Wellcome Trust unveils new funding framework

The Wellcome Trust are making several changes to the schemes they offer, including a new funding mechanism for collaborative research by teams, and the introduction of seed grants to support researchers who want to develop original and innovative ideas.

Find out more

Register for the webinar on 12 December. It will outline what the key changes mean in the context of our Science Portfolio. This webinar will be of interest to researchers working in biomedical science and public health who are based in the UK or low- and middle-income countries.

Enter the Access to Understanding science-writing competition – deadline 9 December 2014

The British Library, eLife and Europe PMC have just launched the Access to Understanding 2015 science-writing competition, developed in recognition of the importance of enabling access to, and understanding of, scientific research. The Access to Understanding writing competition aims to make scientific knowledge truly accessible by encouraging early-career scientists to write clear, concise and balanced summaries of research findings making them understandable to non-specialists.

This is the third year of the competition where entrants are invited to write a plain English summary of one of the pre-selected research articles spanning basic through to clinical research.

The competition is open to all current biomedical and life sciences PhD students and post-doctoral researchers with a maximum of six years’ experience following completion of their first PhD, worldwide. The competition is open until 9 December 2014. First prize is an iPad and the entry to be published in eLife.

Winners will be announced at an awards ceremony at The British Library
Next Psychodynamic Neuroscience Research meeting

As you may know by now, a Neuropsychoanalysis Group has been formed in London with special emphasis on psychodynamic neuroscience and neuropsychology research. Now in its seventh year, it usually meets at 6pm on the first Thursday (and less frequently on the first or second Wednesday) of each month of the academic calendar at the Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience (ICN) in London.

This interdisciplinary group is modelled on the many other successful NPSA groups that exist internationally. The aim is to provide a venue for clinicians and researchers with an interest in Neuropsychoanalysis and Psychodynamic Neuroscience. The Group also functions as a base for exchanging professional news, enhancing interdisciplinary careers and forming clinical and research collaborations. Each meeting consists of a presentation of neuroscientific research or a psychoanalytically-informed clinical work with neurological patients, followed by extensive discussion by the group.

Details of the next meeting:

Thursday 4 December 2014, 6pm
Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience (ICN), Alexandra House, 17 Queen Square, London WC1

Ryan McKay
Royal Holloway, University of London

Delusions, Positive Illusions, and Jumps to Conclusions: Understanding Departures from Rational Belief

Abstract: Rational belief formation involves holding beliefs with the firmness that the evidence warrants. Unfortunately, humans are known to fall short of this ideal, being prone to various forms of “misbelief”. Such deviations from rational belief range from “healthy” (yet potentially destructive) forms, such as “positive illusions” about one’s prowess and prospects, to the bizarre delusions common in certain psychiatric and neurological disorders. According to the dominant psychiatric conception (e.g., the DSM), delusions are fixed beliefs that are under-responsive to relevant evidence. I will argue that whereas many cases of misbelief fit this definition (e.g., sexual overperception, positive illusions, anosognosia), delusions do not. I will present evidence that delusion-prone individuals are actually overly responsive to current evidence.

Short bio: Ryan McKay is a senior lecturer in psychology at Royal Holloway, University of London. His research interests include cognitive
neuropsychiatry, evolutionary psychology and behavioural economics. He was educated at UWA (B.Sc. Hons) and Macquarie University (M Clin Psych, PhD), and has held research posts in Boston (Tufts University), Belfast (Queen’s University), Zürich (University of Zürich) and Oxford (University of Oxford).

Contact: Paula Barkay

Congratulations to Professor David Osborn

Professor David Osborn, Professor of Psychiatric Epidemiology, UCL Division of Psychiatry, was shortlisted for Psychiatric Academic Researcher of the Year at the Royal College of Psychiatrists (RCPsych) Awards 2014.

Some 300 individuals working in psychiatry and mental health attended the event held on 6 November – the award’s largest guest list to date. And the 18 categories included two new important awards – the first to recognise a team for making an outstanding contribution to improving the sustainability of mental healthcare, and the second, to acknowledge the outstanding work done by psychiatrists working as volunteers, both in the UK and overseas.

Professor Sir Simon Wessely, President, Royal College of Psychiatrists congratulated the shortlisted individuals and teams. “I know everyone always says that being shortlisted is an achievement in itself, but it’s true,” he said.

Columnist and presenter Libby Purves who hosted the awards said the event was “inspiring”.

