2015 John Maddox Prize for Standing up for Science

The John Maddox Prize rewards an individual who has promoted sound science and evidence on a matter of public interest. Its emphasis is on those who have faced difficulty or hostility in doing so. Nominations of active researchers who have yet to receive recognition for their public-interest work are particularly welcomed.

The prize is open to nominations for any kind of public activity, including all forms of writing, speaking and public engagement, in any of the following areas:

- Addressing misleading information about scientific or medical issues.
- Bringing sound evidence to bear in a public or policy debate.
- Helping people to make sense of a complex scientific issue.

The winner of the John Maddox Prize will receive £2000, and an announcement of the winner will be published in Nature. The award is presented at a reception in November.

Find out more

Neuroscience Careers Network

Grant writing workshop
Thursday 17 September 1.00-4.00pm
Applications to be submitted by 27 August

The aim of this half-day session is to help investigators improve their applications for funding, whether they are project grants or fellowships. It will be led by two senior UCL researchers, Prof. Neil Burgess and Prof. Simon Mead, who have extensive experience of applying for funding and of sitting on the committees that decide which science gets funded. This is a rare opportunity to improve your ‘grantsmanship’ skills, gain insight into
how funding committees work and to receive constructive feedback on your applications.

To participate in this workshop, each participant must provide an abstract, lay summary and full scientific proposal (it may be a preliminary application) for either a grant or fellowship application by 27 August 2015. Costings are NOT required.

Contact: Lorenzo Fabrizi (l.fabrizi@ucl.ac.uk), Madeleine Verriotis (madeleine.verriotis@ucl.ac.uk), or Tammaryn Lashley (t.lashley@ucl.ac.uk)

To find out more about the NCN Network go to our website http://www.ucl.ac.uk/research/domains/neuroscience/neuroscience-careers-network

Special Seminars and Events

Standing up for Science: Media Workshop

Sense About Science will be holding a Standing up for Science media workshops in September 2015:

· NiMR London, Friday 25th September (Application deadline: Friday 11th September.)

The full day workshops are free and for early career scientists and researchers in all sciences, engineering and medicine (PhD students, post-docs or equivalent in first job).

During the workshops we combine discussion about science-related controversies in media reporting with practical guidance and tips for how to deal with the media.

Please find further information at http://www.senseaboutscience.org/pages/upcoming-standing-up-for-science-media-workshops-.html

These workshops are very popular and places are limited. To apply, send a CV and cover letter explaining your reasons for applying to Joanne Thomas jthomas@senseaboutscience.org.

If you are a member of or are funded by any of our partner organisations (listed on the flyer), please state in your application – our partners hold five priority places for this workshop.
Royal Society: Writing and Media Skills courses

Scientists communicating their work is key to expanding the frontiers of knowledge, and the Royal Society’s courses will help you to do this effectively and memorably. Our ‘Writing about your research’ and ‘Media skills’ courses are designed exclusively for scientists, and are tutored by leading communication specialists.

Science is in today’s headlines more and more, meaning effective communication is crucial. Can you afford not to attend?

Available courses in 2015

- Writing about your research - 2 September
- Media skills training - 7 October
- Residential course (combined 'Media skills' and 'Writing about your research') - 2-3 November

Registration and course prices

For further course dates, availability and funding information please visit our website. Each one-day course costs £450, the two-day residential course costs £900. Payment is required in full at the time of registration.

To register for a course or for further information please email us at courses@royalsociety.org or visit our website.

European Research Council Starting Grants - UCL SLMS Information Event

The SLMS Research Coordination Office, in collaboration with the UCL European Research and Innovation Office, is holding this event for SLMS research staff who are interested in applying for European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grants.

The ERC Starting Grants support excellent researchers with between two and seven years’ postdoctoral research to establish their own independent research team or programme. This event will therefore be a great opportunity for interested researchers to ask questions about the grants and register for a follow-up one-to-one session with a Research Facilitator, where they will be able to discuss their application in more detail.

The deadline for the next round of ERC Starting Grants is 17 November 2015.

More information
Public Engagement

Are you interested in taking part in a public engagement event called ‘Rewired: The Brain, Art and Innovation’?

