics of Wernicke's Encephalopathy, with focus on alcohol misuse
Time: 15:00 - 16:00
Organised by UCL Division of Psychiatry
Wernicke’s encephalopathy (WE) is the acute phase of a potentially fatal neuropsychiatric condition caused by an inadequate supply of vitamin B1 to the brain and is often associated with alcohol misuse. In the early stages, WE is reversible but if the condition is undiagnosed or inadequately treated, it will progress to irreversible brain damage, the Korsakoff Syndrome (KS). Korsakoff described a group of patients who had an abnormal mental state in which memory and learning were affected out of all proportion to other cognitive functions in an otherwise alert and responsive patient. Important differences between WE due to dietary deficiency from that associated with alcohol misuse will be discussed. Our current research has centred on the genes controlling the transport systems responsible for the transport of vit B1 and other nutrients into the brain cells. Speakers: Dr Allan D. Thomson and Dr Irene Guerrini Hosted by: Dr Nick Bass
Location: Sir David Davies LT, Roberts Building, Malet Place, London, WC1E 7JE
Contact: Berni Courtney
Email: b.courtney@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: 020 7679 9467

24 June, 2015 - MRC Prion Unit Events and Seminars: Developing novel models of TDP-43-mediated neurodegeneration using Drosophila and mice
Time: 13:00 -
MRC Prion Unit Events and Seminars, hosted by the MRC Prion Unit, UCL and the Institute of Neurology. Speaker information: Dr Jemeen Sreedharan, Babraham Institute, Cambridge. Hosted by: Dr Adrian Isaacs and Professor Elizabeth Fisher
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

24 June, 2015 - NeuroTrials Day
Time: -
In most areas of medicine it is the results from randomised controlled trials that ultimately decide whether or not a potential treatment has a place in the management of a clinical condition. Brain science is no different. Advances in the treatment of conditions such as multiple sclerosis, stroke and epilepsy have ultimately been determined by successful clinical trials. This NeuroTrials day will describe the design and implementation of all phases of trial. Uniquely, it will be from the twin viewpoints of clinicians and statisticians involved in designing and carrying out clinical trials. As such it will be appropriate for clinicians (e.g. neurologists and neurosurgeons), and other health professional in both the public and private sectors, at all levels of seniority. The roles of the clinical research network, clinical research facility and clinical trials unit will also be discussed.
Location: Basement Lecture Theatre, 33 Queen Square, , London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Dr Tahera Hussain
Email: Tahera.hussain@ucl.ac.uk  
Phone: Please email

26 June, 2015 - **Brain Meeting Seminar Series: Title TBC**  
Time: 16:15 - 16:30  
Brain Meeting from Wellcome Trust Centre for Neuroimaging (incorporating the Leopold Muller Functional Imaging Laboratory and the Wellcome Department of Imaging Neuroscience). Speaker: Kenneth Harris, UCL Institute of Ophthalmology.  
Location: 4th Floor Seminar Room, 12 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG  
Contact: Samira Kazan  
Email: samira.kazan@ucl.ac.uk  
Phone: Please email

26 June, 2015 - **Memory Enhancement by Targeting Cdk5 Regulation of NR2B**  
Time: 16:00 - 16:30  
Speaker: Dr Florian Plattner, Department of Psychiatry, UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, Texas USA. Hosted by: Wolfson Institute for Biomedical Research. Refreshments will be provided.  
Location: WIBR Cafe, 1st floor, Cruciform Building, Gower Street, London, WC1E 6BT  
Contact: Alison Kelly  
Email: alison.kelly@ucl.ac.uk  
Phone: Please email

26 June, 2015 - **UCL School of Pharmacy seminar programme: Mechanisms of postsynaptic plasticity at GABAergic synapse.**  
Time: 12:00 - 13:00  
Speaker information: Dr Shiva Tyagarajan, Institute of Pharmacology and Toxicology, University of Zurich. Host: UCL School of Pharmacy.  
Location: John Hanbury Lecture Theatre, UCL School of Pharmacy, 29-39 Brunswick Square, London, WC1N 1AX  
Contact: Audrey Mercer  
Email: a.mercer@ucl.ac.uk  
Phone: Please email

