General Notice

Neuroscience domain steering group – call for new members

Deadline: Friday 8 November

UCL Neuroscience Domain is looking to replace some colleagues who have stepped down from the UCL Neuroscience Domain steering committee with new members. New committee members are welcome from all departments and areas of neuroscience across UCL, and in particular from ICH, Psychiatry and the Institute of Neurology where we have little representation.

The committee meets approximately once a month to consider all aspect of neuroscience, including research strategy, external relations, training and early career matters, and to agree activities that should be taken forward by the Domain.

Candidates should be enthusiastic and willing to contribute to the future of UCL Neuroscience. If you wish to apply, please send Candice Lewis (candice.lewis@ucl.ac.uk) a brief CV by Friday 8th November. Applications will be discussed by the UCL Neuroscience Domain steering committee.

The current members are:

- Professor Trevor Smart (Chair) - Department of Neuroscience, Physiology and Pharmacology
- Professor Sarah-Jayne Blakemore – Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience
- Dr Maria Chait – Ear Institute
- Professor Peter Fonagy - Department of Clinical, Educational and Health Psychology
- Dr Martine Groen – Wolfson Institute for Biomedical Research
- Professor Michael Hausser - Wolfson Institute for Biomedical Research
- Ms Candice Lewis - SLMS OVPH (Communications and Events Officer)
- Professor Troy Margrie – Sainsbury Wellcome Centre
- Professor Francesco Muntoni - UCL Institute of Child Health
- Professor John O’Keefe - Sainsbury Wellcome Centre
UCL/Eisai therapeutic innovation group invites new drug discovery project proposals

Deadline: Thursday 12 November 2015

UCL has a major collaboration with the pharmaceutical company Eisai that aims to discover and develop novel therapeutic agents for the treatment of neurological disease. The collaboration draws together the strengths of both organisations, combining UCL's deep knowledge of targets, mechanisms or pathways with Eisai’s dedicated UK-based drug discovery team and global drug development capabilities.

Current projects that are part of the collaboration are already benefitting from the generation of tool reagents, compounds and antibodies; access to Eisai’s compound library, and significant input from the wider Eisai organisation including medicinal chemistry, screening technologies and drug metabolism and pharmacokinetic profiling.

As these existing projects mature we are now seeking proposals for new drug discovery projects in key research areas of interest for neurodegenerative disease intervention including areas such as: mitochondrial dysfunction, protein aggregation and misfolding, neuroinflammation, endoplasmic reticulum stress, synaptic plasticity and neurovascular disease.

If you would like to submit a proposal then please send a non-confidential abstract (max. 500 words) that briefly describes the target rationale, evidence for link to human disease, and current status of the project to Eileen McCann (eileen.mccann@ucl.ac.uk) in the Translational Research Office by Thursday 12th November 2015.

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

New members needed

The Neuroscience Careers Network is looking for 3 or 4 new members to join the committee. We are looking for neuroscientists who will enthusiastically participate in the activities of the NCN Committee. On average you will organize 2 or 3 events per year together with other committee members.

The Committee aims to represent neuroscientists at all stages of their careers and within all departments at UCL. Therefore, we welcome applications from a wide range of career stages, ranging from PhD students to Principal Investigators, and we particularly welcome applicants from departments not currently represented within the Committee (although all applicants will be considered).

To find out more about the NCN and the current committee members, visit our website: http://www.ucl.ac.uk/research/domains/neuroscience/neuroscience-careers-network

If you are interested in joining, please send a 1 page CV and a short (half-page) statement describing your reasons for wanting to join the Committee to Dr. Martine Groen (Chair) m.groen@ucl.ac.uk.

The deadline for applications is 28 October 2015.
Special Seminars and Events

Preparing Final Stage Collaborative Horizon 2020 grants

UCL European Research and Innovation Office (ERIO) is holding a workshop to provide UCL’s research community with information and advice on how to prepare proposals from EU Horizon 2020, 2016-2017 Work Programmes. This workshop is not suitable to PIs applying for either ERC or MSCA grant schemes.