This is an open call for neurosciences researchers and artists at a UCL and Movement for Hope mainstream public engagement event taking place at the Bloomsbury Theatre on Saturday November 14th 2015, featuring connections in disease, arts and health!

‘Rewired: The Brain, Art and Innovation’ will build on the success of the 2014 ‘Rewired’ event and the previous year’s Neurology and Me: Disease, Art, Health and Hope. All ticket sales from both events raised awareness and charitable funds for neurological conditions, to support research, adaptive equipment purchases, and further awareness-education.

This year we want to create an even more dynamic event that will feature UCL researchers, artists and an innovative sharing of research (which will again be supported by Movement for Hope, a UCL post-grad student-lead organisation).

Target Audience
The event is aimed at the general public, neurological conditions charities, shared interest groups and UCL communities. Guest speakers and artists will also be invited.

We are looking for:
- Researchers keen to deliver a 5-7 minute talk about their work, to help raise awareness for neurological conditions. Talks should be tailored toward a lay public audience.
- Researchers who have involved artists in their work
- Researchers that have previously used artist/artwork to disseminate their research or raise awareness for their work
- Case studies involving art and science
- Artists who have raised awareness for brain and spinal cord diseases/disorders in their work, or generally want to be involved
- Volunteers who want to be involved behind the scenes

Please contact Amber Hill or Candice Lewis if interested in participating, volunteering or recommending participants for the event!

Bloomsbury Festival 2015: UCL-wide call to contribute on this year's theme of light

With support from UCL and other Camden-based bodies The Bloomsbury Festival is being re-established this year. It runs Thursday 22 October to Sunday 25 October in three locations near UCL.

We are seeking UCL researchers with amazing and surprising research that contributes to our understanding and appreciation of ‘Light’. At this event, over a provided lunch, you will meet the new festival director, Kate Anderson, and, with help from UCL staff involved in KT, turn your ideas into viable festival projects.

From our Astronomers and Sun scientists through our cognitive scientists and
Novel conceptual framework for tackling the global challenge of dementia

A novel conceptual framework for tackling the global challenge of dementia has been proposed in an article published in The Lancet.

Professor Martin Rossor, UCL Institute of Neurology and the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery (UCLH), and Professor Martin Knapp, LSE, have suggested modelling a “cognitive footprint” of activities, interventions and policies.

Mental skills such as memory, awareness, judgment, and problem-solving are required to carry out any knowledge-based task. Development of these cognitive abilities is affected by environmental and lifestyle factors – from even before birth right through to later life.

These abilities affect the well-being of the individual, and the overall social and economic well-being of a nation. The cognitive potential of a population determines its cognitive capital, which is a key resource for creating wealth through better skills, more efficient communication, research breakthroughs and technological innovation.

BRC funding for experimental medicine research projects

UCL Hospitals Biomedical Research Centre have funded several research projects in the Neurosciences programme, including four from UCL Institute of Neurology:

- Dr Orlando Swayne will assess the relationship between genetics and recovery in neurologically related disability.
- Dr Parashkev Nachev will capture real-time limb movement in stroke patients from data gathered from motion capture technology to optimise stroke care.
- Dr Pedro Machado will carry out biomarker analysis in patients with Inclusion Body Myositis (IBM)
- Dr Katie Sidle will investigate biomarkers to improve diagnosis of motor neurone diseases (MND).
Three from UCLP become NIA Fellows

The NHS Innovation Accelerator (NIA) is a new NHS England programme, co-hosted by UCLPartners and The Health Foundation in collaboration with AHSNs across the country. The aim of the NIA is to deliver on the commitment detailed within the Five Year Forward View - creating the conditions and cultural change necessary for proven innovations to be adopted faster and more systematically through the NHS, and to deliver examples into practice for demonstrable patient and population benefit.

17 individuals were successful in becoming NIA fellows and each has a set of values and passion for taking a high impact innovation to benefit more people and a wider population, and to generate system-wide learnings through their experiences of diffusing innovations. Three of the fellows are from the UCLPartners geography: Anna Moore of i-THRIVE, Bernadette Porter of NeuroResponse and Piers Kotting of Join Dementia Research.