Professor David Osborn

Neuroscience Careers Network

Neuroscience Careers Network: Alternative Careers Seminar - You love science but do not see your future in a lab?
9 December 4pm-5pm (followed by a drinks reception)
33 Queen Square Lecture Theatre (Basement)

One of the most difficult decisions for a PhD student or PostDoc is whether or not to pursue a career in academia. To support you in making informed choices about what to do next, we are organizing an “Alternative Careers” seminar, where speakers will share their experiences in transitioning from science to patent law and science communication.

Confirmed speakers:

- **Dr Sally Bannan, European Patent Attorney**
  Dr Sally Bannan is a European patent attorney working for the Healthcare division of General Electric. She qualified in 2007 after successfully passing a professional examination known as the European Qualifying Examination. To be eligible to sit this exam, it is necessary to have a degree in a science or engineering subject. Her BSc in biochemistry (National University of Ireland, Galway) meets this requirement, although she also has an MSc from Queen's University, Belfast and a PhD from the University of Leeds. Before deciding to train as a patent attorney, she worked as a research scientist in industry.

- **Dr Laura Phipps, Science Communications Manager at Alzheimer’s Research UK**
  Laura Phipps is Science Communications Manager at Alzheimer’s Research UK. Her team is involved in media and PR work, helping to promote the charity’s research to the public, producing health information leaflets about dementia and supporting over 700 scientists in the Alzheimer’s Research UK Network. She completed her DPhil in Cancer Biology at the University of Oxford in 2011 before joining Alzheimer’s Research UK in the Science Communications Team.

Contact: [Tammaryn Lashley](mailto:) and [Mona Garvert](mailto:)

**Register Now**

**Lister fellowships for biomedicine**

**Deadline: 12 December 2014**

The Lister Institute of Preventive Medicine invites applications for its research prize fellowships. These are one-off awards that seek to support future leaders of biomedical research. The awards are aimed at younger researchers who might be in the early years of running their own groups and for whom receipt of the prize would have a high career impact.

Scientists with at least three and no more than 10 years of postdoctoral experience as of 1 October 2015 are eligible. Research must be undertaken in any not-for-profit organisation, such as as university, research council unit or charity-funded institute, in the UK and Republic of Ireland. Applicants may be scientifically or clinically trained, and have their personal salary provided from either their host institution or another source, such as a fellowship.

Three fellowships are available per year, each worth £200,000 over a period of up to five years.

[Find out more](#)
Special Seminars and Events

Introduction to Bioinformatics course

1-5 December 2014
Bloomsbury Centre for Bioinformatics

The week long course will provide an introduction to a variety of different Bioinformatics tools and techniques, including sequence alignment, popular databases, homology modelling, microarrays and high-throughput sequencing. Lectures are presented by experts in their respective fields and self-directed practical sessions provide the opportunity of hands-on training of some of the essential tools introduced in the lectures to reinforce the theory discussed. The course is free to academic attendees and priority is given to PhD students and staff of UCL and Birkbeck.

Contact: Dr Sharmeen Haque

Find out more

BRC Neuroscience Programme Annual Meeting

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

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

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

Contact: Daniel Herron

BNA Christmas symposium – What drugs could Santa take?
Monday 15 December 2014

The Sainsbury Wellcome Centre will once again host the BNA Christmas symposium. This year’s symposium will be in honour of Trevor Robbins, who won the Brain Prize this year.

Each year, the BNA awards an undergraduate (£250) and a postgraduate (£500) prize to **student BNA members**. The prizes will be awarded at the BNA Christmas Symposium in London on 15 December, 2015.

Attendance is free for BNA members and it's only £12.00 for undergrads to join the BNA (£24.00 for postgrads).

**Find out more**

Update in neuromuscular disorders 2015

**5-8 May 2015**
Clinical Neuroscience Lecture Theatre, National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, 33 Queen Square (lower ground), London WC1N 3BG

The MRC Centre for Neuromuscular Diseases and the Institute of Child Health are pleased to invite you to this annual paediatric and adult course, which is now in its eighth year for specialists with an interest in neuromuscular disease.

This clinical course concentrates on childhood and adult neuromuscular disorders with an emphasis on clinical cases, natural history and management. This 4 day course is designed for specialists with an interest in neuromuscular disease; the first two days concentrating on paediatric neuromuscular disorders and the latter two days on adult neuromuscular disorder.

**Find out more**

**Public Engagement**

**Patient and public involvement (PPI) workshop**
Researchers actively involving patients or the public in their research (not as trial participants but in the design and conduct of research) can invite their lay colleagues to attend this course. Objectives of the course will be to give lay people an idea of the complexities of the research process, to explain research jargon and explain the timeline of research processes. It's important to stress that this workshop is only for lay people who have already been enlisted to be actively involved in research and it is not for people who are going to be trial participants/volunteers.