The workshop will begin by providing general information on how to prepare collaborative applications, including listening to the experiences of an evaluator, followed by 2-3 (as needed) thematic sessions to cover specific work programmes.

We invite you to:
→ **register** by filling in this online registration form, so that you can receive all event’s related information. Please make sure you identify which work programme and/or call you are interested in:  
→ [http://goo.gl/forms/Y6plUJmc9u](http://goo.gl/forms/Y6plUJmc9u)
→ **follow** the event webpage:  
  [http://www.ucl.ac.uk/research/europe/events](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/research/europe/events)

The workshop will take place on December 2\(^{nd}\) 2015, 14.00-17.00, 7\(^{th}\) Floor of Maple House, Tottenham Court Rd (opposite Warren Street Tube entrance).

For further information regarding the workshop, please contact Dr Juliet A. Ellis ([juliet.ellis@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:juliet.ellis@ucl.ac.uk)).

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**
- 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.

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 Kelley Benefaction, the Francis and Renee Hock Foundation

For further information contact: guy.noble@uclh.nhs.uk 020 3447 5451
http://www.silveringthecerebrum.com/

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

In the News

Extra brain cells make males remember sex

A pair of neurons have been found in the brain of male nematode worms that allow them to remember and seek sex even at the expense of food.

These neurons, which are male-specific, are required for sex-based differences in learning, suggesting that sex differences in cognitive abilities can be genetically hardwired. This is important as very little is known about how brains vary to give the two sexes different preferences, aptitudes and judgments.
The study by UCL and Albert Einstein College of Medicine (USA), published today in *Nature* and funded by the Wellcome Trust, NIH, Marie Curie, and the G. Harold & Leila Y. Mathers Charitable Foundation, shows a direct link between contrasting behaviour of male and female worms and differences in brain development and structure in areas involved in higher order processing.

**Read full article**

**UCL and Takeda announce a new research partnership**

UCL and Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited today announced a new research collaboration to identify and validate novel target genes for the treatment of neurodegenerative disease.

This collaboration will focus on mechanistic approaches for the identification of genes or signalling pathways that modify neurodegenerative disease processes affecting neuronal health (for example motor neurone disease (MND or ALS), Huntington’s disease and Parkinson’s disease). The collaboration, which includes support from the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) University College London Hospitals Biomedical Research Centre, will initially run for a three-year period. It will be carried out by Takeda Cambridge Limited, Takeda’s research unit based in Cambridge, UK. It is one of the largest university partnerships formed by Takeda in the United Kingdom.

**Read full article**

**Our brain’s response to others' good news depends on empathy**

The way our brain responds to others’ good fortune is linked to how empathetic people report themselves to be, according to new UCL-led research.

The study, published today in the *Journal of Neuroscience* and funded by the Medical Research Council, shows that a part of the brain called the anterior cingulate cortex (ACC) seems particularly attuned to other people’s good news, but how it responds varies substantially depending on our levels of empathy.

For people who rated themselves as highly empathetic, the ACC responded only when another person had good news coming, but for people who gave themselves lower empathy scores, the ACC also responded when bad news was predicted for themselves.

**Read full article**

**UCL and UK supermarkets unite to beat dementia with carrier bag funds**

UK supermarkets Iceland, Asda, Morrisons and Waitrose have today pledged funds from the new levy on single-use carrier bags to support the construction of a new world class dementia research centre at UCL.

The Dementia Research Institute will bring together researchers from across UCL and UCLH to lead national and international efforts to find effective treatments and improve the lives of those with dementia.

The £350 million project currently has a shortfall in funding of £100 million,
and the cash expected to be generated by carrier bag sales from Britain’s food retailers has the potential to bridge much of that gap. Initial calculations indicate the project could raise £20m in the first year, depending on patterns of carrier bag usage under the new system. No overheads are taken from the sums raised, with 100% of funds going to support dementia research.

Read full article

Current Funding Opportunities

Academy of Medical Sciences (AMS) Springboard Scheme

**Deadline:** 29 October

The Academy of Medical Sciences (AMS) has announced the first call for their new Springboard scheme. Springboard aims to support non-clinical biomedical researchers at the start of their first independent post to help launch their research careers, and provides funding of up to £100,000 over two years.