Over the coming year the fellows will be supported through a bespoke fellowship programme to take their innovations to an increasing number of patients at greater pace. The fellowship will include mentorship from seasoned innovators, coaching, peer to peer support, quarterly learning events as well as access to a bursary.

Further information about the fellows and their innovations can be found at http://uclpartners.com/our-work/nhs-innovation-accelerator/nia-fellows

Current Funding Opportunities

Royal Academy of Engineering Postdoctoral Research Fellowships

Deadline: Wednesday 26 August

The Royal Academy of Engineering Postdoctoral Research Fellowships call has just been announced with a deadline of Monday 14 September: http://www.raeng.org.uk/grants-and-prizes/support-for-research/raeng-research-fellowship.

RAEng Research Fellowships are substantial, prestigious awards for postdocs or completing PhD students with up to 3 years' postdoc experience, working in any area of engineering as covered by the Academy. UCL can only submit 3 applications to this call, and therefore a central prioritization process is required.

As last year, this will be a two-step process. First, we have asked all relevant departments to prioritise a preferred candidate. A cross-Faculty panel chaired by Professor Tony Kenyon, Vice-Dean for Research in Engineering, will then interview all departmental nominees to decide the final 3 UCL applicants.

All potential applicants to this call should first contact their departments. If and when they have been shortlisted by their departments, nominees should submit a completed version of the attached Stage One application form by 5pm on Wednesday 26th August to matthew.davis@ucl.ac.uk. Applicants should cc the relevant head of department into this email to confirm that they have the required departmental support.

The interviews will be held on Wednesday 2 September at UCL (location and details TBC).
European Research Council Starting Grants

**Deadline:** expected to be 17 November 2015

ERC Starting Grants aim to support up-and-coming research leaders who are about to establish a proper research team and to start conducting independent research in Europe. The scheme targets promising researchers who have the proven potential of becoming independent research leaders. It will support the creation of excellent new research teams.

We are anticipating that the ERC will release the 2016 call for Starting Grant applications on 23 July, with a deadline of 17 November 2015.


Alzheimer’s Society Implementation grant scheme

**Deadline:** Friday 21 August 2015

Alzheimer’s Society have launched a new Implementation grant scheme, which aims to close the gap between dementia research knowledge and practice. Our new grant scheme will enable the scaling-up of promising non-drug treatments, programmes and services to improve the health and wellbeing of people affected by dementia.

Applicants can apply for grants of up to £400,000 for up to three years that will either:

a) enable the scale-up of evidence based interventions that have been shown to improve care and are ready to be implemented at a larger scale, or;

b) lay the foundations for the scale-up of evidence based interventions; preparatory work and testing the feasibility of bringing dementia research knowledge into the real world.

Deadline for Outline applications is midday Friday 21 August 2015. For more information on the Implementation grant scheme and how to apply: [www.alzheimers.org.uk/implementation](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk/implementation)

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](http://www.frontiersin.org) and [Frontiers in Neurology](http://www.frontiersin.org), section [Brain Imaging Methods](http://www.frontiersin.org), 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.
Applications invited for Sir Jules Thorn (SJT) Award for Biomedical Research

**Deadline:** Thursday 10th September

SLMS is inviting applications for the [Sir Jules Thorn (SJT) Award for Biomedical Research](http://www.frontiersin.org/Brain_Imaging_Methods/researchtopics/Neuroimaging_in_clinical_pract/3735), UCL can submit only one application to this call and therefore we are undertaking an internal selection process. The award is for £1.5M over 5 years for a programme of translational biomedical research. The Principal Investigator should be on an upward career trajectory, and whilst in the early years of an established career, should have a track record of internationally recognised translational research.

Deadline for internal applications: **5pm Thursday 10th September 2015**.

Further information including the internal selection process can be found on the [Research Coordination Office website](http://www.frontiersin.org/Brain_Imaging_Methods/researchtopics/Neuroimaging_in_clinical_pract/3735). This process is being co-ordinated by Clarissa.

