Applications now open for 2014 Early Career Neuroscience Prize

Deadline: Monday 10 March 2014, 5pm

This year’s Early Career Neuroscience Prize is now open for entries. The prize aims to recognise outstanding work published in the past year by early career UCL neuroscientists in any field of neuroscience.

It is awarded in two categories; junior scientist (PhD students or post-docs with up to 3 years post-doc experience) and advanced scientist (from 4 and up to 10 years post-doc experience). Winners receive a cash prize and are asked to present their work at the annual UCL Neuroscience Symposium.

Nominees are expected to have led a ground-breaking piece of work, which they have published (online or in print) as first author in a peer-reviewed journal between 1 January 2013 and 1 February 2014. The research should have been conducted at UCL. Winners must be available to attend the 2014 UCL Neuroscience Symposium on Thursday 19 June and be prepared to give a 10-15 minute presentation of their work. **Only one application per individual is allowed.** Deadline for submission of
nominations is **5pm, Monday 10 March 2014**.

Nominations should be emailed to 
[neuroscience@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:neuroscience@ucl.ac.uk)

For more information visit: 
[http://www.ucl.ac.uk/neuroscience/early-career/earlycareerprize](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/neuroscience/early-career/earlycareerprize)

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### New Director for the Division of Biosciences

Professor Frances Brodsky, the new Director of the Division of Biosciences, succeeding Professor John Carroll and Interim Director, Professor Neil Millar, formally took up her role at UCL on 1 January 2014.

Professor Brodsky joins UCL from the University of California, San Francisco. She is the principal investigator of a research laboratory focusing on cell biology related to human glucose metabolism and immune system function, funded by the National Institutes of Health, and has taught in the UCSF PhD, PharmD and MD programs. Prof Brodsky received a BA in Biochemical Sciences (1976) from Harvard University and a DPhil in Genetics (1979) from Oxford University as a Marshall Scholar.

She was a Damon Runyon postdoctoral fellow, a Pew Scholar in the Biomedical Sciences and received the American Society of Cell Biology WICB Senior Career Award (2007), publishing over 100 scientific papers and serving on national and international research review panels. With an interest in writing about science for the general public, as well as the professional community, she has published three scientific mystery novels under the pen name B.B. Jordan and was a founding editor, along with UCL’s Mark Marsh, of the professional journal *Traffic*.

We warmly welcome Prof. Brodsky to UCL.

**Frances Brodsky lab web site:** [http://bts.ucsf.edu/brodsky_lab](http://bts.ucsf.edu/brodsky_lab)

**Recent interview in The Journal of Cell Biology:**[Frances Brodsky: So you think you know all about clathrin?](http://bts.ucsf.edu/brodsky_lab)

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### Wellcome Trust Strategic Award for Dickenson and Iannetti

Professor Tony Dickenson and Dr Giandomenico Iannetti, **Neuroscience, Physiology and Pharmacology** are co-applicants on a successful Wellcome Trust Strategic Award, titled “Defining pain circuitry in health and disease”. This Strategic Award follows on from the London Pain Consortium (LPC), itself the successor to the original Integrated Physiology Initiative that established the LPC.
These unique cross institute awards now total 15 years of consecutive funding linking UCL, Oxford, KCL, Glasgow and UCSF in a common aim. The studies bridge species and aim to better understand the sensory and affective components of pain with the aim of leading to better treatments for this common clinical problem with a large unmet need.

Counting Sheep: The Science of Sleep

Friday 14 March, 7pm-9.30pm
Conference Centre, British Library

UCL Neuroscience and the British Library are joining forces to examine the science of sleep. What is sleep and why do we need it? What happens to our mind and body when we are asleep?

**UCL’s Professor Vince Walsh** is joined by **Professor Russell Foster** (University of Oxford) and other sleep experts for an interactive evening of science, art and improvised opera exploring the stuff that dreams are made of. Find out how our body clocks determine the rhythms of life, and what happens when we don’t get enough sleep. Explore the sounds of sleep with the British Library’s resident experts, and sip on some sleep-themed cocktails in this collaborative event hosted by the British Library and UCL Neuroscience.

