General Notice

Training programme for Early Career Researchers

The Schools Health & Wellbeing Research Network has worked with UCL’s Institute of Child Health and other UCL faculties, as well as a leading teaching school in Camden, to develop a new, free training programme for Early Career Researchers (ECRs). Through a series of hands-on workshops and school visitation sessions, the programme will equip ECRs with the confidence and skills to develop long-lasting collaborations with schools, leading to better quality research. It will culminate with an opportunity to conduct joint-enquiry work with a school in London.

The sessions are open to Early Career Researchers at UCL (Research Assistants, PhD students and Postdoctoral Researchers) with at least two years of research experience who want to build their existing skills in conducting child health and wellbeing research with schools and with school-age children and young people. The programme will run from October 2015 – June 2016.

Find out more

UCL Grand Challenges – French Embassy partnership activity Fourth Annual Call for Proposals: Academic Year 2015-16

UCL and the French Embassy have collaborated since 2012 in support of an annual series of workshops with a Science and/or Technology focus. The workshop series is one of two joint initiatives between UCL Grand Challenges and the French Embassy Science & Technology department, the other being an annual series of Conference-Débat lectures, established 2010, on big cross-disciplinary topics, with speakers from UCL and research institutions in France.

Once during each year of the UCL-French Embassy Agreement, UCL through its website will announce a Call for Science & Technology Collaborative Workshop Proposals, inviting researchers based at UCL to apply for funds to organise
collaborative workshops involving participants from UCL and from research institutions in France. For its part the French Embassy will also announce the Call on its website. The French Embassy’s Department of Science & Technology has kindly committed to provide €22,500 annually for support of between three and five workshops (depending on the quality and value for money of applications received) in each year that the Agreement is in force.

Find out more

Neuroscience Careers Network

Grant Writing Seminar: From the first idea to the final selection procedure
Thursday 19 November 3.30 – 4.30pm

Grant writing is an essential and vital part in any academic career. Within a few pages you need to show that you have the ideas, skills, and facilities to succeed with your project. In this seminar, Professor Jonathan Roiser from the Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience will take you through the whole process of grant writing, and provide you with valuable tips and tricks on how to polish your application. The seminar is aimed at PhD students and postdocs that are in the process of applying or thinking of applying for grants in the future.

The event will be followed by drinks to give you the opportunity to ask informal questions to the speaker as well as network with your peers.

To register for this event, please register for free at https://ncn-grantwritingseminar-nov2015.eventbrite.co.uk

Upcoming NCN events for 2016

January 2016: internal promotions
February 2016: setting up a company
March 2016: different academic paths
April 2016: grant writing workshop
May 2016: interview workshop

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

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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
- 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.

International Experimental Neurology Conference

13 October
The NIHR UCLH BRC and NIHR Queen Square BRU are holding a joint international experimental neurology conference on the 13th October in Queen Square. The event will showcase the latest findings of basic and clinical diagnostic and therapeutic research in neurology.

Register here: http://www.eventbrite.com/e/international-experimental-neurology-conference-tickets-18285959798

Public Engagement

Silvering the Cerebrum, (part one)

30th September—18th November 2015
The Street Gallery, University College Hospital, 235 Euston Road, London NW1 2BU

A new exhibition of artworks by Dillwyn Smith, Artist in Residence, Queen Square Brain Bank (UCL) since 2013, which offers a unique opportunity to engage the public with brain donation and the techniques used in post mortem diagnostics and research.

Curated by Guy Noble and Dillwyn Smith
Funded by The Virginia Keiley Benefaction, the Francis and Renee Hock
Letter in Mind exhibition

8 - 18 October 2015
Oxo Tower Wharf, Bargehouse Street, South Bank, London, SE1 9PH.

The Art of a Journey invited artists to respond visually to a journey that they have experienced: whether emotional, psychological, real or imagined – using a simple envelope as their starting point. The concept of a journey is specifically relevant to artists as it mirrors the production and culmination of an artwork.

Our aim is to raise awareness of neurological conditions through artistic questioning as patients at The National Hospital embark on their own personal journeys.