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**Wellcome Trust Centres**

**Deadline:** Monday 21st September

The Wellcome Trust will be announcing a call for new centres. **The call will be formally announced on 3rd August with a closing date at noon on 21st September.** The Trust proposes to invest in four (or possibly more) new centres across the country, which needs to be driven by a theme with focused research and addressing a large question (this may be a technical/scientific question). Each centre will be for £4-13 million and can be across the Trust’s remit, in that they can also address both ‘culture and society’ and also ‘innovation’. Centres may well include input from several schools across UCL. They must be UK based but can extend beyond the UK if a good case can be made.

As this will be a highly-competitive process, we need to ensure that first-rate applications are submitted. In discussion with OVPR and the three schools, it has been decided that the SLMS will lead a selection process to identify the strongest applications. It is unlikely that we will be in a position to put in more than two new applications (in addition to the renewal of the Centre for Neuroimaging). We are aware that new applications will be considered at the same time as renewal of the eight existing centres, and we will need to avoid overlap and internal competition.

Those seeking to apply need to send a 600 word proposal on the proposed centre and a two-page CV of the lead applicant to Ruth Jamieson (r.jamieson@ucl.ac.uk) by Thursday 3rd September.

The timetable for the internal application process is as follows:

- Call announced on WT website **3rd August**
- Preliminary applicants submitted **Thursday 3rd September**
- Meeting of the internal review panel w/c 7th September
- Feedback to applicants by 11th September
- Selected applications submitted to the **WT 21st September**
Guidance and details about the call should be available on the Wellcome Trust’s website on 3rd August.

**NIHR Research Professorships: internal expressions of interest invited for Round 6 (2015/16)**

**Deadline:** 30th September

The UCL internal selection process for Round 6 of the NIHR Research Professorships is now open, to select two outstanding applications to go forward to NIHR in December. This is an extremely prestigious 5-year personal award open to researchers who have an outstanding record of clinical and applied health research, and its effective translation for improved health. The deadline for internal applications is **Wednesday 30th September 2015** and more information can be found on the SLMS Research Coordination Office website.

**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](#)

**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.

UCL Neuroscience Events and Seminars

5 August, 2015 - Hypoxia and Experimental Models of Neuroinflammation
Time: 16:00 -
Speaker: Andrew Davies, Department of Neuroinflammation, UCL Institute of Neurology. Host: Institute of Neurology Postdoc Seminar Committee
Location: Basement Lecture Theatre, 33 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Institute of Neurology Postdoc Seminar Committee
Email: ionpostdocsrequest@gmail.com
Phone: Please email

20 August, 2015 - Neuropathological and Phenotypic Profile of Familiar vs. Sporadic Alzheimer's Disease
Time: 16:00 -
WIBR Seminar. Speaker: Dr. med. Diego Sepulveda-Falla, The Institute of Neuropathology Universitätsklinikum Hamburg-Eppendorf (UKE) Hosted by: Professor David Sattelle / Dr Imran Haq Please arrive 15 mins before start.
Refreshments will be provided
Location: Cruciform Café, 1st Floor , Cruciform Building, Gower Street, London, WC1E 6BT
Contact: Alison Kelly
Email: alison.kelly@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

27 August, 2015 - Queen Square MS Centre Seminar - Title TBC
Time: 13:00 - 14:00
Speaker: Dr Varun Sethi.
Location: Gilliat Lecture Theatre, Institute of Neurology, Queen Square House, Queen Square, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Tina Holmes
Email: millerpa@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

2 September, 2015 - Epigenetics in neurodegeneration
Time: 16:00 -
Speaker: Emmanuelle Vire, Department of Neurodegenerative disease, 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: Postdoc Seminar Committee
Email: ionpostdocsrequest@gmail.com
3 September, 2015 - **Using Zebrafish to Study Myelinated Axons in Vivo**
Time: 16:00 -
WIBR Seminar. Dr David Lyons, Centre for Neuroregeneration, Edinburgh. Host: Professor William Richardson. Please arrive 15 mins before start. Refreshments will be provided.
Location: Cruciform Café, 1st Floor, Cruciform Building, Gower Street, London, WC1E 6BT
Contact: Alison Kelly
Email: alison.kelly@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