**Price:** £8, (£6 Over 60’s) and £5 (Concessions)
**For more information and to buy tickets:**
[http://www.bl.uk/whatson/events/event156384.html](http://www.bl.uk/whatson/events/event156384.html)

UCL Grand Challenges Summer School

16-20 June 2014

UCL Grand Challenges is offering the opportunity for UCL research students to take part in a week-long Summer School (16 – 20 June 2014 inclusive). The Summer School will introduce research students to the Grand Challenges, providing an opportunity to discuss the underlying research philosophy and to develop practical skills in preparing proposals that combine expertise from different academic disciplines.

Applicants are encouraged to consult the UCL Research Strategy before applying which is available [here](http://blogs.ucl.ac.uk/gc-summer-school/).

**For more information and to register:**
[http://blogs.ucl.ac.uk/gc-summer-school/](http://blogs.ucl.ac.uk/gc-summer-school/)
Early Career Neuroscience

Working in Science and Family - Mutually exclusive or the perfect combination?

Wednesday 12 February, 1pm-2pm
Roberts Building Lecture Theatre 106

You have worked hard to take your first steps on the academic career ladder of a family. In this workshop, two excellent scientists will discuss their experiences of having a family and a successful career.

Confirmed Speakers:
- Prof. Geraint Rees, Director of the UCL Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience
- Prof. Linda Greensmith, Graham Watts Senior Research Fellow

To register for this event visit: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/working

Filmmakers seek neuroscientist to collaborate on Phineas Gage movie

Producer Mike Marchlewski and Director Keith Kopp are seeking to collaborate with a UCL neuroscientist to exhibit their movie about the man who changed the study of neuroscience forever after a metre-long rod fired through his skull. Phineas survived the trauma and was able to talk, work and walk for many years afterwards albeit with a dramatic personality shift. The accident opened new theories on how the brain functions and the notion of multiple personality disorders.

In Spring 2014, the filmmakers will be shooting a 25-minute period drama in America which is based on the Western style. The filmmakers want to reproduce the scene where Phineas endured his operation (and the events leading up to the explosion and subsequent operation on Phineas) and the events leading up to the explosion and subsequent operation on Phineas.

Mike and Keith would particularly like to work with early career neuroscientists to advise on the script and to give accompanied engagement events taking place later in the year. Screenings are likely to be held at film festivals and universities in Summer/Autumn 2014.

For more information please contact Mike on mikemarchlewski@yahoo.com

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Special Seminars and Events

Lunch Hour Lecture: Why do some people become psychopaths?
Thursday 30 January 2014. 1.15pm-1.55pm
Darwin Lecture Theatre, access via Malet Place | Darwin Building

Speaker information: **Professor Essi Viding**, UCL Psychology and Language Sciences
Although childhood behavioural problems are relatively common, not all problems develop for the same reason, and only a few individuals will go on to develop psychopathy in adulthood. This lecture will review behavioural problems in children, in terms of genetics, brain function and development, and consider why some children may be at an increased risk of developing psychopathy when they grow up.

**Contact:** Catherine Dean 020 3108 3839 | c.dean@ucl.ac.uk

Rewired The Brain, Art and Innovation

**Tuesday 4 February 2014**
**Bloomsbury Theatre, 15 Gordon Street, London**

Movement for Hope and UCL Brain Repair and Rehabilitation present a dynamic evening event featuring connections between neuroscience, art and health.

An art-science evening charity event is focused on raising awareness for brain and spinal cord illnesses through arts and innovation.

The event will feature creative talks on: ‘Growing organs’ using Nanotechnology and Regenerative Medicine, Chronic Pain, Motor Neurone Disease, Eye-gaze technology for persons with disabilities, Dementia, Parkinson’s Disease, Alzheimer’s Disease, Stroke, language loss, and visual perception. The arts will feature live classical music, dance, a fine-arts exhibition, multimedia art, and singer-songwriter Josh Osho on guitar.

