This is the last newsletter before Christmas; the next newsletter will be circulated on Monday 12th January.
We hope you all have a good Christmas and New Year.

Professor David Lomas appointed as new UCL Vice-Provost (Health)

UCL is pleased to announce the appointment of Professor David Lomas to the role of Vice-Provost (Health), replacing Professor Sir John Tooke, from 1st August 2015.

Professor Lomas is currently Dean of UCL Medical Sciences and Chair of Medicine, a position he has held since the start of 2013.

Previously, he was Professor of Respiratory Biology in the University of Cambridge and Honorary Consultant Physician at Addenbrooke’s and Papworth Hospitals, and Deputy Director of the Cambridge Institute for Medical Research.

The Vice-Provost (Health) serves as Academic Director for UCLPartners Academic Health Science Centre, facilitating and guiding the development of its six academic medical centres. In this role, Professor Lomas will promote close partnership working across the whole geography of UCLPartners to ensure that research expertise and outputs are combined across the whole translational pathway for the overall benefits of patients and the population.

The postholder is also Head of the UCL School of Life and Medical Sciences.

Find out more

Provost's Awards for Public Engagement – nominations open
The Provost's Awards for Public Engagement recognise the fantastic work that UCL's staff and students are doing to open up what happens at UCL, creating two-way conversations with the public.

Nominations for the 2014-15 Provost's Awards for Public Engagement are now open. The deadline for nominations is **Friday 12 December**.

Nominations are made by a short form. Nominators are strongly recommended to read the guidance, and are welcome to contact the Public Engagement Unit with any questions.

Four prizes of £1000 are available in the categories of postgraduate research student, professional services staff, academic/research grade 6/7 and academic/research grade 8+.

[Find out more](#)

### Call for Neuroscience academic research posters

UCL recently announced that it has entered into a strategic partnership with Newham Collegiate Sixth Form Centre (NCS) in East Ham, a specialist centre for Science and Mathematics.

Olga Markoulides, Head of Biology, is keen for NCS science students to be exposed to cutting edge research right from the start of their A-level studies, and is eager for them to become aware of the sort of exciting and inspiring research that is going on at UCL.

Digital or print copies of any recent research posters are invited to be sent in for display at NCS.

To submit your poster for display at NCS, please email Olga Markoulides

### AMRC seeking paid policy intern

The Association of Medical Research Charities (AMRC) are currently looking for a Policy and Public Affairs Intern.

The vacancy is based in central London for 3 months, full time, 35 hours a week, and AMRC are paying the London living wage - £9.15 an hour.

- Closing date for applications: **Thursday 11 December (11.59pm)**
- Interviews: Tuesday 16 December
- Preferred starting date: early January

This is a fantastic opportunity to gain experience of policy and public affairs in an influential organisation in the run up to the general election. You will work with the senior policy adviser and policy and public affairs officer to develop policy and craft effective arguments on issues such as the science budget, animal research and research in the NHS.

You will gain experience of working with AMRC’s member charities and partners in the medical research community on policy and public affairs projects. This will include working as part of a team to engage and influence decision makers with the charity sector’s key science policy
messages through written briefings, parliamentary events, and one-to-one meetings.

This role is suitable for someone who would like to gain experience of policy and public affairs, is organised, and has strong communication skills.

Contact: Sarah Chaytor
Find out more

Group leader positions at the Neuroscience Center, University of Helsinki

The Neuroscience Center, University of Helsinki, is an independent research and teaching institute that focuses on the following four areas: molecular, and cellular neuroscience, developmental neuroscience, cognitive and systems neuroscience, and basic research of nervous system diseases.

The Neuroscience Center is seeking outstanding candidates for the positions of Research Directors/Group Leaders (3) (assistant, associate or full professor level).

Appointments are for a five-year period with a possibility for extensions based on evaluations every 5 years. One position will be filled starting at the beginning of August, 2015 and two starting at the beginning of January, 2016.

Qualification requirements include a doctoral degree, extensive experience within a relevant field in neuroscience, appropriate postdoctoral training and a track record of high-impact publications. In addition to his/her own research work the successful candidates are expected to participate in the teaching and supervision of graduate students.

The Neuroscience Center provides the successful candidate with a support package to be negotiated on a case-by-case basis, including salary of the group leader/research director, support to other personnel and consumables as well as modern laboratory and office facilities. The candidate is expected to complement this budget through national or international grants and/or industrial collaborations. Core facilities and other high-level research infrastructures of Neuroscience Center (http://www.helsinki.fi/neurosci/research/index.html) and University of Helsinki will be at the disposal of the group leaders/research directors.

