Neuroscience Careers Network

The Early Career Neuroscience Forum was established in late 2010, but the committee recently changed its name to the Neuroscience Career Network to encompass the work it does to support group leaders as well as PhD/post-docs.

The UCL Neuroscience Careers Network (NCN) seeks to promote the professional development of UCL Neuroscientists. The network provides opportunities for UCL 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 junior PIs.

Find out more
UCL Blogger Jack Moore has managed to capture the recent Neuroscience Symposium perfectly in his blog which was published last week on the UCL Events Blog website.

For those of you who couldn’t attend the symposium Jack gives an overview of the key highlights of the day including keynote speeches from Professor James Rothman and Professor Cori Bargmann, as well as the hotly contested 2014 Lab Poster Prize.

Find out more

New Alzheimer’s Society Research Fellowships

As part of the Dementia Research Leaders programme, Alzheimer’s Society are launching a new range of Research Fellowships grants. Opening at the end of June, the fellowships have been designed to offer funding for researchers from a wider range of professional backgrounds and at different stages in their career.

For postdoctoral researchers:
Junior Fellowships – Up to £225,000 over three years, for researchers up to 4 years after PhD.
Senior Fellowships – Up to £400,000 over four years, for researchers between 3 and 10 years after PhD.
These fellowships are open to researchers from all disciplines including health and care professions.

For clinically trained professionals:
Clinician and Allied Health Professionals Training Fellowships – Up to £225,000 over three years for researchers to work towards a research PhD

Find out more

REF Open Access Policy

A new open access policy for the next REF has been introduced. To be eligible for REF submission, journal articles and conference proceedings must have been deposited in an open access repository at acceptance. UCL’s policy is that all outputs should be deposited in our institutional repository, UCL Discovery.

UCL authors are responsible for ensuring that their papers are deposited. The process is very straightforward, and support is available from UCL’s Open Access Team.

Find out more
Special Seminars and Events

IOE/UCL Research show case meeting

16 July 2014, 2pm-5pm
Kennedy Lecture theatre UCL Institute Of Child Health 30 Guilford Street, London

The meeting is an opportunity to hear about the research projects that have been funded by the IOE/UCL Strategic Partnership and the experience of collaboration. Further funding for research collaboration between IOE and UCL will also be announced. The meeting will be followed by a drinks reception with the opportunity to network.

Find out more

Developmental Neurosciences Seminar Series – First meeting

23 July 204
Leolin Price Lecture Theatre, Institute of Child Health

The first meeting of the Developmental Neurosciences Programme Seminar Series will take place on July 23rd. The Seminar Series will be held over 2 hours on a quarterly basis throughout the year.

Speakers at the first meeting include Professor Francesco Muntoni, Dr Jon Clayden, Prof Rodney Scott, Dr Haiyan Zhou, Dr Frederique Liegeois, Jacob Ross, and Louise Croft.

Contact: Janet Nicholas

UCLP Centre for Neurorehabilitation present a Symposium on the Role of Technology in Neurorehabilitation

Thursday 9 October, 9am-5pm
Lecture Theatre at The National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, 33 Queen Square London WC1N 3BG

A one day symposium that will explore how technology might change the way we think about delivering Neurorehabilitation

Speakers will explore a range of topics from the
fundamentals of neurostimulation in the nervous system to the use of robotics to promote practice and learning. They will discuss how the power of virtual reality and the internet can move rehabilitation into patients’ homes and allow clinicians to collect clinically relevant information on a large scale. Finally, they will consider the importance of getting these technological advances out of the laboratory and into the market place where they can be of greatest benefit to the most people.

Find out more

BRC Neuroscience Programme Annual Meeting

8 December, 3pm to 5pm
Lecture Theatre at The National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, 33 Queen Square London WC1N 3BG

It has once again been a productive year for our NIHR University College London Hospitals BRC Neuroscience Programme. The Neuroscience Programme has been supporting a range of activities in experimental neurology which we will showcase at the meeting. While we finalise the programme, we wanted to send this invite out, which also serves as a save-the-date. A programme will be sent separately in the coming weeks.

The BRC Neuroscience programme Annual Meeting is an opportunity for you to hear more about the progress the BRC has been making, the impact it is having in developing infrastructure for experimental neurology research and the BRC’s future strategy.

Contact: Daniel Herron

BNA Christmas symposium

Monday 15 December 2014

The Sainsbury Wellcome Centre will once again host the BNA Christmas symposium. This year’s Symposium will be in honour of Trevor Robbins, who won the Brain Prize this year. The preliminary title for this is “What drugs should Santa use?”.

If you have any suggestions for speakers, then please let Elaine Snell (elaine.snell@bna.org.uk) know.