Tickets are priced at £12, concessions £9 and can be purchased via [http://www.thebloomsbury.com/event/run/1877](http://www.thebloomsbury.com/event/run/1877)

For more information visit: [www.movementforhope.org/rewired](http://www.movementforhope.org/rewired)

Psychodynamic Neuroscience Research meeting: Social and emotional processing in unawareness of illness following a right hemisphere stroke

**Thursday 6 February, 6pm**
**Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, Alexandra House, 17 Queen Square, London WC1; closest tube is Russell Square.**

**Dr Paul Jenkinson** is a senior lecturer in the Department of Psychology at the University of Hertfordshire. His work focuses on the neural and psychological mechanisms underlying body awareness, ownership, and interoceptive
signals in neurological patients and healthy people. He has written several articles on the subject of bodily self-consciousness, more details of which can be found at http://go.herts.ac.uk/paul.jenkinson. Paul gained a BSc in psychology and neuroscience, and then a PhD in cognitive neuropsychology at Keele University.

Sahba Besharati trained in clinical neuropsychology in South Africa, and is currently in the second year of her PhD undergoing a split-site collaboration between the University of Cape Town and the Institute of Psychiatry, Kings College London. Sahba’s research draws on a social and embodied cognitive approach in the scientific understanding of self-consciousness and the bodily self. Her PhD investigates the neurocognitive, social and emotional components of unawareness of illness in anosognosic patients.

If you read this for the first time, and are interested in joining or visiting this group, please contact: Dr Katerina Fotopoulou at a.fotopoulou@ucl.ac.uk, providing 2-3 lines indicating your discipline and the nature of your interest, and feel free to tell your friends and colleagues about the group! Suggestions about topics or format are welcome.

SLMS Information Governance Roadshow

Wednesday 12 February
Lecture Theatre 3, Royal Free Hospital, UCL Medical School, Rowland Hill Street, London NW3 2PF

The roadshow will provide clear guidance on information governance responsibilities and control, how these affect research activities and how the Information Governance Framework can help researchers meet their legal obligations. This event is aimed at anybody handling personal identifiable data as part of their research. Attendance at this event will count towards information governance training requirements, ‘Introduction to Information Governance’. Attendance will be recorded on the IG training register and a certificate of attendance will be issued.

The protocols for handling identifiable data are tightening. Researchers should be aware that they must comply with the eight principles of the Data Protection Act 1998. The Act requires appropriate information security to be in place to protect sensitive personal data. A contravention of the data protection principles can result in a penalty of up to £500,000. As a recipient of healthcare information UCL SLMS has particular obligations to assure external organisations supplying this data and ultimately the research subjects themselves. This assurance process is known as information governance. The Health Research Authority (HRA) controls and monitors how personal data is handled for the healthcare research, enforcing standards based on the current legislation. The
standards required by the HRA will ensure that UCL SLMS retains its reputation as a world class healthcare research organisation. Indeed, providing evidence of good information governance is key to the research application process and will become more crucial in the future.

For more information and to register visit: http://slmsigroadshowfeb14.eventbrite.co.uk/

Public Speaking Master class for women in science with Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock MBE

Thursday 20 February, 10am-5pm
Foster Court Room 235, UCL, Gower Street, London

Television scientist Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock will host a presentation and public speaking mastercalls aimed at for women in science, engineering, technology, medicine and a wide range of expert and specialist fields, from undergraduate to professor level. Dr Aderin-Pocock will be leading the day of interactive training and on-camera practice with award-winning science TV producers Screenhouse.

Costs: £225 (exc VAT)

Limited STFC bursaries are available on application for qualifying scientists.

For more information please contact: Rebecca.webb@screenhouse.co.uk or call 0113 225 1218

Neurometabolic Workshop: Update on Neurodegenerative Disorders

Monday 27 February
The Art Workers Guild, 6 Queen Square, London WC1N 3AT

Lectures will include:
- Mitochondrial disorders (Dr Shamima Rahman)
- Diagnosis and pathophysiology of lysosomal disorders (Dr Robin Lachman)
- Update on peroxisomal disorders (Professor Peter Clayton)
- Disorders of Metal Iron Accumulation (Dr Manju Kurian)
- Gene therapy strategies for neurodegenerative syndromes (Professor Patrick Aubourg)

Interactive Workshops will include:
- Epilepsy and neurodegeneration (Professor
3rd International Symposium on: "Basal Ganglia Speech Disorders and Deep Brain Stimulation"

24-25 March 2014
UCL Institute of Neurology, Queen Square, London WC1N 3BG, UK

The ability to communicate in an articulate and effective way is a highly complex and highly valued human need that can be severely affected by dysfunction of the basal ganglia. Medical and surgical treatments can have no effect on speech, in spite of their beneficial effect on movement. The 3rd International Symposium on “Basal Ganglia Speech disorders and Deep Brain Stimulation” aims to bring together a unique group of the world’s most prominent researchers and practitioners in the field of Movement Disorders, Functional Neurosurgery, speech motor control and rehabilitation. This area of neurological studies remains relatively new and as such it presents many opportunities for the advancement of research and patient care.