For further information http://www.nationalbrainappeal.org/letter-in-mind/

iDiscover

9 February – 27 May 2016

iDiscover is a new STEM programme that aims to inspire more girls and BAME students into STEM careers by challenging their perceptions and introducing them to engaging role models from a diverse background. This would be an exciting public engagement opportunity, involving either a visit to a school for a morning or afternoon, or hosting a visit to your workplace for a class of 30 students.

For further information contact: alice.kestell@inspire-ebp.org.uk 0207 275 6064

www.inspire-ebp.org.uk

First patient receives potential new treatment for wet age-related macular degeneration in London Project to Cure Blindness

In a project which is being co-led by Professor Pete Coffey of the UCL Institute of Ophthalmology; a pioneering trial of a new treatment derived from stem cells for people with ‘wet’ age-related macular degeneration (AMD) has commenced at Moorfields Eye Hospital following a successful operation on a patient.

This first operation is a major milestone in the London Project to Cure Blindness, which was established 10 years ago with the aim of curing vision loss in patients with wet AMD, and is the result of a partnership between the
hospital, the UCL Institute of Ophthalmology, and the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR). Pfizer Inc. joined the partnership [in 2009] with the goal of helping to turn the original idea into a potential therapy.

Read full article

**UCL professor wins Klaus J. Jacobs Research Prize 2015**

Professor Sarah-Jayne Blakemore (UCL Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience) has today been announced as the recipient of the 2015 Klaus J. Jacobs Research Prize for her research on understanding emotional and social brain development during adolescence. The award will be presented on 4 December 2015, at an award ceremony at the University of Zurich in Switzerland. The Klaus J. Jacobs Research Prize is awarded by the Jacobs Foundation, an international Zurich-based foundation which promotes child and youth development, to recognise exceptional achievements in research and practice in the field of child and youth development. Consisting of one million Swiss francs, the prize acknowledges scientific work of high social relevance to the development of children and young people, particularly findings from interdisciplinary research which can yield practical applications.

Read full article

**Alzheimer’s Society report highlights capacity issues in dementia research**

A new report from the Alzheimer’s Society and RAND Europe finds a lack of dementia specialists threatens research progress in both care and biomedical fields. Based on a comprehensive review of the dementia research landscape, the report maps out where the UK does well, where there are gaps and describes the opportunities and challenges facing today’s dementia researchers.

Too few researchers are choosing a career in dementia, with five times more people working choosing to work on cancer. Of those that do complete a dementia PhD, retention in the field is poor with 70 per cent leaving the field within four years. A critical lack of people from care and clinical professions focusing on dementia research is likely to stifle innovation and progress in these sectors, despite the health and social care costs of dementia reaching more than £26 billion a year in the UK.

The report put forwards ten recommendations for developing a strong and sustainable dementia research community. Read the report.

View an infographic that illustrates the report's main findings.

**Peter Fonagy awarded the British Academy’s prestigious Wiley Prize**

Professor Peter Fonagy (UCL Psychology and Language Sciences) has been awarded the Wiley Prize for lifetime achievement in Psychology. He is being recognised for ground-breaking work that has had a major impact on social policy on early childcare, adoption and fostering.

The British Academy awards the prize every two years to an outstanding international scholar. It has never before been awarded to a British academic.

Professor Fonagy’s research demonstrated that having a secure attachment to a parent or caregiver helps children to develop the ability to understand their own and others’ thoughts and feelings. This capacity, which he termed
'mentalization', is uniquely characteristic of humans but individual differences have been shown to influence personality development and mental health in both the short and longer term. He has shown that these abilities are passed from caregiver to child, not genetically but via the quality of childcare.

**Professor Fonagy's academic profile**

**Wiley Prize in Psychology**

**New Chief Scientific Officer for Alzheimer’s Research UK UCL Drug Discovery Institute**

Professor Paul Whiting will be the CSO for the new Alzheimer’s Research UK UCL Drug Discovery Institute.