The application written in English should contain the following:
- Cover letter summarizing the applicant's career, past research accomplishments, future plans and teaching interests (max 2 pages)
- Research plan (max 5 pages)
- Curriculum vitae (max 2 pages)
- Publication list; the five most significant papers should be highlighted in a separate list
- Names (and e-mail addresses) of three references

The Scientific Advisory Board of the Neuroscience Center will shortlist the candidates and recommend appointments based on an interview that will take place March 23-24, 2015. Applications should be addressed to the Director of the Neuroscience Center and sent to the Registrar of the
Enter the Access to Understanding science-writing competition – deadline 9 December 2014

The British Library, eLife and Europe PMC have 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 on 27 March 2015.

Find out more
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.

- **Dr Rebecca Ross, Associate at McKinsey & Company**
  Dr Rebecca Ross graduated from The Queen's College Oxford in 2011, having completed a DPhil in Plant Sciences. After graduating she joined the House of Commons as a specialist advisor to the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee. She supported the Committee’s inquiries into a range of topics from the Common Agricultural Policy to rural communities in the UK uplands to the price of milk. After leaving the House of Commons, she joined a small non-profit company based in Kenya that helps smallholder farmers to improve their agricultural productivity and food security through appropriate use of farming technology. In 2012, Rebecca joined McKinsey & Company, which is a global management consultancy. McKinsey advises leaders in government, business and the social sector on their most pressing problems, which could range from strategy to turnarounds to disaster relief.

Contact: [Tammaryn Lashley](mailto:tlashley@ucl.ac.uk) and [Mona Garvert](mailto:mgarvert@ucl.ac.uk)

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 a 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

Neuroscience Careers Network Forum: Getting Published

18 February 2015 4pm-5pm (followed by a drinks reception)
Lecture Theatre (106), Roberts Building, Malet Place, London WC1E 7JE

There is more to preparing a manuscript for publication than collecting all the data. Presentation of the hypothesis and the experimental procedures in a coherent manner, as well as thoroughly addressing questions the reader might have, are of paramount importance for successful and painless (as much as possible) submission! Take this opportunity to get some invaluable tips from leading researchers on how to prepare a manuscript and how to answer reviewers’ comments as well as guidance from a leading journal’s editor on successful manuscript preparation. Talks will be followed by a drinks reception for networking where you will be able to talk to the speakers.

Confirmed speakers:
- Prof. David Attwell, Department of Neuroscience, Physiology and Pharmacology
  How to write a paper
- Dr. Lesley Anson, Chief Editor, Nature Communications
  Editorial/review process
- Prof. Geraint Rees, Dean of the Faculty of Life Sciences
  How to respond to reviewers

Contact: Tassos Georgiadis, Sandrine Geranton and Mala Shah

Register Now
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
Darwin Lecture Theatre, UCL, Malet Place, London, WC1E 7JE

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

The International Association for the Study of Affective Touch: Inaugural Congress
Several influential studies have recently drawn attention to an affective dimension of touch, its social and cognitive role, as well as its neurophysiological and genetic basis. The main aim of this congress is to provide a platform for fruitful scientific exchanges in this nascent field. The congress will bring together for the first time researchers from around the world exploring the nature and role of affective touch in the human brain and mind.

We particularly hope the congress will foster interdisciplinary dialogue between the different fields interested in affective touch such as psychology, physiology, genetics, neurobiology and affective neuroscience. During the meeting, we also aim to hold the first, founding meeting of the International Association for the Study of Affective Touch, in which the mission and governance of the Society can be decided.

Speakers include: Emmanuel Bourinet (France), Carissa Cascio (USA), Chris Dijkerman (Netherlands), Robin Dunbar (UK), Katerina Fotopoulou (UK), Donna Lloyd (UK), Sarah Lloyd-Fox (UK), Francis McGlone (UK), Michael Meaney (Canada), India Morrison (Sweden), Håkan Olausson (Sweden), Martin Paulus (USA), Charles Spence (UK), Sophia Vrontou (USA)

Special Guest: Camila Batmanghelidjh (Kids Company, UK)

Organising Committee: Katerina Fotopoulou, Francis McGlone, India Morrison, Håkan Olausson

Call For Papers
You are invited to submit abstracts for empirical research presentations and posters. The conference aims to focus on studies on affective touch, but presentations on closely related topics, such as for example pain, are also welcome. All Abstracts should contain the following information:

1. Title
2. Names of all authors, with institutional affiliations and credentials (e.g., M.A., Ph.D., M.D.)
3. Introduction, Methods [clear information on methods and sample size is required], Results, and Conclusions (500 words maximum, not including title and author information)
4. Oral or poster presentation preference (we cannot guarantee all but will do our best)
5. Short Bio: max 150 words

Abstracts are due by 21 December 2014. Please submit your abstracts by clicking here; you will receive a receipt and a reference number, and notification of acceptance status and presentation type (oral vs poster) will be made by end of January. If you do not receive an acknowledgement of receipt, please follow up by email.