Contact: Dr Elina Tripoliti e.tripoliti@ucl.ac.uk
For more information and to register:
http://www.ucl.ac.uk/cdcn/events/conferencesandmeetings

Gene, Cell and Molecular Therapies for Inherited Metabolic Disease Meeting

Thursday 27 March 2014
Institute of Child Health, University College London

The aim of this meeting is to establish and encourage a closer interface between clinicians and scientists with the goal of translating gene therapy and novel technologies into clinical treatment of inherited metabolic disorders to UK patients at the earliest opportunity. By bringing together those who will be needed to deliver therapy to
patients; By learning from those at the forefront of research and those with experience of clinical trials wherever they are in the world, and facilitating collaborative links; By learning how to assess what is best science, best clinical practice and identify patients who will most benefit;

We recognize that it is best for families if therapy is brought to them in their country of residence, so this is a meeting that focuses on bringing gene therapy for inherited metabolic disorders to the UK.

This meeting is a satellite meeting of the British Society of Gene and Cell Therapy annual conference to be held at the same venue on 28th March 2014.

Please register via: http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gene-cell-and-molecular-therapies-for-inherited-metabolic-disease-meeting-registration-8401397807

Save the date: Two day workshop on the Frequency Following Response

22-23 May 2014
UCL

The first two day workshop on the Frequency Following Response will be held at UCL, London. The idea of the workshop is to bring the FFR community together and to open up the discussion on the origins and interpretation of the response, explore new recording and analysis techniques, and discuss hot topics in the field. The workshop will consist of several oral presentations, round table discussions, and poster sessions. The workshop is roughly organised into the following topics:

- Origins and interpretation of the FFR
- New techniques
- Hot topics

Invited speakers: Hedwig Gockel (University of Cambridge, UK); Philip Joris (University of Leuven, Belgium); Steve Aiken (Dalhousie University, Canada); Paul Deltenre (Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium); Ravi Krishnan (Purdue University, USA) and Garreth Prendergast (University of Manchester, UK)

Poster Abstracts: All participants are invited to present their research in poster sessions. There will be an opportunity for a few to present work orally. If you would like to take this opportunity please state this when you submit the abstract. Abstract length must not exceed 400 words. If you want to present your research at the FFR workshop, please send your abstract to Axelle Calcus (a.calclus@ucl.ac.uk) with “Abstract FFR Workshop” in the subject field. Abstracts must be received no later than 28 February 2014. Notification of abstract acceptance/rejection will be made no later than 1
Brains and Beauty – Public Engagement Opportunity

Roma Backhouse, Director of the Bloomsbury Festival from 2006 – 2012 is developing a dance piece exploring perceptions of beauty, and is looking for a neuroscientist who would be interested in working with her team to help understand the brain's responses in this area.

Who: Roma Backhouse, Director of the Bloomsbury Festival from 2006 – 2012 is producing the work and will be working with with Icon Dance [http://www.icodance.co.uk/home/#/home/], Jamie Beddard [http://jamiebeddard.com] and photographer Elaine Duigenan [http://www.elaineduigenan.com].

The team are interested in understanding how and when the brain identifies beauty in the context of dance, the limitations of our own aesthetic perceptions and preconceptions (and an audience's), particularly in the context of physical limitations (caused by age and physical ability), and whether it is possible to develop a piece of dance that subverts norms, looks beyond or around limitations, and create something that is experienced as truly beautiful with very imperfect (by the dance industry's standards) bodies. Thus raising questions around social perception, intrinsic versus extrinsic aesthetic experience, neurological programming.

R’n’D funding is being sought from Wellcome Trust (deadline 28th February). The work will be developed from Autumn 2014.