The Institute is part of the Alzheimer’s Research UK Drug Discovery Alliance; a network of three Drug Discovery Institutes, based at the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge and UCL. Led by drug discovery experts in partnership with world-leading academic researchers the Drug Discovery Institutes capitalise on promising discoveries coming out of the host university and the wider Alzheimer’s Research UK Network. Each Drug Discovery Institute will have a dedicated biology and chemistry team on hand to develop these discoveries into new medicines.

The expert drug discovery teams will test promising new targets to confirm they play an important role in diseases like Alzheimer’s and start to search for, or develop, compounds that could act on that target to slow or stop the disease. If a compound makes it through these critical phases, it will be almost ready to enter clinical trials in people.

The Drug Discovery Alliance aims to attract 90 scientists across the three Institutes, all focused on neurodegenerative diseases. It is one of the largest and most coordinated efforts to find new drugs for dementia that exists.

The Lead Academic Scientists for the UCL DDI are Professors Giampietro Schiavo, John Hardy and Bart de Strooper. It will be located on the 4th Floor of the Cruciform Building.

**Current Funding Opportunities**

**Call for applications to the Consultant PA support scheme**

**Deadline:** 9.00am Monday 19th October

The UCLH NIHR BRC Neuroscience programme is issuing a call for applications to the Consultant PA support scheme for 2016-2017.

Aligned with an upcoming review of PA appraisal forms to be conducted by the neuroscience programme executive board we are in a position to offer up the opportunity to provide modest new PA funding for researchers to support the strategic objectives of the BRC, University and Trust.

With a specific focus on experimental medicine, the BRC is seeking to support researchers in the following areas: biomarkers, imaging, NIHR BioResource, and bioinformatics, as well support the strategic aims of UCL.
Faculty of Brain Sciences and UCLH.

Anyone wishing to make further enquires can contact Prof Nicholas Wood, Programme Director, and/or, if seeking to apply, to Dr Daniel Herron [daniel.herron@ucl.ac.uk], Programme Operations Manager for the application form.

Beacon Bursaries for Public Engagements

**Deadline:** 30 October

Do you have an innovative idea that will help you connect your research or teaching with people outside UCL? If you do, and you need guidance, support and money, you could apply for a Beacon Bursary. Up to £2000 per project is available to UCL staff and research students and we particularly encourage applications for projects in East London as UCL is aiming to develop relationships with local people in advance of the building of UCL East.

To find out more, and to download the guidance and application forms, visit the Public Engagement Unit’s website:

http://www.ucl.ac.uk/public-engagement/funding/beaconbursaries

If you have any questions, contact the Public Engagement Unit who will be happy to advise and help you strengthen your application: publicengagement@ucl.ac.uk

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.

More information: http://erc.europa.eu/starting-grants

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

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UCL Neuroscience Events and Seminars

5 October, 2015 - Endosomal Platforms for Signaling Pain and Inflammation
Time: 13:00 - 14:00
Speaker: Prof Nigel Bunnett, Monash Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Australia.
Location: Room 225, 29-39 Brunswick Square, , London, WC1N 1AX
Contact: Audrey Mercer
Email: a.mercer@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

5 October, 2015 - Neuroscience Career Network: Workshop on Fellowship and Grant Interviews
Time: 14:00 - 17:00
Interactive workshop chaired by Prof Nick Wood & Prof John Rothwell 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 itself. The workshop consists of participants (postdocs and/or PIs) who are in the process of applying for grants or fellowships writing a short proposal beforehand. Each participant will start with a 5 min presentation to the panel members, consisting of the other participants and Prof Wood and Prof Rothwell, followed by 10-15 mins questioning. In the remaining 10-15 mins 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 Marion Oberhuber or Tobias Nolte
Email: ucgasmg@ucl.ac.uk; m.oberhuber.11@ucl.ac.uk; t.nolte@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email
6 October, 2015 - **Understanding Cellular Heterogeneity**
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

7 October, 2015 - **Insights Into the Molecular Pathogenesis of HD and the Validation of Therapeutic Targets**
Time: 13:00 -
MRC Prion Unit Events and Seminars, hosted by the MRC Prion Unit, UCL and the Institute of Neurology. Speaker information: Professor Gillian Bates, Division of Genetics and Molecular Medicine, King's College, London. Hosted by: Professor John Collinge
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