The spirit of the scheme is to support researchers at the start of their independent careers who have not yet received substantive funding support. Applicants should:

- Hold an established academic research position. This can be tenured (e.g. a lectureship) or on contract (e.g. a fellowship)
- Be within 3 years of starting their first independent (salaried) position
- Have sufficient time remaining in their current post to complete the proposed Springboard project.
- Not hold a clinical contract.

Springboard is not suitable for postdoctoral researchers. Competitive applications will be expected to demonstrate strong support from the UCL Division/Institute.

UCL may submit three applications to this call and will run a process to select the candidates to go forward to AMS. The deadline for UCL internal applications for this scheme is Thursday 29th October 2015 (AMS Deadline 7th December 2015).

Details of the Springboard scheme, full eligibility criteria and UCL internal application forms are available at: [http://www.ucl.ac.uk/slms/vp-health/research-coordination/support/coordinated-university-bids](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/slms/vp-health/research-coordination/support/coordinated-university-bids).

Please direct any enquiries about the scheme to Dr Claire Westwood claire.westwood@ucl.ac.uk (Research Facilitator) or Professor Steve Wilson s.wilson@ucl.ac.uk (AMS Springboard Champion).

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

“Discovery to Use” Funding for Engineering and the Physical Sciences

**Deadline:** 2 November

This funding is intended to progress UCL research discoveries in Engineering and the Physical Sciences at the pre-commercialisation stage towards “real-world” use and benefit. Projects should demonstrate measurable impact to all partners and should preferably attract a contribution from the external partner. Projects will be prioritised where a matching funding contribution is provided by the partner organisations, with a target level expected of at least a third of the requested EPSRC funding as a contribution (see guidance for lower thresholds of expected contribution for SMEs and non-commercial partners).

Further information: [http://www.ucl.ac.uk/enterprise/funding/D2U](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/enterprise/funding/D2U)

Wellcome Trust - Multi-user Equipment and Biomedical Resource and Technology Development

**Deadline:** 4 November

The Wellcome Trust has recently announced the 2015-16 call for Multi-user Equipment and Biomedical Resource and Technology Development. This is a dual purpose scheme with two arms that run in parallel. **UCL candidates wishing to apply for either equipment or resource development should submit an Expression of Interest to the UCL triage with a deadline of Wednesday 4 November 2015.** Invited candidates will then be asked to submit to the Wellcome Trust deadline of Friday 20th November. Only applications approved by this UCL shortlisting process will be supported. Typically the equipment should both enhance and add value to Wellcome Trust-funded research or investments and up to five years’ support can be requested.

Further information about the scheme and the UCL internal application process can be found on the [Research Coordination Office website](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/enterprise/funding/D2U) and any questions about the scheme can be addressed to me (Clarissa) via the rsc-slmsfunding@ucl.ac.uk inbox.
**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.


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**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

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**UCL Neuroscience Events and Seminars**

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

28 October, 2015 - 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

28 October, 2015 - IDH virtual Centre for Doctoral Training - Doing an interdisciplinary PhD
Time: 14:00 - 15:00
This series of events provides transferable skills training to enhance the training of PhD students in the digital health field, such as exploring the challenges of interdisciplinary projects and the importance of listening and talking to public and patients. This is open to PhD students from all UCL departments. PhD students will be sharing the insights and tips into the challenges and opportunities of interdisciplinary research projects.
Location: 4th Floor Seminar Room, 66-72 Gower Street, , London, WC1E 6EA
Contact: Louise Chisholm
Email: digital.health@ucl.ac.uk
29 October, 2015 - **Pathogenic Insights Into MS Demyelination and Neurodegeneration and its Reflection in Autoimmune Models and MRI**

Time: 13:00 - 16:00
Speaker: Prof Hans Lassmann, Brain Research Institute, Vienna
Location: Gilliat Lecture Theatre, Institute of Neurology, Queen Square House, Queen Square, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Dr Sharmeen Haque
Email: sharmeen.haque@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

29 October, 2015 - **What Can Charitable Services Offer Our Patients? How Can We Help to Promote Their Services Within the NHS?**