The course is free however researchers are recommended to cover travel expenses for their patients/lay people. The course is not open to the public, only to patients/lay people who have already been enlisted to help on a research project.

When: Thursday 11 December, 2-5pm

Where: Boardroom, 1st Floor, Suite A, Maple House, 149 Tottenham Court Road, London W1T 7DN

Contact: Madeleine Stewart

Find out more

Call for volunteers – Are you and your baby interested in taking part in our exciting study?

The Optimum VI Project are looking for healthy infants with typical sight aged 9 to 16 months and 23 to 28 months as part of a study investigating the effect of visual impairment and intervention on development. In order to understand the effect that no or low vision has on development, the researcher also needs to examine the development of children without vision loss (typically developing children).

The studies will involve playing with toys and involves your baby listening to sounds while having his/her brain activity and heart rate monitored. These are non-invasive procedures.

The study takes approximately three hours to complete. It will take place at Great Ormond Street Hospital/UCL Institute of Child Health. You will be reimbursed for travel expenses. After the initial visit, researchers may contact you again a year later, to ask if you would be willing to participate in similar assessments at a later age.

Contact: Dr Michelle O'Reilly / 020 7599 4121

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In the News
Improving the lives of dementia carers
A psychological intervention that provides stress relief and emotional support for people caring for relatives with dementia can reduce depression and anxiety and improve wellbeing at no extra cost to standard care, finds new UCL research published in Lancet Psychiatry.

Read full article

Most people would rather harm themselves than others for profit
A UCL-led experiment on 80 pairs of adults found that people were willing to sacrifice on average twice as much money to spare a stranger pain than to spare themselves, despite the decision being secret.

Read full article

The Experiment: a new model for scientific research?
A new model for scientific research is being piloted by UCL neuroscientists, who will be launching 'The Experiment' on Monday 24 November at a secret underground venue in Clerkenwell.

Participants in The Experiment will be not only subjects, but experimenters, observers, and audience members in an immersive experience.

Read full article

Virtual reality helps people to comfort and accept themselves
Self-compassion can be learned using avatars in an immersive virtual reality, finds new research led by UCL. This innovative approach reduced self-criticism and increased self-compassion and feelings of contentment in naturally self-critical individuals. The scientists behind the MRC-funded study say it could be applied to treat a range of clinical conditions including depression.

Read full article
Takeda Cambridge – UCL Research Collaboration: Call for Proposals

Deadline: 26 November 2014

Takeda Cambridge* is announcing a new collaboration with UCL, the NIHR UCLH BRC Neuroscience and the UCL Dementia BRU to focus on identifying and validating target genes and the associated molecular mechanisms involved in neurodegenerative disease (ND). The collaboration will run for a three year period in the first instance and projects are likely to involve one postdoctoral post with consumables for up to 3 years. It is expected that Ph.D. positions will be added subsequently.

A key objective is to promote collaboration between scientists at UCL and Takeda Cambridge enabling opportunities to work in each other’s laboratories and to expand access to key technologies. Takeda are interested in targeting key cellular processes that may represent points of convergence in the pathology of several conditions. Specifically they would like to consider proposals that focus on identification of genes or signalling pathways that modify processes affecting neuronal health. These include aspects of organelle biology and also the role of neuroinflammatory processes in ND.

A one page expression of interest (EOI, see attached form) should be provided in the first instance outlining the research proposal that falls within the scope of this call. Collaborative proposals involving multiple UCL laboratories are encouraged.

The EOIs will be assessed by a joint steering committee from the NIHR UCLH BRC Neuroscience, UCL, the UCL Dementia BRU and Takeda Cambridge, from which some will be invited for further discussion in December 2014. It is our intention to select the successful applicants by February 2015.

Contact: Dr Denise Goldman

*Founded in 1781 and located in Osaka, Japan, Takeda is a research-based global company with its main focus on pharmaceuticals. Takeda has a strong commitment to discover disease modifying medicines for neurodegenerative disorders (ND).

Clinical neurosciences president’s prize

Deadline: 5 December 2014

The Royal Society of Medicine invites submissions for the clinical neurosciences president’s prize. This is awarded for the best presentation of a clinical paper on an interesting case or case series in the field of neuroscience.

Trainees in all areas of clinical neuroscience, including neurology, neurosurgery, neurophysiology, neuropathology and neuroradiology, may submit summaries of up to 250 words of clinical papers.

Five candidates will be selected to deliver oral presentations at a meeting
and the best presentation will receive £300.