4 September, 2015 - **Minds of Caste - An Inter-Disciplinary Seminar on how Caste Identities Shape the Mind**
Time: 17:30 - 20:00
Organised by UCL Grand Challenges
The relationship between caste identity and mental well-being is critical and yet curiously unexplored. Unpacking culturally rooted caste conflict requires addressing the dynamics between victims and victimisers. This unique inter-disciplinary seminar will address some of the following questions: How does caste shape individual minds and determine collective mentalities? Why and how does caste discrimination impact upon the inner lives of both the perpetrators and their victims? This event is supported by UCL's Grand Challenge of Inter-cultural Interaction, UCL Office for International Affairs, UCL Science, Medicine and Society Network, & Research Councils UK India.
Location: Christopher Ingold XLG2 Auditorium, Christopher Ingold Building, 20 Gordon Street, London, WC1H 0AJ
Contact: Kasia Diez
Email: k.diez@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: +44 (0)20 7679 8585

7 September, 2015 - **How to Develop Therapies for NM Disease**
Time: 17:30 -
MRC Centre for Neuromuscular Diseases Seminar Series. Speaker information: Thomas Voit
Location: Basement Lecture Theatre, 33 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Christine Oldfield
Email: christine.oldfield@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

10 September, 2015 - **Cognitive Assessment in Multiple Sclerosis - **NEW DATE**
Time: 17:15 -
Part of the CNR@UCLP Seminar Series 2015. POSTPONED FROM THURSDAY 9th JULY Speaker information: Professor Dawn Langdon, Professor of Neuropsychology, Royal Holloway, University of London. 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

11 September, 2015 - **European Research Council Starting Grants - UCL SLMS Information Event**
Time: 13:45 - 16:00
The SLMS Research Coordination Office, in collaboration with the UCL European Research and Innovation Office, is holding this event for SLMS research staff who are interested in applying for European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grants. The ERC Starting Grants support excellent researchers with between two and seven years' postdoctoral research to establish their own independent research team or programme. This event will therefore be a great opportunity for interested researchers to ask questions about the grants and register for a follow-up one-to-one session with a Research Facilitator, where they will be able to discuss their application in more detail. The deadline for the next round of ERC Starting Grants is 17 November 2015.
Location: Boardroom, UCLPartners, 170 Tottenham Court Road, London, W1T 7HA
Contact: Cassie Harley-Boyece
Email: c.harley-boyce@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: 020 7679 6168

15 September, 2015 - **The EU Health Programme 2014-2020**
Time: -
The new EU Health Programme aims to build on the achievements of the previous EU Health Programme and better enable health to contribute to economic growth and the Europe 2020 objectives. Calls for proposals: The EU Health Programme launched its work plan for 2015 on 2 June. The calls for proposals for projects were published on 5 June on the 'participants portal', with a deadline of 15 September 2015. For further information please visit the NHS Confederation website or contact Sarah Godman.
15 September, 2015 - **The Generation of Diverse Motor Neuronal and Glial Subtypes From Patient-Specific iPSCs: Quo Vadis ALS?**

Time: 12:00 -


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

Contact: Debbie Hadley

Email: d.hadley@ucl.ac.uk

Phone: Please email

17 September, 2015 - **Neuroscience Career Network: Grant Writing Workshop**

Time: 13:00 - 16:00

The aim of the half-day session is to help Investigators improve their applications for funding, whether they are project grants or fellowships. It will be led by two senior UCL researchers, Professor Neil Burgess and Professor Simon Mead, who have extensive experience of applying for funding and of sitting on the committees that decide which science gets funded. This is a rare opportunity to improve your 'grantsmanship' skills, gain insight into how funding committees work and to receive constructive feedback on your applications. To participate in this workshop, each participant must provide an abstract, lay summary and full scientific proposal (it may be a preliminary application) for either a grant or fellowship application by 27th August 2015. Costings are NOT required.