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**External Events of Interest**

**Paris School of Neuroscience (ENP) course:**  
**Optical Imaging and Electrophysiological Methods in Neuroscience**

9th and 19th of June  
Paris V University (Paris Descartes).  
Hosts: Dr Paul Johns, BSc BM MSc FRCPath

Course website: [https://sites.google.com/site/neuropariscourse/](https://sites.google.com/site/neuropariscourse/)  
Preliminary timetable: [https://sites.google.com/site/neuropariscourse/timetable](https://sites.google.com/site/neuropariscourse/timetable)

The deadline for the application is on the 30th of March 2015 and informal enquiries about the experiments that will be held during the course can be directed to Marco Beato ([m.beato@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:m.beato@ucl.ac.uk)).  
Applications open to all PhD students, researchers and academics.
Barbican Open Salon: with Baroness Susan Greenfield - *Is Social Media Changing our Brains?*

Wednesday 17 June
Barbican, London

Barbican Open Salon is a series of debates with experts who are passionate about their subjects. Neuroscientist and author of *Mind Change*, Baroness Susan Greenfield, leads our next debate ‘*Is Social Media Changing our Brain?’* on **Wednesday 17th June**. Baroness Greenfield will explore whether digital technology is changing our brains and whether we can use these changes, both good and bad, to add meaning to our lives.

[Find out more and book tickets](#)

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2015 EMBO Workshop on Cortical Interneurons in Health and Disease

22 - 25 June 2015
Majorca, Spain

Organized by Professor Oscar Marin, Director of the MRC Centre for Developmental Neurobiology King’s College London, in this workshop we will bring together world-class scholars to discuss the molecular basis underlying interneuron diversity, the impact of interneuron function on cortical operations or their very special cell metabolism and its possible relation to disease. The conference is expected to be attended by almost 100 participants. Our main goal is to encourage the interaction between experts with diverse backgrounds, from developmental neurobiology to systems neuroscience, and the discussion of the latest research advances in the function of specific classes of interneurons in the generation of brain rhythms, and their contribution to epilepsy, autism and schizophrenia.

[Find out more](#)

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Practical Neurology Study Days

22 - 26 June 2015
Council Chamber, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH), 5-11 Theobalds Road, London, WC1X 8SH

An annual series of study days which aim to help clinicians update and improve their approach to the diagnosis and management of neurological problems in children.

Each day focuses on a different range of subjects. Delegates can attend the whole course or individual days.

Contact: angela.mensah@ucl.ac.uk to reserve a place or for further information.
The 16th International Neuropsychoanalysis Congress: Plasticity and Recognition (and other topics)

9 – 12 July 2015
University of Amsterdam

Call for Papers: abstracts due on 1 February!

Speakers include: Cristina Alberini; François Ansermet; Marinus Van Ijzendoorn & Yoram Yovell

More Congress information, including registration, accommodation & more: Click here

We welcome proposals for presentations and symposia on this broad theme, from an experimental or clinical perspective. However, proposals on all other topics of relevance to neuropsychoanalysis are also welcome. You are invited to submit abstracts for research presentations, posters, and symposia which have an explicit psychoanalytic or psychodynamic component. Click here for more info.