BNA2015: Festival of Neuroscience
The British Neuroscience Association will be hosting the BNA2015: Festival of Neuroscience, 12 - 15 April at Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC). The Festival will comprise a scientific conference with plenary lectures given by internationally recognised plenary speakers, around 50 symposia and workshops, poster sessions and a trade exhibition. In parallel with the conference, there will be an exciting programme of public events in the City Centre.

**Plenary Speakers:** Prof Dame Kay Davies, Prof Annette Dolphin, Dr Thomas Jessell, Prof Richard Morris, Prof Giacomo Rizzolatti, Prof Susumu Tonegawa and Prof Lorraine Tyler.

**Public Speakers:** Prof David Nutt, Dr Adrian Owen

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### In the News

#### Sex, lies and social media: How Twitter killed the water cooler

Professor Tomas Chamorro Premuzic (UCL Clinical, Educational & Health Psychology) discusses how social media has changed gossip.

“Social media have exacerbated gossip,” says Tomas Chamorro-Premuzic, a professor of business psychology at University College London and a visiting professor at New York University.

[Read full article](#)

#### How being switched to cheaper drugs could put you at risk

Professor Philip Patsalos (UCL Clinical & Experimental Epilepsy) comments on the potential effects of switching patients from brand name drugs to their generic counterparts.

‘Although there is only a 6 per cent plus or minus variability allowed in a generic epilepsy drug’s bioavailability compared with the branded drug, if a patient is changed from a generic drug with +6 per
cent of the strength to another that is -6 per cent, this equates to a 12 per cent decrease in blood concentration levels.’

Read full article

Gelotophobia: living a life in fear of laughter

Professor Sophie Scott (UCL Cognitive Neuroscience) explains how being gelotophobic could be an index of people's social problems or personality traits rather than laughter.

She said: "I do not think you can play down the importance of laughter. It is absolutely endemic."

Prof Scott said laughter had a key role in helping people to deal with negative emotions, and to feel calm and cheerful, that would not be available to gelotophobes.

Read full article

Current Funding Opportunities

Up to £1M available for BRC Neurosciences research
Deadline: 5pm, Friday 11 July 2014

Applications are invited for funding of up to £1 million, four awards of up to £250,000, for Neurosciences research under the BRC ‘Big Questions’ scheme. The ‘Big Questions’ scheme was established to support proposals across key strategic areas of the four BRC programmes. The strategic areas of the Neurosciences programme include novel therapeutics and diagnostics, neuro-immunology, motor neuron diseases, brain cancer and stroke (in collaboration with the Cardiometabolic programme). Applications which aim to develop current research and generate data to facilitate future applications are accepted. Applications must be aligned with the current BRC Neurosciences programme strategy.

To submit a proposal send an application form to Dr Daniel Herron, Neurosciences programme Operations Manager daniel.herron@ucl.ac.uk

Researchers submitting stroke research applications are strongly encouraged to contact the Neurosciences and Cardiometabolic programme Directors Professor Nick Wood n.wood@ucl.ac.uk and Professor Derek Yellon d.yellon@ucl.ac.uk before submission.

To download an application form click here
Boehringer Ingelheim FENS research award
Deadline: 31 July 2014

The Federation of European Neuroscience Societies invites applications and nominations for the Boehringer Ingelheim FENS research award. This recognises outstanding and innovative scientific efforts in all areas of neuroscience research. Nominees must be under 40 years of age and either be working in a European institute or be of European origin working abroad. Funding is worth €25,000.

Find out more

Bursary for medical students - British Society for Clinical Neurophysiology
Deadline: 31 July 2014

The British Society for Clinical Neurophysiology invites applications for its bursary for medical students. The aim is to support medical students during the intercalated degree year, to support young people in neuroscience research and to raise awareness of the speciality of clinical neurophysiology at a formative stage in medical student careers and academic opportunities in the field. A society member must act as a primary supervisor of the research project. Projects must last for at least six months. The bursary is worth up to £5,000.

Find out more

Horizon 2020 - Marie Curie Individual Fellowships
Deadline: 11 September 2014

European Fellowships and Global Fellowships are available. Note that there are specific eligibility criteria relating to “mobility” i.e. moving institutions to undertake these fellowships. Fixed rate for salary, mobility and research expenses. The goal of Individual Fellowships is to enhance the creative and innovative potential of experienced researchers wishing to diversify their individual competence in terms of skill acquisition at multi- or interdisciplinary level through advanced training, international and intersectoral mobility. Individual Fellowships provide opportunities to acquire and transfer new knowledge and to work on research in a European context (EU Member States and Associated Countries) or outside Europe. The scheme particularly supports the return and reintegration of researchers from outside Europe who have previously worked here. It also develops or helps to restart the careers of individual researchers that show great potential, considering their experience.