Location: TBC, UCL, London,

Contact: Lorenzo Fabrizi or Madeleine Verriotis or Tammaryn Lashley

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

Phone: Please email

18 September, 2015 - **UCLPartners Quality Forum**

Time: 14:00 - 17:00

The UCLPartners Quality Forum, hosted by Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trust (BHRUT), will focus on learning from patients, families and staff, and being open when things go wrong. Margaret Murphy, an inspirational patient advocate from the Republic of Ireland, is one of 70 International Society for Quality in Health Care patient safety experts, and one of two patient representatives appointed by the Irish Minister for Health on a national safety commission. Margaret will speak about her personal experience of the loss of her son as a result of a series of health care errors. From BHRUT there will be talks from patients and teams working to promote open dialogue and learning. The team will share how the trust is working with patients to improve services, including embedding the trust’s PRIDE values into induction and daily behaviours; their introduction of Schwartz rounds; and how they take learning from patients and families to the next level.

Location: UCLPartners Boardroom, 3rd Floor 170 Tottenham Court Road, London, W1T 7HA

Contact: Laura Stuart, Frailty Programme Manager

Email: laura.stuart@uclpartners.com

Phone: 020 7679 6633

22 September, 2015 - **Frailty Community of Practice: New Pathways for Facilitating Timely Discharge**

Time: 14:00 - 17:00

As our population ages we are seeing an increase in the proportion of older people and those living with frailty, many of whom have complex and multiple needs. A group of people from across healthcare, social care and the voluntary sector, are keen to come together as a London-wide community of practice to share ideas, the challenges they have encountered in managing this complex population, and similarly learn from the experiences of others. This community of practice is open to anyone with an interest in planning or delivering care and support to older people. We would be delighted if you or your colleagues would like to join - all that is required is enthusiasm to share and learn! Each event will include presentations on innovative practice from keynote speakers (which will be confirmed nearer the time) and include time for group discussion and networking.

Location: UCLPartners, 170 Tottenham Court Road, London, W1T 7HA

Contact: Laura Stuart, Frailty Programme Manager

Email: laura.stuart@uclpartners.com

Phone: Please email
22 September, 2015 - **NIHR CLAHRC North Thames Academy Research in Practice Course**

**Time:** -

Incorporating a mixture of plenary teaching and hands on practical exercises, the course will take participants through formulating a search question, finding and accessing research literature, and appraising both its quality and relevance to their workplace. Who should attend: those who work in NHS Trusts, Clinical Commissioning Groups and Local Authorities. After attending this workshop, you will have the skills and knowledge to formulate a focused literature search question, locate relevant research literature, critically appraise the quality of published research, and assess the applicability of research to their workplace. The workshop is free for staff working in NIHR CLAHRC North Thames partner organisations, and £250 for other attendees. For more information and to register please go to the application form, or email Kate Collins.

**Location:** Central London (details are confirmed at registration), , ,

**Contact:** Kate Collins

**Email:** kate.collins@ucl.ac.uk

**Phone:** Please email

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24 September, 2015 - **AF and Stroke: We Can Do Better**

**Time:** 09:30 - 16:30

This conference is aimed at primary care providers, health service commissioners, strategic clinical and academic health sciences networks who are seeking to prioritise or who are currently working to improve the detection and management of AF in their population. Conference objectives: Illustrate the health and social care impact of AF-related stroke; Draw on the evidence to improve detection and management of AF for optimal health outcomes; Discuss and overcome the key challenges in implementing guidance; Improve understanding and use of data, toolkits and resources; Share good practice models that have illustrated impact; Create a platform for learning and networking across the system; Improve management of AF patients’ stroke risk.

**Location:** Kings Fund, 11-13 Cavendish Square, London, W1G 0AN

**Contact:** The King's Fund events team

**Email:** events@kingsfund.org.uk

**Phone:** 020 7307 2596

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25 September, 2015 - **The European Society for Low Vision Research and Rehabilitation conference**

**Time:** -

ESLRR 2015 will feature a keynote speech from Dr Jonathan Horton, UCSF on Visual fuction in cortical blindness. Dr Horton will also be leading a mini symposium on adaptation, learning and brain plasticity. 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. Dr Michael Crossland, Specialist Optometrist at Moorfields Eye Hospital, will be attending on behalf of UCLPartners.