Find out more

Clinical neurosciences Gordon Holmes prize

Approximate Deadline: 5 December 2014

The Royal Society of Medicine invites submissions for its clinical neurosciences section Gordon Holmes prize. This prize is open to trainees in neurosciences, including neurology, neurosurgery, neurophysiology, neuropathology and neuroradiology.

A maximum of five research papers will be selected for oral presentation and discussion at a section meeting. A panel of judges will determine the best presentation. The prize is worth £300.

Find out more

New Pfizer Rare Disease Consortium Call

Deadline: 19 December 2014

Pfizer in conjunction with GMEC and UCL are pleased to announce the second call for drug discovery research proposals in the area of rare diseases. Under the Rare Disease Consortium agreement, an umbrella collaboration between Pfizer and the GMEC universities (Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, UCL, King’s, QMC and Imperial) successful applicants will have research proposals fully funded by Pfizer, including the provision of staff and research costs, gain access to Pfizer’s drug discovery platforms and expertise in addition to accessing appropriate tools and molecules. A key feature of the agreement is the opportunity for the academic team to work in close collaboration with Pfizer scientists by forming joint research teams and working towards a common goal of developing new medicines.

In this, the second call, we are seeking applications in two areas:

1) **Gene Therapy**, particularly applications to develop and refine the AAV vector platform and research programs using AAV vector based systems to deliver replacement genes for individual rare disease indications

2) **Biologics**, particularly novel targets that can be drugged using either antibody, recombinant protein replacement therapy or other novel biologic based approaches directed at individual rare disease indications

The application process has been made simple, replicating the process used successfully in the first call, to facilitate dialogue and rapid decision making. To apply please contact Dr Denise Goldman from the TRO d.goldman@ucl.ac.uk who is leading this scheme for UCL before the closing date of 19th December 2014, with a title and brief paragraph (Non confidential and 200 words or less) describing the outline of the research proposal. Successful applicants will be invited to meet with the Pfizer team in early February for a full description of the scheme and for a short face to face meeting to discuss your proposal and next steps.

Contact: Dr Denise Goldman
Clinical research training fellowship

**Deadline: 19 December 2014**

The Association of British Neurologists invites applications for its clinical research training fellowship. This supports trainees who wish to study an aspect of clinical neuroscience in depth leading to an MD or PhD degree.

Applicants typically already hold a UK specialist training post in a relevant clinical speciality and are applying for the fellowship to take three years out of programme to study for a PhD. The supervisor of the fellow will normally hold a senior post in a UK higher education institution or within the NHS.

The fellowship consists of salary, university fees, reasonable travel costs and laboratory consumables.

**Contact:** Josie Shew

Find out more

Fellowship programme

**Deadline: 31 December 2014**

The European Academy of Neurology invites applications for its fellowship programme. This aims to support young neurologists who wish to expand their knowledge of neurology by working on scientific projects and who wish to study the practice of neurology in other countries, thereby also creating new and international connections.

Two types of grants are available:

- up to five scientific grants, which allow young European neurologists to carry out research projects in clinical neurology and neuroscience for between three and 12 months;

- up to three educational grants, which allow young East-European neurologists to get acquainted with the latest European neurological standards at a foreign laboratory or research institution for up to six months.

The research work must be carried out at a European academic neurological department outside the applicant’s country of residence. Candidates from European countries, aged up to 38 years and affiliated with a European academic neurological department are eligible. Funding for both types of award is worth a maximum of €2,000 per month, plus travel expenses.

Find out more

UK-Israel science lectureships

**Deadline: 12 January 2015**

The British Council invites applications for its UK-Israel science lectureships. These aim to strengthen academic collaboration between the
UK and Israel in nanoscience, neuroscience and water and agriscience by enabling scientists in both countries to undertake short-term visits to establish and strengthen research links both as individuals and on behalf of their institutions, and to develop and enhance scientific collaborations.

Activities may include:
- teaching new techniques and research methods that are not available in host laboratories;
- facilitating collaboration between the home and host research groups;
- delivering keynote lectures at conferences;
- establishing new research consortia and networks;
- making use of research facilities or specific samples and equipment that are not available in home laboratories;
- engaging with the local public on scientific issues;
- conducting a scoping visit on research capabilities;
- sharing best practice on research or science policy.

UK and Israeli researchers are eligible to apply.

Funding supports research visits by British and Israeli researchers to laboratories in the UK and Israel for visits for anywhere between five days and two weeks in duration. Grants of up to £2,000 are available to cover return air travel, local transport, accommodation, meals and subsistence, media and visa costs.

Contact: British Council

Find out more

Robert Feulgen prize

Deadline: 31 January 2015

The Society for Histochemistry invites applications for the Robert Feulgen prize. This is awarded for an outstanding achievement in the field of microscopical histochemistry. The contributions may be either towards the development of new histochemical and cytochemical techniques or in the application of existing technology towards solving important problems in biology or medicine.