Time: 18:00 - 20:00
Part of the CNR@UCLP Seminar Series 2015. UCLP CNR invites medical & health professionals to an evening of short presentations by charity services. Followed by wine, nibbles and networking! Presentations by representatives from The Spinal Injuries Association, The MS Trust, Brain and Spine Foundation, Connect, The Stroke Association and others. Free entry, no registration required, we’d love to see you there!
Location: Basement Lecture Theatre, National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: UCLPartners Centre for Neurorehabilitation
Email: cnr@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

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

Time: 15:15 - 16:15
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

30 October, 2015 - **High Dendritic of Ih in the Proximity of the Axon Origin Controls the Integrative Properties of Nigral Dopamine Neurones**

Time: 12:30 - 13:00
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

30 October, 2015 - **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
4 November, 2015 - **Analysis of Signalling Endosome Composition and Dynamics Using SILAC in Embryonic Stem Cell-Derived Motor Neurons**

Time: 16:00 -
Speaker: Solène Debaisieux, Sobell Department, 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: Silvia Purro
Email: ionpostdocsrequest@gmail.com
Phone: Please email

5 November, 2015 - **Psychodynamic Neuroscience Research Meeting: The Bayesian Infant**

Time: 18:00 -
Speaker: Tobias Nolte Tobias Nolte, M.D. MSc, is Clinical Research Associate in Read Montague's Computational Psychiatry Group at UCL and Senior Researcher at the Anna Freud Centre working with Peter Fonagy
Location: Room 305, 3rd Floor, 26 Bedford Way, , London, WC1H 0DS
Contact: Dr Katerina Fotopoulou
Email: a.fotopoulou@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

5 November, 2015 - **Wolfson Institute for Biomedical Research Seminar: Deciphering the Genetic Bases of Disease: the Role of the Mouse**

Time: 16:00 -
Speaker: Professor Steve Brown, MRC Harwell. Host: Professor John Wood. 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

6 November, 2015 - **Brain Meeting - Title TBC**

Time: 15:15 -
Speaker: Sarang Dalal, University of Konstanz. 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

9 November, 2015 - **Bullying Experience and Effects: UK Evidence**

Time: 09:30 - 12:00
In the lead-up to Anti-Bullying Week 2015, this event will introduce the most recent findings from three of Britain's internationally-renowned cohort studies: Next Steps, the Millennium Cohort Study and the National Child Development Study. The event will cover the following topics: - the role of evidence in campaigns - the prevalence of bullying among disabled children and young people - the scarring effects of childhood bullying on adult mental health and labour market performance - associations between bully victimisation and life satisfaction - the prevalence of bullying among lesbian, gay, and bisexual young people - opportunities for future research using Next Steps. This seminar is hosted by CLS in collaboration with the Anti-Bullying Alliance.
Location: The Escalator, , 69-89 Mile End Road, London, E1 4TT
Contact: Emma Saville
Email: e.saville@ioe.ac.uk
Phone: +44 (0)20 7612 6746

9 November, 2015 - **Innovate 2015: The Global Spotlight on UK Innovation**

Time: 11:30 - 12:00
Innovate UK and UK Trade & Investment (UKTI) are offering a unique opportunity to showcase your innovation. This is a two-day event designed to stimulate opportunities for innovation, export and investment for the UK's most innovative companies, at all growth stages. With attendees ranging from international investors, buyers and visionary entrepreneurs, to government and academia, you can showcase your most cutting-edge products to over 3,000 attendees at Innovate 2015. As well as the showcase, the event also includes inspirational keynote speeches; practical workshops; in-depth market-focused seminars; one-to-one meetings with international buyers and investors; and a Support Zone, highlighting the breadth of Government support for innovation and internationalisation.
Location: , 1 Old Billingsgate Walk, London, EC3R 6DX
Contact: Innovate UK
9 November, 2015 - The Neural Mechanisms of Empathy - From Shared Activations to Shared Representations
Time: 16:00 -
UCL Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience Monday Seminar Programme. Speaker: Claus Lamm, Head, Social, Cognitive & Affective Neuroscience Unit, Faculty of Psychology, University of Vienna.
Location: Lecture Theatre, Clinical Neuroscience Building, 33 Queen Square, London,
Contact: Rosalyn Lawrence
Email: rosalyn.lawrence@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: 020 7679 1164