**Location:** Keble College , Parks Road, Oxford, OX1 3PG

**Contact:** Susie Sandford Smith

**Email:** susan.smith@ucl.ac.uk

**Phone:** Please email

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26 September, 2015 - **Synaptopathies One-Day Symposium**

**Time:** -

Programme to follow.

**Location:** Basement lecture theatre, , 33 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG

**Contact:** Juliet Solomon

**Email:** Juliet.solomon@ucl.ac.uk

**Phone:** Please email

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External Events of Interest

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

Imaging the Nervous System - 5th Cambridge Neuroscience Biennial Symposium

9 – 10 September 2015
University of Cambridge

The theme for this symposium is 'Imaging the Nervous System' and will include sessions on imaging neuronal circuits, cognition and neural disease, super resolution imaging and dense reconstruction.
The "Imaging the Nervous System" symposium is an international meeting, for which we hope people working in neuroscience at all stages of their careers can benefit from the scientific interactions, poster sessions and lectures given by 25 speakers - 7 from the University of Cambridge, 9 based in the UK or other parts of Europe, and 9 from elsewhere in the world. We are expecting around 500 attendees, the full capacity of the West Road Concert Hall. The Alan Hodgkin and Andrew Huxley Plenary Lectures will be awarded to Professors Winfried Denk and
Xiaowei Zhuang respectively. There will be a reception and gala dinner at King’s College on the evening of September 9th 2015 (additional charge, note venue change). The symposium will conclude with a public plenary lecture given by Professor Sarah-Jayne Blakemore (University College London) on September 10th, which will be followed by a reception and the Cambridge Neuroscience image competition exhibition (open to all delegates).

Please click here to register for this meeting.

8th UK-Korea Neuroscience Symposium

15-16 September 2015
Clare College, Cambridge

We are excited to announce that the next UK-Korea Neuroscience Symposium will be held at the beautiful Clare College in Cambridge, 14-16th September 2015. We are bringing together leading academics from UK and Korea, to present their latest findings within the field of neuroscience.

Registration is now open.

More information

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.

Find out more
In the nervous system, neurons form stereotyped patterns of synaptic connections. These patterns, the neuronal networks, are rapidly and selectively engaged during information processes. An increasing body of evidence highlights that changes in brain function, both normal and pathological, consistently correlate with dynamic changes in neuronal circuits. During development, neuronal circuits undergo a period of refinement to eliminate aberrant synaptic connections and to strengthen desired circuits. Learning and plasticity change circuit wiring and function throughout all life. Finally, in pathological states, inappropriate connections can form among surviving neurons during neuronal degeneration.

The availability of recently developed technologies that allow manipulating specific subsets of neurons in the mouse brain (e.g., gene targeting, optogenetics and pharmacogenetics) is providing us with an unprecedented opportunity to mechanistically investigate the role of specific neurons inside circuits. The course brings together top level scientists to provide a better comprehension on how experience, genetic background, and disease influence neuronal circuits and brain function.

Find out more
Neuropeptides 2015

28-30 September 2015
University of Aberdeen

A joint meeting of the Summer Neuropeptides Conference, the British Inflammation Research Association, the European Neuropeptides Club and Regulatory Peptides.

Keynote speaker – Professor Roger Pertwee

12 symposia – Drug development; genome editing; epigenetics; genomics; in-vivo models; pain; depression; obesity; addiction; galanin; cannabinoids; tachykinins; vanilloids, PACAP

Find out more

4th International Angelman Syndrome Scientific Conference

2-3 October 2015
Liverpool

2015 marks the fiftieth anniversary of Dr Harry Angelman’s first description of Angelman Syndrome, and it would also have been his 100th birthday. This year’s International Angelman Syndrome Alliance Scientific Conference is being hosted by UK charity ASSERT, at Alder Hey Children’s Hospital, Liverpool on Friday 2nd October 2015, followed by a Scientific Symposium for parents/carers and 50th Anniversary Gala on Saturday 3rd October 2015.

Founded four years ago by international support organisations, the AS Alliance seeks to further scientific research into Angelman Syndrome. This conference presents a unique opportunity to network, share ideas, advice, and form new collaborations.

Please email Liverpool2015@angelmanuk.org to register or for any other information.

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