7 October, 2015 - **Peripheral Nerve Regeneration - The Science, Surgery and Experience of Regenerative Neuroscience: a UCL Special Grand Round**
Time: 12:30 - 14:00
Speakers: Tom Quick, Consultant peripheral nerve surgeon RNOH, Dr James Phillips, Senior Lecturer Biomaterials & Tissue Engineering, plus a special guest speaker with personal experience of nerve injury. The Special Grand Rounds are extremely popular and this session should be fascinating.
Location: Lecture Theatre 1, Cruciform Building, Gower Street, London, WC1E 6BT
Contact: SLMS Communications Manager
Email: Via Eventbrite page
Phone: Please email

7 October, 2015 - **UCL Centre for Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience - Monkey Connectome**
Time: 16:00 -
Speaker: Dr Saleem Kadharbatcha, National Institute of Mental Health / National Institute of Health, (NIMH/NIH),USA Chair: Professor Faraneh Vargha-Khadem
Location: Leolin Price Lecture Theatre, Wellcome Trust Building, Institute of Child Health, 30 Guilford Street, London, WC1N 1EH
Contact: Julie Kane
Email: julie.kane@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: 

8 October, 2015 - **Progress in Rehabilitation Research: What Have We Learned From the RCT? Where to From here?**
Time: 17:15 -
Part of the CNR@UCLP Seminar Series 2015. Speaker information: Professor Marion Walker. 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

8 October, 2015 - **Psychodynamic Neuroscience Research Meeting: Failing Inhibition in Psychosis Shows What Repression Might be at a Brain Level: What I Learned From Hervé**
Time: 18:00 -
Speaker: Ariane Bazan, Professor of Clinical Psychology at the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB)
Location: Room 404, 3rd Floor, 26 Bedford Way, , London, WC1H 0DS
Contact: Dr Katerina Fotopoulou
Email: a.fotopoulou@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

8 October, 2015 - **SLMS Introduction to Information Governance**
Time: 14:00 - 15:30
IT for SLMS is holding another SLMS Introduction to Information Governance training and awareness event. 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. Attendance at this event, together with successful
completion of a follow-on online assessment, will count towards your information governance training needs ‘Introduction
to Information Governance’ under the SLMS Information Governance Framework. On passing the assessment, a
certificate will be issued and your training recorded on the SLMS information governance training register. Please note:
This training does not cover NHS Trust information governance obligations.
Location: Ohri Lecture Theatre, Institute Of Ophthalmology, 11-43 Bath Street, London, EC1V 9EL
Contact: SLMS IG services
Email: slms.pid@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

9 October, 2015 - **Corticocortical Interactions in Congenital Deafness**
Time: 13:00 -
Speaker: Professor Andrej Kral, Medical University Hannover
Location: Seminar Room G33, UCL Ear Institute, 332 Grays Inn Road, London, WC1X 8EE
Contact: Jennifer Linden
Email: j.linden@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

13 October, 2015 - **International Experimental Neurology Conference**
Time: 09:00 - 16:30
The NIHR UCLH BRC and NIHR Queen Square BRU are holding a joint international experimental neurology conference
on the 13th October in Queen Square. The event will showcase the latest findings of basic and clinical diagnostic and
therapeutic research in neurology.
Location: Basement Lecture Theatre, National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Daniel Herron
Email: daniel.herron@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

13 October, 2015 - **UCLPartners Education Conference: Educating for Patient-Centred Care**
Time: 08:30 - 17:00
This year's UCLPartners Education Conference will focus on patient-centred care. There will be a range of speakers and
workshops addressing all aspects of education around patient-centred care. Topics will include good practice sharing in
particular specialties; newer models of working and training; and some presentations about the patient experience and
how this can contribute to training. This conference would be of interest to a variety of delegates, including doctors,
training faculty and postgraduate trainees, but also non-medical health service staff and patients and carers. We hope that
patients, carers, and trainees will be central to the discussion on the day. Poster submissions on quality improvement
initiatives are welcome. For now, please save the date. More details will follow. For updates please follow us on
#UCLP eduConf15
Location: Royal College of General Practitioners, 30 Euston Square, London, NW1 2FB
Contact: Fiona McCafferty
Email: Fiona.mccafferty@uclpartners.com
Phone: Please email