Please contact Roma Backhouse directly if you are interested via roma@romabackhouse.co.uk or 07803 930 919.

Wellcome Trust Engagement Fellowships Scheme – Now Open
Deadline: Friday 21 February

The Wellcome Trust Engagement Fellowships scheme aims to support and develop upcoming stars in public engagement with science. An Engagement Fellowship, which provides the freedom, resources and environment to enable exceptional people to develop their skills and practice in encouraging the public to examine, explore and debate the big scientific challenges that society faces.

The Wellcome Trust are looking for individuals with a strong track record of engaging the public with ideas around biomedical science and/or medical humanities, who want to make a step-change in their careers.

Previously-funded Engagement Fellows are:

- Kevin Fong, consultant anaesthetist at University College London Hospital and TV presenter

Applicants should have at least three years' experience (full- or part-time) engaging the public with science and must be based in the UK or the Republic of Ireland.

For more information visit: Engagement Fellowships page

Contact: (0)20 7611 8806 or email pe@wellcome.ac.uk

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In the News

Dementia researchers your country needs you: An interview with Prof. Nick Fox

Dementia treatment is a priority for the UK government, but what does that mean for researchers? Catie Lichten from Research Professional spoke to clinical neurologist Nick Fox, who helped University College London win £20 million for a centre for neurological disorders

To read the full article visit:
Action on mental health could help save London up to £26 billion a year

The scale of mental ill health in London is costing the capital around £26 billion a year, a new report commissioned by the Mayor Boris Johnson has revealed today. In any given year, an estimated one in four Londoners will experience a diagnosable mental health condition. A third of these will experience two or more conditions at once. According to a Department of Health report, the impact of mental ill health is greater than cancer and cardiovascular disease. It represents around 22.8% of the total, compared to 15.9% and 16.2% respectively.

Close to £7.5 billion is spent each year to address mental ill health in London. This includes spending on health and social care to treat illness, benefits to support people living with mental ill health, and costs to education services and the criminal justice system. However, these costs are only part of the total £26 billion lost to London each year through such issues as reduced quality of life and productivity.

To read the full article visit:
http://www.london.gov.uk/media/mayor-press-releases/2014/01/action-on-mental-health-could-help-save-london-up-to-26-billion

Lowering levels of toxic protein reverses abnormalities in cells from patients with Huntington's disease

UCL scientists, led by Professor Sarah Tabrizi at the UCL Institute of Neurology, in collaboration with colleagues at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, have shown for the first time that switching off the mutant protein that causes the fatal brain disorder Huntington’s disease can reverse abnormalities in living cells taken from patients with the disease.

Drugs that aim to 'silence' the mutant protein are likely to enter clinical trials in the next few years, and this research, published in Brain, is the first time that a drug that partially reduces the levels of the mutant protein has some beneficial effect in cells from Huntington’s disease patients, suggesting that the protein does not need to be completely depleted to delay or reverse harmful effects of Huntington’s disease.

These findings also shed light on how the protein affects the immune system to exert damaging effects beyond those caused directly in the brain.

To read the full article visit:
http://www.ucl.ac.uk/ion/articles/news/20140124
Current Funding Opportunities

**FENS Travel Grant**

**Deadline: Sunday 2 Feb 2014**

Travel Grants (€ 750 each) are offered to the participants of the FENS Forum 2014. Please note that application for a FENS-IBRO/PERC Travel Grant is a prerequisite in order to apply for the Young Investigator Training Programme (YITP is a summer research stay programme in Italian laboratories. Please see YITP page for more information on this programme).

Eligibility criteria:
- You are a PhD student or a postdoctoral fellow below the age of 35 (on July 1, 2014)
- You have registered for the FENS Forum 2014
- You have submitted an abstract as 1st author
- Your supervisor or Head of Department supports your submission

Deadline for the submission: Midnight (CET) of February 2, 2014

Deadline for supervisor’s support: Midnight (CET) of February 2, 2014

Applicants will be informed about their successful application by March 31, 2014.

The FENS-IBRO/PERC travel grants will be distributed at the FENS booth during the FENS Forum 2014.