Abstracts are due by 1 February; please submit your abstracts by clicking here

Contact: paula.barkay@neuropsa.org

Find out more

Chronic Pain: Neural Plasticity and Therapeutic Perspective

18 – 25 July 2015
Südtirol, Italian Alps

Specific topics that will be focus of the Course include:
• The nature and nurture of pain
• Human pain perception and brain functional correlates
• Peripheral plasticity, genetics, and epigenetics of pain chronification
• Brain plasticity and mechanisms of pain chronification
• Pain pharmacology and neurobiology of opiate analgesia
• Clinical chronic pain conditions, clinical trials
• Therapies and management of chronic pain

Find out more

XIV Summer “Teófilo Hernando’s” School of Pharmacology

20-24 July 2015
Santander, Spain

New therapeutic targets in brain disease

The Teófilo Hernando’s School of Pharmacology (THSP) was initiated in 1996, in the frame of the summer courses of the UIMP. At that time, Rector José Luis García Delgado invited professor Antonio G. García (Autonomous University of Madrid) to organise this School. The courses are held at the magnificent Palace of la Magdalena, located on top of a hill at the Peninsula of La Magdalena.

The format of a UIMP’s School (“Escuela”) is based in the critical analysis in the frontier of knowledge of a given scientific topic, along a week (Monday to Friday) by scientists and students of all over the world. Emphasis is always made in drug discovery and development as well in basic research that
illuminate on new biological drug targets for treating disease. The THSP was named after Teófilo Hernando, a Spanish M.D./Ph.D. pharmacologist who was trained under Oswald Schmiedeberg at Strasbourg, the first formal Pharmacology School where many pharmacologists were trained at the beginning of the XX century and then developed the subject of basic and clinical pharmacology all over the world. Teófilo Hernando introduced pharmacology as an independent teaching and science subject at the Central University of Madrid, along the first four decades of the XX century. He trained numerous other disciples that extended the subject to many other Spanish universities along the XX century.

Find out more

18th SSBP International Research Symposium

4 - 5 September 2015
London

Behavioural phenotypes from the bench to bedside: translation of basic science to clinical practice

The 18th meeting of the SSBP will focus on emerging findings from basic science research on behavioural phenotypes and the application of these in clinical practice. The cutting-edge program will cover research areas such as epigenetics, mouse model studies and clinical trials. Join us in London – the world’s capital – in 2015!

Registration and abstract submission open: April 2015
Deadline for online abstract submission: 1st of June 2015
Deadline for discounted early bird registration: 25th of July 2015

For further information and details on how to submit an abstract for an oral or poster presentation visit the website:

Find out more

5th European Synapse Meeting

7 - 9 September 2015
Bristol

Registration and abstract submission for the European Synapse Meeting 2015 are now open. Reduced rates available until 30th June 2015. Please register now!

The aim of this meeting is to bring together junior and senior neuroscientists working on synapses and to provide a forum for new directions and ideas in synapse research.

For further information please visit the website:

Find out more
Researcher Links Workshop: Understanding and Advancing Therapies for CNS Disorders

18 – 21 September 2015
Maria Do Mar Hotel, Florianópolis, Brazil

The British Council has grants available for early career researchers (see Eligibility section) to attend a workshop in Brazil on understanding and advancing CNS therapies. Costs of all travel, accommodation and meals for participants will be covered. Places are available for 16 researchers from Brazil and the UK (32 in total).

This workshop is part of the Newton Researcher Links programme, funded under the Newton Fund. The workshop is being organized by Dr. Angela Bithell (University of Reading, UK) and Dr. Helena Cimarosti (Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC), Brazil).

The workshop will take place in Florianópolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil, 18th-21st September 2015.

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ESLRR European Conference on Low Vision 2015 – 2nd call for papers

25-27 September 2015
University of Oxford

The European Society for Low Vision Research and Rehabilitation (ESLRR) is pleased to announce that its next conference, ESLRR 2015 will be in September 2015 and will once again be at the beautiful Keble College, University of Oxford. The two-day conference will run from Friday afternoon until Sunday afternoon and will be preceded by an optional half day course. Overnight accommodation will be provided in College rooms (en-suite) and meals, including a Gala Dinner will take place in the stunning College dining hall. Platform and poster presentations are invited in all aspects of low vision research.

Abstracts submission extended to Sunday 14th June; please submit your abstracts by clicking here
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