14 October, 2015 - **IoN Post-doc Society Special Rugby Symposium: Is Concussion Linked to Dementia?**
Time: 16:00 -
Host: Institute of Neurology Postdoc Seminar Committee. Speakers: Dr Stewart, Dept Neuropathology, Southern General
Hospital, Glasgow; Professor Hardy, Dept Molecular Neuroscience, UCL Institute of Neurology; and Mr Heanley,
professional rugby referee. Drinks and pizza afterwards at 33 Queen Square, London.
Location: Wolfson Lecture Theatre, Institute of Neurology, Queen Square House, Queen Square, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Silvia Purro
Email: ionpostdocsrequest@gmail.com
Phone: Please email

14 October, 2015 - **UCL Infection, Immunology and Inflammation (III) Symposium 2015**
Time: -
This event, held in partnership with UCLPartners, will bring researchers together from across UCL and beyond, enabling
cross-disciplinary interaction and encouraging new collaborations. Eminent speakers from UCL and our partner
organisations will be presenting their ground-breaking work and answering your questions. We are also holding an
abstract competition for early career researchers in both the basic and clinical sciences. Tickets for the UCL Infection,
Immunology and Inflammation Symposium have now sold out. However, please add your details to the waiting list and if a
ticket becomes available you will be contacted automatically with further instructions on how to book your ticket.
19 October, 2015 - **Fifty Years Without Free Will: Upending the Neuroscience of Volition and Starting Over Again**

Time: 16:00 -
UCL Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience Monday Seminar Programme. Speaker: Aaron Schurger, Cognitive Neuroimaging Unit, French National Institute for Health & Medical Research (INSERM) France.
Location: Basement seminar room (B10), UCL Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, 17 Queen Square, London,
Contact: Rosalyn Lawrence
Email: rosalyn.lawrence@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: 020 7679 1164

19 October, 2015 - **Muscle Homeostasis**

Time: 17:30 -
MRC Centre for Neuromuscular Diseases Seminar Series. Speaker: Professor Marco Sandri
Location: Basement Lecture Theatre, 33 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Christine Oldfield
Email: cnmd.contact@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

21 October, 2015 - **6th Discovering Start-Ups Competition**

Time: 09:30 - 12:00
Calling All UK and European Technology Start Up Companies and Entrepreneurs Are you a technology start-up, early stage wireless company or entrepreneur? Want to get noticed and pitch your idea to an elite panel of industry leaders and potential investors? The 6th Discovering Start-Ups Competition is FREE to ENTER! Fifteen finalists will pitch their ideas, technologies and innovative products to an elite judging panel of business leaders from Deloitte UK, Google, BT, IBM, Samsung, London Business Angels and many more. Five winners will each receive a £5k prize fund plus more. This is a unique opportunity to showcase YOUR innovative idea or product and gain valuable PR exposure to the world of investors and technology industry.
Location: Deloitte, 2 New Street Square, London, EC4A 3BZ
Contact: Anna Nadolna
Email: anna.nadolna@cambridgewireless.co.uk
Phone: Please email

21 October, 2015 - **Developmental Neurosciences Seminar Series**

Time: 14:00 - 16:00
Chair: Professor Jenny Morgan Speakers: Professors Philip Stanier and Chris Clark, Dr. Max Bencze, and PhD students Tim Tierney, and Michelle Downes. A talk by Professor Philip Stanier on scientific integrity, followed by presentations on current research activity within the Developmental Neurosciences Programme.
Location: Leolin Price Lecture Theatre, Wellcome Trust Building, Institute of Child Health, 30 Guilford Street, London, WC1N 1EH
Contact: Jane Miller
Email: jane.miller@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

23 October, 2015 - **Brain Meeting - Title TBC**

Time: 15:15 -
Speaker: Joachim Gross, University of Glasgow. Please note *revised time* for Brain Meetings 2015-16
Location: 4th Floor Seminar Room, Wellcome Trust Centre for Neuroimaging, 12 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Laurence Hunt
Email: laurence.hunt@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