**For more information visit:**
http://fens2014.neurosciences.asso.fr/pages/index2.php?sub=18&left=9&left2=1

**Johnson & Johnson Proof of Concept funding opportunity in Mood Disorders**

**Deadline: Monday 24 Feb 2014**

Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson are focused on discovering, developing and delivering differentiated medicines that address the most serious unmet medical needs of our time. UCL Business PLC (UCLB) and Johnson & Johnson currently have Proof of Concept funding available to award to projects focused on the discovery and development of novel targets, therapeutic agents and biomarkers for the treatment and diagnosis of Mood Disorders such as treatment resistant depression and bipolar disorders. Awards of up to £100,000 are available to successful projects.

Applications should be submitted to UCLB in the form of a short non-confidential abstract with a description and keywords for the project of no longer than 2 A4 pages. A brief researcher biography, stage of development and
intellectual property status of proposed project and proposed healthcare application/relevance should also be included. If the abstract is approved the PI will then be invited to submit a full application to the UCLB/J&J committee.

For more information please visit: http://www.uclb.com/what-we-do/funding, contact your UCLB Business manager or contact Helen Wise, Industrial Partnerships Manager: h.wise@ucl.ac.uk

New Microscopy Developments Fund; call for proposals
Deadline: Monday 24 Feb 2014, 5pm

As part of the Advanced BioImaging programme funded through the MRC Next Generation Optical Imaging award we invite proposals to the New Microscopy Developments Fund.

The funding is in two parts
- Equipment
- Probe Development

Applications are invited from UCL researchers only. Questions and completed forms should be submitted to Jacky Pallas, Director, UCL Research Platforms (j.pallas@ucl.ac.uk, tel. 020 7679 6292, internal 46292).

The deadline for applications is 17.00 Monday 24 February 2014.

Further details of the funding calls and the super-resolution imaging developments at UCL can be found at www.ucl.ac.uk/super-resolution.

ERA-NET call for European Research Projects on Neuroinflammation
Deadline for outlines: Monday 10 March 2014

The aim of the call is to facilitate multi-national, collaborative research projects that will address important questions relating to neuroinflammation. The call will accept proposals ranging from understanding basic mechanisms of disease through proof-of-concept clinical studies in humans. These may include research on the role of inflammation in neurological or psychiatric disorders, or associated with traumatic brain injury, pathogen infection or toxicity in the nervous system. Research dealing primarily with cerebrovascular or neurodegenerative diseases without specifically focusing on the neuroinflammation aspect will not be eligible for this call.

The ERA-NET NEURON funding organisations particularly wish to promote multi-disciplinary work and to encourage translational research proposals that combine basic and clinical approaches.

MRC has committed 1.2M € to fund UK submissions to this call.

For more information visit: http://www.neuron-eranet.eu/index.php
UCL Neuroscience Events and Seminars for Jan/Feb 2014

Neuroscience seminars and events listings

27 January, 2014 - Ocular coloboma: new genes and syndromes
Time: 13:00 - 14:00
Speaker information: Professor David R Fitzpatrick, University of Edinburgh.
Host: ICH Otto Wolff Lecture Series
Location: Kennedy Lecture Theatre, Institute of Child Health, 30 Guilford Street, London,
Contact: Nicole Hofmans
Email: ich.director@ucl.ac.uk

27 January, 2014 - The neurodevelopment of social decisions and emotions
Time: 16:00 - 17:00
Host: Antonia Hamilton.
Location: Basement seminar room (B10), Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, 17 Queen Square, London,
Contact: Rosalyn Lawrence
Email: rosalyn.lawrence@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: 020 7679 1164

3 February, 2014 - Exercise as an experimental therapy in health and disease
Time: 17:30 - 18:30
Speaker information: Professor Fares Haddad, Professor Monty Mythen, Institute of Sports, Exercise and Health, UCLH.
Host: MRC Centre Seminar Series 2014.
Location: Lecture Theatre, 33 Queen Square, London,
Contact: Christine Oldfield
Email: christine.oldfield@ucl.ac.uk

3 February, 2014 - Wrong turnings down memory lane: relationships between maladaptive autobiographical memory
Time: 16:00 - 17:00
Speaker information: Tim Dalgleish, MRC Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit, University of Cambridge.
Host: Sarah-Jayne Blakemore.
Location: Basement seminar room (B10), Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, 17 Queen Square, London
Contact: Rosalyn Lawrence
Email: rosalyn.lawrence@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: 020 7679 1164