Find out more

UCL Neuroscience Events and Seminars – July 2014

Time: 17:00 - 18:00
Speaker information: Professor Janet Eyre, Paediatric Neuroscience, University of Newcastle.
Host: UCL Centre for Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience.
Location: Leolin Price Lecture Theatre, Lower Ground Floor, UCL Institute of Child Health, 30 Guilford Street, London, WC1N 1EH
Contact: Senimili Kamikamica
Email: s.kamikamica@ucl.ac.uk

10 July, 2014 - Queen Square MS Centre Seminar Series: Dr Jeremy Chataway
Time: 13:00 - 14:00
Speaker information: Dr Jeremy Chataway, Consultant Neurologist, Queen Square MS Centre, National Hospital for Neurology & Neurosurgery.
Location: Gilliatt Lecture Theatre, UCL Institute of Neurology, Queen Square, London,
Contact: Tina Holmes
Email: t.holmes@ucl.ac.uk

10 July, 2014 - UCLP Centre for Neurorehabilitation Seminar: Vocational Rehabilitation After Acquired Brain Injury
Time: 17:15 - 18:15
Speaker: Dr Andy Tyerman.
Location: Gilliatt Lecture Theatre, Queen Square House, Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: N/A
Email: nrehabc-uclp-info@ucl.ac.uk

14 July, 2014 - Mapping Structure and function in the Fly Brain
Time: 16:00 - 17:00
Speaker information: Dr Gerald Rubin, HHMI Vice President and Executive Director of the Janelia Farm Research Campus. Host: Professor John O'Keefe, Sainsbury Wellcome Centre.
Location: Gavin de Beer Lecture Theatre, Anatomy Building, Gower Street, London,
Contact: Marg Glover
Email: m.glover@ucl.ac.uk

Time: 13:00 - 14:00
Speaker information: Professor Dagmar Sternad, The Action Lab, Northeastern University.
Host: Joern Diedrichsen.
Location: 4th Floor Seminar Room, FIL, 12 Queen Square, London,
Contact: Deborah Hadley
Email: d.hadley@ucl.ac.uk

21 July, 2014 - Application of antisense oligonucleotides for neuromuscular disorders
Time: 17:30 - 18:30
Speaker information: Dr Annemieke Aartsma-Rus, Department of Human Genetics, LUMC.
Host: MRC Centre Seminar Series.
Location: Lecture Theatre, 33 Queen Square, London,
Contact: Christine Oldfield
Email: christine.oldfield@ucl.ac.uk

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The Historical Evolution and Future of Neurology and Psychiatry

9 July 2014
The Institute of Psychiatry, King’s College London

Reviewing the historical evolution of neurology and psychiatry, the programme includes the Babylonian, Islamic, 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th century developments and exploration of the present and future relationships of the two disciplines. Illustrative topics include consciousness, daemonomania, epilepsy, hysteria and war neurosis.


Find out more

2014 Human Brain Anatomy Course (3-day course)

23-25 July, 2014
Guy’s Campus, King’s College London

Course director: Dr Paul Johns, BSc BM MSc FRCPath

- **NEW** improved programme for 2014!
- Comprehensive introduction to functional brain anatomy
- Assumes minimal prior knowledge
- Emphasises functional, clinical and radiological neuroanatomy

Three-day course: **£395**

Suitable for undergraduate / postgraduate students in medicine and biomedical sciences, neuroscience and psychology

Find out more

The Limbic Brain (2-day course)

21-22 August, 2014
Guy’s Campus, King’s College London

Course director: Dr Paul Johns, BSc BM MSc FRCPath

- Advanced functional neuroanatomy course
- Presented in a very clear, logical and memorable style
- Focuses on the limbic lobe, hippocampus, amygdala, prefrontal cortex and ‘limbic’ loops of the basal ganglia
- Includes the basal forebrain / substantia innominata, 'extended amygdala' and diffuse
The Dementia Challenge (North)
18 September, 2014
School of Music, University of Leeds

The Dementia Challenge North – Continuing the Fight Back conference will provide a unique opportunity for all those working with, caring for and living with dementia to come together to gain real insight into the fight back against the disease. With a spiralling aged population, the prevalence of dementia is perhaps the most significant and worrying 21st century health and social care challenge we face. With rates in the UK expected to more than double by 2051 it is imperative that continued and prolonged focus is maintained on the dementia agenda.

The programme will look in detail at:

- The current situation
- Latest announcements and developments following the G8 summit
- Recommendations on care and support
- Working practices and strategies for improved outcomes
- The role of society

An exclusive interview with a dementia sufferer will be an emotive close to the day, leaving no doubt as to the devastating affects the condition inflicts on all concerned. There will be ample opportunity for delegates to network with fellow peers to share experiences and knowledge whilst the programme allows for plenty of discussion and debate during the interactive question and answer sessions.

Delegate Rates:
Charity Sector - £295+VAT
Public Sector - £395+VAT
Private Sector - £395+VAT

To secure your place call Rob Daniels on 0161 686 5583 or email rob.daniels@govtoday.co.uk

Find out more