26 October, 2015 - **A Core Brain System in Assembly of Cognitive Episodes**

Time: 16:00 -
UCL Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience Monday Seminar Programme. Speaker: John Duncan, Executive Processes Group, MRC Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit, University of Cambridge.
Location: Lecture Theatre, Clinical Neuroscience Building, 33 Queen Square, London,
Contact: Rosalyn Lawrence
Email: rosalyn.lawrence@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: 020 7679 1164
Exploring Individual Differences in Dementia and Cognitive Abilities in Down Syndrome

Time: 16:00 - 17:00
Organised by UCL Division of Psychiatry
Speaker: Carla Startin, UCL Division of Psychiatry. People with Down syndrome show an increased risk of developing dementia at a younger age compared to the general population. However, there are large individual differences in terms of the age at which people start showing signs of dementia; some people are diagnosed with dementia in their late 30s while others show no signs of dementia in their 60s. Further, people with Down syndrome show large variation in terms of their pre-dementia cognitive abilities. The LonDownS consortium is exploring these individual differences and neural, genetic, cellular and demographic factors influencing these differences. I will present some of our early results demonstrating the large variation in dementia status and learning disability severity we have found, and some of the factors influencing these.

Location: 508, Roberts Building, Malet Place, London, WC1E 7JE
Contact: Berni Courtney
Email: b.courtney@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

Brain Meeting - Title TBC
Time: 15:15 -
Speaker: Dan Bang, Wellcome Trust Centre for Neuroimaging, UCL. Please note *revised time* for Brain Meetings 2015-16
Location: 4th Floor Seminar Room, Wellcome Trust Centre for Neuroimaging, 12 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Laurence Hunt
Email: laurence.hunt@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

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Time: 12:30 -
Speaker: Dr Dominique Engel, University of Liege.
Location: Room M2, 29-39 Brunswick Square, London, WC1N 1AX
Contact: Audrey Mercer
Email: a.mercer@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

Memory Matters: The Art and Science of the Brain
Time: 19:00 - 21:30
An evening exploration of the strange science of memory How do we form memories and how are they recalled? How does our brain use memories to navigate our world, predict the future and remember the past? Professor Nicky Clayton FRS and Dr Hugo Spiers are joined by scientists, artists and performers for an evening exploration of the strange science of memory. In this interactive event we will explore how the brain constructs representations of our world allowing us to travel mentally through time and space. Discover how Chris Rawlins developed his super human memory and take away some top tips to help you remember things. Find out how the British Library are preserving the memory of the nation and discover how reliving our memories is the key to creativity and problem solving in this collaborative event hosted by the British Library and UCL Neuroscience.
Location: Conference Centre, The British Library, 96 Euston Road, London, NW1 2DB
Contact: Candice Lewis
Email: candice.lewis@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

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External Events of Interest

NEUReka! Seminar Series – Synaptic Integration in circuits controlling mouse instinctive behaviours

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<td>October 6th, 2015 @ 4pm</td>
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<td>at the Gordon museum, Guy's campus, King's College London, SE1 1UL at 4 pm on 6th October, 2015. There will be refreshments in the Gordon museum after his talk.</td>
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Childhood Epilepsy Symposium

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<td>The British Society for Clinical Neurophysiology is organising this one day symposium. Topics include neonatal seizures, epileptic encephalopathy and epilepsy surgery in childhood.</td>
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<td>Gala dinner to be held on HMS Belfast following the symposium (£90)</td>
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BNA 50th Anniversary Christmas Symposium

14 December 2015
King's College London, the Strand Campus, WC2R 2LS

2015 is a momentous year for the BNA as it marks 50 years of existence for the association, and to celebrate the occasion we are holding a very special seasonal symposium. A top line-up of expert speakers will guide us through the substantial progress that Neuroscience has made over the last 50 years.

The meeting will take place in the iconic King’s building in the Strand Campus and refreshments and a wine reception will be served in the Great Hall.

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