Scientists working in microscopical sciences, in the widest sense, as well as in biochemistry, cell biology, endocrinology, in situ molecular techniques and neurosciences, are eligible. Mid-career scientists are encouraged to apply. The prize is worth €3,000.

Find out more

European Research Council – latest call for Starting Grant applications
Deadline: 3 February 2015, 4pm

The European Research Council has released the latest call for applications for Starting Grants. These are open to individuals who are more than two but less than seven years since their PhD award date (additional criteria apply). A Starting Grant provides long-term funding for up to five years to support excellent investigators and their research teams to pursue ground-breaking, high-gain/ high-risk research. Applications can be made in any field of research, including population health.

Research funded by the ERC is expected to lead to advances at the frontiers of knowledge and to set a clear and inspirational target for frontier research across Europe. You must spend 50% of your time on the project as a minimum and you can request your own salary costs. Grants are for up to €1.5 million (in some circumstances up to €2 million). The budget for the call is €430M, which will fund around 330 Starting Grants (this is slightly less than the 2014 budget of €485M).

University College London ranks 3rd in Europe for the number of European Research Council grants awarded to any one university, receiving over £118 million worth of grants from the ERC between 2007 and 2013.

For assistance with an application please contact the European Research and Innovation Office, or the Research Coordination Office.

Find out more

New investigator research grants – neurosciences and mental health

Deadline: 4 February 2015

The Medical Research Council invites applications for its new investigator research grants in neurosciences and mental health. These provide support for clinical and non-clinical researchers while they are establishing themselves as independent principal investigators. The grants are aimed at senior postdocs or individuals near the start of their first lectureship. For those who already have an institutional post it provides funding and protected time with which to establish an independent research career. The grant is also a potential source of research funding for fellows whose awards only cover a personal salary or limited research funds.

Applicants must hold a PhD, DPhil or an MD, have between three and 10 years postdoctoral research experience and should be in their first lecturer appointment, hold a junior fellowship or be in a senior postdoctoral position. Applicants may request funding for research that they will carry out at the UK institution where they are already based, or at any eligible UK research organisation. Applicants may not hold or have previously held substantive research funding as principal investigator for three or more years.

Applicants may request support for the following: up to 80 per cent of the salary for the applicant; salary for the hours attributable to the project of any co-investigators; support for additional research or technical posts; consumables and equipment; travel costs; data preservation, data sharing and dissemination costs.

Find out more
Time: 12:00 - 13:00
Speaker information: Antonella Riccio, MRC Laboratory for Molecular Cell Biology, UCL.
Host: Jernej Ule
Location: 2nd Floor Seminar Room, UCL Institute of Neurology, Queen Square House, Queen Square, London
Contact: Debbie Hadley
Email: d.hadley@ucl.ac.uk

Time: 16:00 - 17:00
Speaker information: Dr. Christopher Petkov, Institute of Neuroscience, Newcastle University.
Host: Dan Bendor.
Location: Room 305, 26 Bedford Way, London
Contact: Antonietta Esposito
Email: a.esposito@ucl.ac.uk

27 November, 2014 - Genetic Approaches to Study the Neurobiology of Learning and Memory
This two day meeting from the Genetics Society will bring together leading researchers from across the globe to discuss the latest uses of genetic approaches to investigate the neurobiology of learning and memory. Talks and posters will highlight conservation of mechanisms spanning humans, rodents and insects. Additional talks by junior investigators will be selected from submitted abstracts.
Poster sessions will also be a part of the meeting.
Location: The Royal Society, 6-9 Carlton House Terrace, London
Contact: Genetics Society
Email: TheTeam@genetics.org.uk

28 November, 2014 - Ear Institute Seminar Series: Towards new methods to probe auditory nerve firing
Time: 13:00 - 14:00
Speaker information: Jerome Bourien, Montpellier.
Host: Ear Institute.
Location: Seminar Room, UCL Ear Institute, 332 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8EE
Contact: Roland Schaette
Email: r.schaette@ucl.ac.uk

28 November, 2014 - UCL School of Pharmacy seminar programme: Circadian time-keeping: genes, cells and suprachiasmatic circuits
Time: 12:30 - 13:30
Speaker information: Dr Michael Hastings, University of Cambridge.
Host: UCL School of Pharmacy.
Location: Room M2, UCL School of Pharmacy, 29-39 Brunswick Square, London WC1N 1AX
Contact: Audrey Mercer
Email: a.mercer@ucl.ac.uk