4 February, 2014 - MRI in paediatric MS: insights into the early aspects of MS
Time: 13:00 - 14:00
Speaker information: Professor Brenda Banwell, Professor of Neurology and Paediatrics, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, University of Pennsylvania.
Host: Queen Square MS Centre Seminar Series.
Location: Gilliatt Lecture Theatre, UCL Institute of Neurology, Queen Square, London
Contact: Tina Holmes
Email: millerpa@ucl.ac.uk
4 February, 2014 - Retinal image quality and visual performance during accommodation  
Time: 16:00 - 17:00  
Speaker information: Larry Thibos PhD, Professor of Optometry and Vision Science, School of Optometry, Indiana University, USA.  
Host: Hosted by Roger Anderson (roger.anderson@ucl.ac.uk), UCL IoO Visual Neuroscience Seminar notice.  
Location: Lecture Theatre, UCL Institute of Ophthalmology, 11 – 43 Bath Street , London, EC1V 9EL  
Contact: Susan Sandford Smith  
Email: susan.smith@ucl.ac.uk

7 February, 2014 - Moment-to-moment brain signal variability and dynamics: Leveraging "noise" as "signal" in the study of human aging and cognition  
Time: 16:15 - 17:15  
Speaker information: Doug Garrett Max Planck Institute for Human Development. 
Host: Brain Meeting  
Location: 4th floor Seminar Room, WTCN, 12 Queen Square, London, 
Contact: Raphael Koster  
Email: raphael_koster@hotmail.com

10 February, 2014 - To be announced  
Time: 16:00 - 17:00  
Speaker information: Fred Dick, Dept of Psychological Sciences, Birkbeck College.  
Host: Mairead MacSweeney.  
Location: Basement seminar room (B10), Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, 17 Queen Square, London  
Contact: Rosalyn Lawrence  
Email: rosalyn.lawrence@ucl.ac.uk  
Phone: 020 7679 1164

12 February, 2014 - Revealing the Components of Vestibular Perception  
Time: 16:30 - 17:30  
Dr Barry Seemungal, Neurology, Faculty of Medicine, Imperial College London.  
Host: CDCN 2013/14 Seminar Series  
Location: Leolin Price Lecture Theatre, Institute of Child Health, 30 Guilford Street, London  
Contact: Esther Huntbach  
Email: cdcn@ucl.ac.uk

17 February, 2014 - Understanding the human sense of agency  
Time: 16:00 - 17:00  
Speaker information: Patrick Haggard, Action and Body Research Group, Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, UCL.  
Host: Leun Otten.  
Location: Basement seminar room (B10), Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, 17 Queen Square, London  
Contact: Rosalyn Lawrence  
Email: rosalyn.lawrence@ucl.ac.uk  
Phone: 020 7679 1164

24 February, 2014 - The effect of mandatory processing of fearful face in visual and tactile modalities  
Time: 16:00 - 17:00  
Speaker information: Elisabetta Ladavas, Dept of Psychology, University of Bologna.  
Host: Patrick Haggard.  
Location: Basement seminar room (B10), Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, 17 Queen Square, London  
Contact: Rosalyn Lawrence  
Email: rosalyn.lawrence@ucl.ac.uk  
Phone: 020 7679 1164
27 February, 2014 - 2nd UK MSA Research Meeting: MSA Research and Clinical Interest
Time: -
The meeting will bring together researchers and clinicians with an interest in MSA to discuss current research, clinical management and future directions in MSA. The target audience will be neurologists, researchers and students.
Location: Lecture Theatre, Clinical Neuroscience Centre, 33 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG
http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/2nd-uk-msa-research-meeting-msa-research-and-clinical-interest-tickets-7963026627?aff=eorgf

27 February, 2014 - TBC
Time: 12:00 - 13:00
Speaker information: Dr Liz Pellicano, Institute of Education.
Host: The Behavioural and Brain Sciences Unit.
Location: PUW4, ICH, 30 Guilford Street, London, WC1N 1EH
Contact: Radha Kothari
Email: radha.kothari.10@ucl.ac.uk