10 November, 2015 - Timing and Tracking ALS: a Biomarkers Perspective
Time: 12:00 -
ALS Seminar Series: run by the Greensmith and Fisher Laboratories. Speaker information: Andrea Malaspina, Centre for Neuroscience & Trauma, Queen Mary University London. Host: Elizabeth Fisher.
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

10 November, 2015 - UCL Grand Challenges Masterclass - How to Write for The Conversation
Time: 10:30 - 12:30
The Conversation is a collaboration between academics and journalists to provide informed news analysis that is free to read and republish. They disseminate content to more than 12,000 sites worldwide. That gives our content a global reach of 20 million readers a month, and growing. If you are interested in writing for the media – and want your research to have the widest possible impact – there is no better place to start. In this masterclass Politics and Society deputy editor Andrew Naughtie will take you through the steps towards writing for The Conversation; from working out whether your idea is newsworthy, to the initial pitch, to writing clear, concise copy, and working with an editor towards publication. The session will be followed by a Q&A with Andrew. Please note this event is only open to UCL PhD Students and Early Career Researchers.
Location: Room B02, Chandler House, 2 Wakefield Street, London, WC1N 1PF
Contact: Helen Hopkins
Email: h.hopkins@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

11 November, 2015 - Baseline Brain Activity in Down Syndrome
Time: 16:00 - 17:00
Organised by UCL Division of Psychiatry
Speaker: Sarah Hamburg, UCL Division of Psychiatry. As part of the LonDownS project I have been collecting baseline brain activity (using EEG) in adults with Down syndrome for my PhD. In this upgrade talk I will discuss preliminary findings relating to cognitive ability and alpha band activity in younger adults (aged 16-35).
Location: room 508, Roberts Building, Malet Place, London, WC1E 7JE
Contact: Berni Courtney
Email: b.courtney@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

11 November, 2015 - Outcomes From Chromosomal Microarray Testing in Intellectual Disability Psychiatry
Time: 16:00 - 17:00
Organised by UCL Division of Psychiatry
Speaker: Kate Wolfe, UCL Division of Psychiatry. Chromosomal deletions and duplications, known as copy number variations (CNVs), are a class of genetic variants highly implicated in the aetiology of neurodevelopmental disorders. Many CNVs have been shown to operate across traditional diagnostic boundaries, increasing risk for both intellectual disabilities (ID) and psychiatric disorders, such as schizophrenia and autism. I will present the results of a study of 202 adults with idiopathic ID recruited from community and in-patient psychiatry services across England. My talk will explore approaches to interpreting CNV data combining both genetic and phenotypic analysis methodologies.
Location: room 508, Roberts Building, Malet Place, London, WC1E 7JE
Contact: Berni Courtney
Email: b.courtney@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email
12 November, 2015 - **CNR@UCLP Seminar Series 2015: Title TBC**
Time: 17:15 -
Part of the CNR@UCLP Seminar Series 2015. Speaker information: Professor Val Pomeroy. 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
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13 November, 2015 - **Brain Meeting - a Re-Assessment of the Hierarchical and Parallel Strategies Used by the Visual Brain**
Time: 15:15 -
Speaker: Semir Zeki, UCL Dept of Cell and Developmental Biology 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
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13 November, 2015 - **Developmental Neurosciences Translational Symposium**
Time: 09:00 - 17:00
Chair: Professor Michael Hausser If you would like to attend this event please contact ICH.DN.Programme@ucl.ac.uk as spaces are limited
Location: Kennedy Lecture Theatre, Wellcome Trust Building, Institute of Child Health, 30 Guilford Street, London, WC1N 1EH
Contact: Jane Miller
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Time: 09:00 - 18:00
UCLP Centre for Neurorehabilitation Symposium This one day symposium will explore developments in rehabilitation strategies for people with progressive conditions and how current research and innovation might translate into improved function and quality of life. Experts from a variety of professional backgrounds will address issues relating to the role of rehabilitation in progressive conditions, including neurogenetics, technologies, pharmaceutical interventions, cognitive and self-management strategies. The programme will be circulated soon. Registration: £95 for the whole day (lunch included); £50 for a half day (no lunch). Please register online using the link below. If your employer will be paying for your registration, we may be able to invoice them. To see if that is possible, email cnr@ucl.ac.uk
Location: Basement Lecture Theatre, National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: UCLP Centre for Neurorehabilitation Symposium
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16 November, 2015 - **Axonal Signalling Endosomes: Trafficking Sorting and Disease**
Time: 17:30 -
MRC Centre for Neuromuscular Diseases Seminar Series. Speaker information: Professor Giampetro Schiavo, Sobell Dept of Motor Neuroscience and Movement Disorders, UCL ION
Location: Basement Lecture Theatre, 33 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Christine Oldfield
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16 November, 2015 - **Facing the Gaze of Others: Brain Dynamics of Gaze and Social Contact Perception**
Time: 16:00 -
UCL Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience Monday Seminar Programme. Speaker: Nathalie George, Directrice Scientifique du Centre MEG-EEG (ICM), Paris.
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
17 November, 2015 - Queen Square Archives Open Day: explore the National Hospital’s early case notes