28 November, 2014 - Brain Meeting: Mapping the multiple neural paths to mastery: plasticity and constraint in the development of expert musical and language skills
Time: 16:15 - 17:15
Speaker information: Fred Dick.
Location: 4th Floor Seminar Room, Wellcome Trust Centre for Neuroimaging, 12 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Ana Sanjuán Tomás
Email: anatsanjuan@gmail.com

1 December, 2014 - Inflammatory neuropathy
Time: 17:30 - 18:30
Speaker information: Professor Hugh Willison, University of Glasgow.
Host: MRC Centre Seminar Series 2014.
Location: Lecture Theatre, , 33 Queen Square, London
1 December, 2014 - Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience Seminar: Perception of spatiotemporal structures of visual motion
Time: 16:00 - 17:00
Speaker Information: Shin’ya Nishida, NTT Basic Research Laboratories, Japan.
Host: Patrick Haggard
Location: Basement seminar room (B10), Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, Alexandra House, 17 Queen Square, London
Contact: Rosalyn Lawrence
Email: rosalyn.lawrence@ucl.ac.uk

2 December, 2014 - Experimental Psychology Seminar Series: Studies of attention over the lifespan
Time: 16:00 - 17:00
Speaker information: Dr Harriet Allen, University of Nottingham.
Host: Sam Schwarzkopf.
Location: Room 305, Bedford Way, London
Contact: Antonietta Esposito
Email: a.esposito@ucl.ac.uk

2 December, 2014 - Institute of Movement Neuroscience Seminar Series: Title TBC
Time: 16:15 - 17:15
Speaker information: Dr Hiroaki Gomi (NTT Communication Science Laboratories, Japan).
Host: Patrick Haggard.
Location: Basement Seminar (B10), Institute Cognitive Neuroscience, 17 Queen Square, London
Contact: Deborah Hadley
Email: d.hadley@ucl.ac.uk

5 December, 2014 - Brain Meeting: Title TBC
Time: 16:15 - 17:15
Speaker information: Nathaniel Daw
Location: 4th Floor Seminar Room, Wellcome Trust Centre for Neuroimaging 12 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Samira Kazan
Email: samira.kazan@ucl.ac.uk

8 December, 2014 - BRC Neuroscience Programme Annual Meeting
Time: 15:00 - 17:00
The BRC Neuroscience programme Annual Meeting is an opportunity for you to hear more about the progress the BRC has been making, the impact it is having in developing infrastructure for experimental neurology research and the BRC's future strategy.
Location: Basement Lecture Theatre, 33 Queen Square, London WC1N 3BG
Contact: Daniel Herron
Email: daniel.herron@ucl.ac.uk

8 December, 2014 - Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience Seminar: Neurobiology of moral decision-making
Time: 16:00 - 17:00
Speaker information: Molly Crockett, Institute of Neurology, UCL.
Host: Jon Roiser.
Location: Basement seminar room (B10), ICN, Alexandra House, 17 Queen Square, London
Contact: Rosalyn Lawrence
Email: rosalyn.lawrence@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: 020 7679 1164

9 December, 2014 - ALS Seminar Series: C9ORF72 in frontotemporal dementia and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
Time: 12:00 - 13:00
Speaker information: Adrian Isaacs, Dept of Neurodegenerative Disease, UCL IoN.
Host: Anny Devoy
Location: 2nd Floor Seminar Room, UCL Institute of Neurology, Queen Square House, Queen Square, London
Contact: Debbie Hadley
Email: d.hadley@ucl.ac.uk
9 December, 2014 - Dementia, Delirium and Depression: old age psychiatry for general hospital specialists and GPs
The conference will provide a comprehensive update on dementia, delirium and depression, addressing the diagnostic dilemmas and challenges of managing these conditions in older persons in primary care and general hospital settings. It promises to be a highly relevant two days for GPs, consultants, specialist and core trainees, SASG doctors and clinical practitioners. Delegates will benefit from a great line up of speakers, informative sessions, networking opportunities and CPD points.
Confirmed guest speakers include: Professor George Tadros – Professor and Consultant in Old Age Liaison Psychiatry, lead for the RAID model; Barbara Hodkinson – founder and co-ordinator of The Butterfly Scheme; Kate O'Neill – Operations Director, Alzheimer's Society; Dr Corinna Midgley – Medical Director, St. Francis Hospice
Location: Conference Centre, The British Library, 96 Euston Road , London NW1 2DB
Contact: Laura Parker
Email: laura.parker@nelft.nhs.uk