28 February, 2014 - TBC
Time: 12:30 - 13:30
Speaker information: Dr Karri Lamsa, Department of Pharmacology, University of Oxford, UK.
Host: School of Pharmacy seminar series.
Location: M2, UCL School of Pharmacy, London
Contact: Dr Audrey Mercer
Email: a.mercer@ucl.ac.uk

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External Events of Interest

26th Cambridge Neuroscience Seminar

Friday 14 March 2014
Department of Engineering, Cambridge

The 26th Cambridge Neuroscience Seminar, hosted by the Department of Psychiatry, will be held in the Department of Engineering, Cambridge. This year, the theme is ‘Brain Science and Mental Health’.

Organisers have confirmed many distinguished speakers including Professor Mark Johnson (Birkbeck, University of London) and Professor Trevor Robbins (University Of Cambridge). The aim of this annual meeting is to give a snapshot into the extent of neuroscience research in Cambridge and how it fits into the broader context of neuroscience worldwide. The day will conclude with a public plenary lecture entitled ‘Genes, Brains and Psychiatry’ given by Professor Michael Owen (Cardiff University), to coincide with the Cambridge Science Festival.

Registration fees include refreshments, lunch, and an evening wine reception, in addition to admittance to all talks.
Delegates will also have the opportunity to attend the Gala conference dinner, which will be held at Trinity College (Thursday 13th March, limited number of places available and additional cost will apply).

Abstract submission is now open, but it is possible to register now and upload your completed abstract at a later date. Posters can cover any theme of Cambridge Neuroscience.

Please see the following link for registration and further details: http://www.neuroscience.cam.ac.uk/events/event.php?permalink=dc0c450f60

Registration will close on Saturday March 1st 2014.

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20-24 April
Rungstedgaard, Rungsted, Denmark

This meeting is part of a new series of high-level biannual Brain Conferences in Europe. The Brain Conferences are organised by the Federation of European Neuroscience Societies (FENS, the major neuroscience association in Europe) in partnership with The Brain Prize. They bring together outstanding researchers in key broadly defined areas of contemporary neuroscience to discuss current concepts and define challenges for future research.

Co-chairs: Michael Hausser (UCL, UK), Botond Roska (FMI, Switzerland), Helen Mayberg (Emory University, USA)

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European Molecular and Cellular Cognition Society (EMCCS)- FENS 6th meeting

July 3-4, 2014
Istituto di Ricerche Farmacologiche Mario Negri, via La Masa 19, 20156 Milano, Italy.

The meeting will survey recent discoveries in the field of molecular and cellular cognition, including hot topics such as optogenetics and epigenetics of memory, and mechanisms of cognitive decline and enhancement. There will be 28 oral presentations with 3 of the speakers being chosen from submitted abstracts.
Organisers: Riccardo Brambilla (Milano, Italy), Kobi Rozenblum (Haifa, Israel) and Angel Barco (Alicante, Spain)

The list of confirmed speakers includes: Ted Abel, Penn University (USA); Schahram Akbarian, Mount Sinai School of Medicine (USA); Claudia Bagni, VIB-KU Leuven (Belgium); Erwan Bezard, (CNRS- Université Bordeaux 2 (France); Tiziana Borsello, IRFMN (Italy); Timothy Bredy, QBI-UoQ (Australia); Mauro Costa Mattioli, BCM (USA); Jose A. Esteban, CBMSO (Spain); Gilberto Fisone, KI (Sweden); Gianluigi Forloni, IRFMN (Italy); K. Peter Giese, King’s College London (UK); Jean-Antoine Girault, Inserm - UPMC (France); Eckart Gundelfinger, LIN (Germany); Marian Joëls, UMC Utrecht (The Netherlands); Itamar Kahn, Technion (Israel); Hanoch Kaphzan, HU (Israel); Eric Klann, New York University (USA); Steven Kushner, Erasmus MC (The Netherlands); Serge Laroche, CNRS - Université Paris-Sud (France); Andreas Lüthi, FMI (Switzerland); Tom McHugh, Riken BSI (Japan); Moshe Szyf, MacGill University (Canada) and Ofer Yizhar, Weizmann Institute (Israel).

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