Time: 10:00 – 15:00
Location: Queen Square Library, 1st Floor, 23 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Sarah Lawson
Email: neuroarchives@ucl.ac.uk
Phone:

19 November, 2015 - Circuit Formation and Function in the Olfactory System

Time: 12:00 -
ALS Seminar Series: run by the Greensmith and Fisher Laboratories. Speaker information: Claudia Lodovichi, Institute of Neuroscience, University of Padova, Italy. Host: Giampietro Schiavo.
Location: 2nd Floor Seminar Room, Institute of Neurology, Queen Square House, Queen Square, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Debbie Hadley
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19 November, 2015 - Wolfson Institute for Biomedical Research Seminar: Development and Homeostasis of the Enteric Nervous System

Time: 16:00 -
Speaker: Professor Vassilis Pachnis, Research Group Leader, The Francis Crick Institute Host: Professor John Wood
Refreshments will be provided.
Location: WIBR Cafe, 1st floor, Cruciform Building, Gower Street, London, WC1E 6BT
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External Events of Interest

Mental health and acquired brain injury - Acquired Brain Injury Clinical Excellence Network (ABICEN)

6 November 2015
RCSLT Headquarters, 2 White Hart Yard, London, SE1 1NX

We have an exciting range of speakers who will be covering: Pharmacological management; SLT assessment and management; Forensics and youth offending; Mental Capacity; Risk assessment

If this study day is for you, please apply following all of the steps below:
- Make payment of £40 to ABICEN account no. 08136345 sort code 08-91-04
- Please make sure you type your full name as reference
- Email headinjurysig@hotmail.com with name and payment date
- A confirmation email will be sent once payment and email received.
- Certificate on day will act as receipt

2nd British Symposium on the History of Neurology and Psychiatry

25-26 November 2015
Institute of Neurology

A commemoration of the centenary of the death of Sir William Gowers
Reviewing Gowers contribution to Neurology
Speakers will include: Rebecca and Timothy Gowers, Andrew Lees, Christopher Boes, Michael Hanna, Alastair Compston, Mark Weatherall, John Duncan.

History of neurology and psychiatry in London
Topics include: The Bethlem Hospital, Insanity, Child and Old Age Psychiatry,
Psychotherapy, Neurasthenia, Shellshock, Hysteria, Epilepsy, Movement Disorders, Brain Imaging, The Institute of Neurology and The London Hospital. Speakers will include: Victoria Northwood, Bonnie Evans, Claire Hilton, Simon Shorvon, Niall Quinn, Adrian Thomas, David Bell, Deji Ayonrinde, Jon Stone, Stefanie Linden, Michael Clark, Alastair Compston and Michael Swash.

See [www.hnps.co.uk](http://www.hnps.co.uk) for full programme and registration details

**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.

[More information](http://www.hnps.co.uk)