9 December, 2014 - Neuroscience Careers Network: Alternative Careers Talk
Time: 16:00 - 17:00
Speaker information: Dr Sally Bannan - Patent attorney from GE healthcare; Dr Laura Phipps - Science Communications Manager from Alzheimer's Research UK
Location: Lecture Theatre, 33 Queen Square, London
Contact: Tammaryn Lashley
Email: t.lashley@ucl.ac.uk

11 December, 2014 - Institute of Movement Neuroscience Seminar Series: Cortical circuits for purposeful hand actions
Time: 16:15 - 17:15
Speaker information: Professor Giuseppe Luppino (University of Parma, Italy).
Host: Sasha Kraskov.
Location: 4th Floor Seminar Room, FIL, 12 Queen Square, London
Contact: Deborah Hadley
Email: d.hadley@ucl.ac.uk

11 December, 2014 - The RATULS robot trial for upper limb dysfunction after stroke
Time: 17:15 - 18:00
Speaker information: Professor Duncan Turner.
Host: CNR@UCLP Seminar Series.
Location: Lecture Theatre, 33 Queen Square, London WC1N 3BG
Contact: CNR@UCLP Seminar Series
Email: cnr@ucl.ac.uk

12 December, 2014 - Institute of Movement Neuroscience Seminar Series: Comparative neuroprimatology as grounding for studying evolution of the language-ready brain
Time: 13:00 - 14:00
Speaker information: Professor Michael Arbib (University of Southern California, USA).
Host: Sasha Kraskov.
Location: 4th Floor Seminar Room, FIL, 12 Queen Square, London
Contact: Deborah Hadley
Email: d.hadley@ucl.ac.uk

12 December, 2014 - UCL School of Pharmacy seminar programme: Searching for disease mechanisms in psychiatry through study of a causal chromosomal translocation
Time: 12:30 -
Speaker information: Dr Kirsty Millar, Centre for Genomic and experimental medicine, University of Edinburgh.
Host: UCL School of Pharmacy.
Location: Room M2, UCL School of Pharmacy, 29-39 Brunswick Square, London WC1N 1AX
Contact: Audrey Mercer
Email: a.mercer@ucl.ac.uk

15 December, 2014 - BNA Christmas symposium – What drugs could Santa take?
Time: 12:00 – 18:00
Once again, the BNA has teamed up with the Sainsbury Wellcome Centre at UCL to present this year’s annual symposium. Each year, the BNA awards an undergraduate (£250) and a postgraduate (£500) prize to student BNA members.

Speaker information: Professor Sophie Scott, UCL; Dr Sridhar Vasudevan, University of Oxford; Dr Sarah King, University of Sussex; Dr Ben Sessa, University of Cardiff

Keynote lecture: Professor Trevor Robbins, University of Cambridge, winner of the Brain Prize 2014

A reception will follow the talks. Attendance is free for BNA members and it’s only £12.00 for undergrads and £24.00 for postgrads to join the BNA.

Location: Darwin Lecture Theatre, UCL, Malet Place, London, WC1E 7JE

Contact: Louise Tratt
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External Events of Interest

**Genetic Approaches to Study the Neurobiology of Learning and Memory**

27-28 November
The Royal Society, London

This two day meeting will bring together leading researchers from across the globe to discuss the latest uses of genetic approaches to investigate the neurobiology of learning and memory. Talks and posters will highlight conservation of mechanisms spanning humans, rodents and insects. Additional talks by junior investigators will be selected from submitted abstracts. Poster sessions will also be a part of the meeting.

Confirmed speakers
Danielle Posthuma, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam
David Bannerman, University of Oxford, Oxford
Hiromu Tanimoto, Max Planck Institute, Martinsreid
Ilana Witten, Princeton University, Princeton
Isabelle Mansuy, Brain Research Institute, Zurich
Kazu Nakazawa, University of Alabama, Birmingham
Nao Uchida, Harvard University, Cambridge
Sheena Josselyn, Sick Kids, Toronto
Thomas Preat, ESPCI, Paris
Thomas McHugh, RIKEN, Tokyo

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**IPA: European Regional Meeting**

3-5 December 2014 (Early Registration Deadline: 31 October)
Brussels, Belgium

Featured Plenaries and Symposia
- What is meant by Alzheimer’s Disease? Carol Brayne (United Kingdom); Bart de Strooper, Belgium
- The state of old age mental health services in Europe Filip Bouckaert, Belgium; Raimundo Mateos, Spain; Richard Oude Voshaar, The Netherlands; Anne Margriet Pot, The
Netherlands

- **E-health in mental health for the elderly** David Conn, Canada; Marjolein de Vugt, The Netherlands; Laila Oeksnebjerg, Denmark

- **Addressing the behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia (BPSD)** Sebastian Köhler, The Netherlands; Peter Paul De Deyn, Belgium; Frank Jessen, Germany

- **Mental Health in the Elderly—Factors and prevention** John O’Brien, United Kingdom; Geir Selbæk, Norway

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**ISFN Bi-National symposium with the British Neuroscience Association**

6-9 December 2014
Hilton Queen of Sheba, Eilat, Israel

The BNA will be co-hosting a meeting on dementia with the Israel Society for Neuroscience this December, in Eilat. Dementia being a **global priority**, the BNA believe this will be a valuable meeting.

In addition to the joint dementia symposium that will be held on Sunday, 7 December, all other symposia, free oral communication and poster sessions (7-9 December 2014) are open to BNA participants, and we hope to see many of our colleagues from the UK attending this meeting.

A joint ISFN/BNA scientific committee will prepare the dementia symposium, and a general call for abstracts will be advertised around mid-June.

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**Dementia, Delirium and Depression: old age psychiatry for general hospital specialists and general practitioners conference**

9-10 December 2014
The British Library Conference Centre, 96 Euston Road

The conference will provide a comprehensive update on each of the conditions, addressing the diagnostic dilemmas and challenges of managing dementia, delirium and depression in older persons in primary care and general hospital settings.

Dementia, Delirium and Depression in older persons is increasingly recognised as conditions that the medical practitioners either in the primary care or in general hospital settings find difficult to identify and manage appropriately. This results in increased morbidity rates, huge burdens of care on the health services and is posing a challenge for the local health economies. Lack of availability and access to adequate training in this area is recognised as one of the reasons for this.

**Programme advisors:**

**Professor Martin Orrell**
Professor of Ageing & Mental Health, UCL, and Director of Research and Development, NELFT
The Challenge of Chronic Pain

11-13 March 2015
Wellcome Trust Genome Campus, Hinxton, Cambridge, UK
Abstract and Student Bursary deadline: 30 January
Registration deadline: 16 February

Topics will include
- CNS pain mechanisms
- Pain genetics
- Cellular mechanisms
- Peripheral pain mechanisms
- The chronic pain landscape
- Drug development: targets, translation and clinical trials

Speakers
Ralf Baron; David Bennett; Isabelle Decosterd; Xinzhong Dong; Patrik Ernfors; Claire Gaveriaux-Ruff; Giandomenico Iannetti; Ru-Rong Ji; Qiufu Ma; Emeran Mayer; Jeffrey Mogil; Jes Olesen; Frank Porreca; Philippe Seguela; Lee Simon; Claudia Sommer; Fan Wang; John Williams and Hanns Ulrich Zeilhofer

Inaugural International Convention of Psychological Science - Call for Submissions

12-14 March 2015
Amsterdam

The inaugural International Convention of Psychological Science (ICPS) will be held in March 2015 in the Beurs van Berlage in the heart of Amsterdam. University College London colleagues Nilli Lavie and Chris Brewin are among the distinguished speakers participating in the featured integrative science symposia taking place at this inaugural event.

Convention attendees will hear the latest scientific findings across several broad themes, and through the unique pairing of symposia and methodological workshops, will learn valuable skills to further the body of knowledge in ways that are only possible through an integrative focus.

ICPS also offers opportunities to submit symposium and poster presentations and to network with colleagues from around the globe. We invite you to visit the ICPS website to learn more about the meeting, programs, and the featured speakers, whom you will recognize as being among the world's leading experts in their fields.

It is the organisers' hope that you will be able to be part of this meeting as presenters and as participants in this historic meeting. The Call for
Submissions and Registration are open. The submissions deadlines are September 15th for symposia and September 30th for posters.

Contact: icps@psychologicalscience.org

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**BNA2015: Festival of Neuroscience**

12-15 April 2015
Edinburgh

With less than 6 months to go, the British Neuroscience Association's flagship biennial meeting, the Festival of Neuroscience is fast-approaching! This is a unique event which teams an outstanding scientific programme with links to public events by coinciding with the Edinburgh International Science Festival.

Key features of the event:

- 10 plenary and public lectures by world-class neuroscientists, including two Nobel Laureates (the BNA's "50th Anniversary Lecture" will be given by Professor John O'Keefe, 2014 Nobel Laureate)
- 50 Symposia covering all aspects of neuroscience
- Over 240 speakers
- 8 Special Events including workshops on research methods, a debate on Open Access, Public and Special Lectures
- Poster sessions ([the abstract submission system is now open](#)).
- BNA2015 is supported by 20 partner societies
- 4 DAYS OF NEUROSCIENCE!

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