Find out more

Implications of Research on the Neuroscience of Affect, Attachment and Social Cognition
Saturday 25 - Sunday 26 April 2015
The Cruciform Building, Gower Street, UCL

For the third time, leading neuroscientists from Europe and the USA will once again host this unique forum exploring the latest neuroscience research with reference to treatments of mental disorders including autism, depression, personality disorders and attachment disorders. Implications on clinical and developmental perspectives of these psychopathologies will be discussed.

Hosted by UCL Research Department of Clinical, Educational and Health Psychology in association with the Anna Freud Centre.


Topics will include:
“Epistemic trust, resilience and reconsidering the role of mentalization in psychotherapy”
“The Bayesian Infant and Emerging Interpersonal Generative Models in Personality Disorders”
“How Stress Influences Parental Brain and Behavioral Sensitivity toward Infants”
“Imitation in autism spectrum condition”
“Second-person neuroscience: New perspectives in social neuroscience and implications for the study of the neural mechanisms of psychiatric disorders”

Call for Poster Presentations
There will be an opportunity to present posters designed to explore the conference topic or connected issues. Please email abstract submissions by 1 February 2015.

Standard Rate £200 / Student Rate £50

Contact: Events

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
Public Engagement

RCUK promotes long-term value of public engagement

Research Councils UK has published a strategic plan for engaging members of the public in research, including a promise to ensure that the value of engagement work by researchers is properly recognised.

New Public and Cultural Engagement newsletter

The Public and Cultural Engagement department (PACE) is home to the Bloomsbury Theatre, UCL Museums and Collections, and the Public Engagement Unit.

The newsletter will be sent out every other month, and will include departmental news, announcements, and opportunities for UCL staff members, such as public engagement funding, and call outs for exhibition and event submissions in the Bloomsbury Theatre Studio, Octagon Gallery and other PACE spaces.

Subscribe to the new Public and Cultural Engagement newsletter

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.
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

The worrying rise and rise of hidden hearing loss

David McAlpine, Professor of Auditory Neuroscience and Director of the UCL Ear Institute, explains how we start losing our hearing as babies, and by mid-40s most people will have some hearing loss that affects their day-to-day life.
Secret of tetanus toxicity offers new way to treat motor neuron disease

The way that tetanus neurotoxin enters nerve cells has been discovered by UCL scientists, who showed that this process can be blocked, offering a potential therapeutic intervention for tetanus. This newly-discovered pathway could be exploited to deliver therapies to the nervous system, opening up a whole new way to treat neurological disorders such as motor neuron disease and peripheral neuropathies.

Read full article

Current Funding Opportunities

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, QM 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

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**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.

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Time: 15:00 - 17:00
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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

8 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; Dr Rebecca Ross - Associate at McKinsey & Company
Location: Lecture Theatre, 33 Queen Square, London
Contact: Tammaryn Lashley
Email: t.lashley@ucl.ac.uk

9 December, 2014 - **Imaging Lecture Series: Spectral Imaging of the Retina**
Time: 13:00 - 14:00
Speaker information: Prof. Andrew McNaught, Gloucestershire NHS Foundation Trust. Host: Institute of Ophthalmology - Department of Visual Neuroscience
Location: Lecture Theatre, Institute Of Ophthalmology, 11-43 Bath Street, London, EC1V 9EL
Contact: Chris Dainty
Email: c.dainty@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
11 December, 2014 - **The RATULS robot trial for upper limb dysfunction after stroke**
Time: 17:15 - 18:00
Speaker information: Speaker: 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

11 December, 2014 - **UCLP Centre for Neurorehabilitation Christmas Poster Event 2014**
Time: 18:00 - 20:00
This year, the Christmas poster event will be held on 11th December following the Thursday seminar – seasonal refreshments provided! The idea is to allow anyone in UCLP to come and exhibit a neurorehabilitation related poster (either previously exhibited or new) in a relaxed and informal setting. It will provide a further opportunity to find out about CNR@UCLP activities and network with others from UCLP.
Location: Lecture Theatre Foyer, 33 Queen Square
Contact: CNR@UCLP Seminar Series
Email: cnr@ucl.ac.uk

12 December, 2014 - **Brain Meeting: Resources and dynamics in model-reasoning**
Time: 16:15 - 17:15
Speaker information: Zeb Kurth-Nelson
Location: 4th Floor Seminar Room, Wellcome Trust Centre for Neuroimaging 12 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Ana Sanjuan
Email: anatsanjuan@gmail.com

12 December, 2014 - **Ear Institute Seminar Series: Title TBC**
Time: 13:00 - 14:00
Speaker information: Rick Cousins, GSK/UCL Ear Institute. Host: UCL Ear Institute.
Location: Seminar Room, UCL Ear Institute, 332 Grays Inn Road, London, WC1X 8EE
Contact: Dr Roland Schaette
Email: r.schaette@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
9 January, 2015 - **Developmental Neurosciences Seminar Series - Presentations on current research (or areas of research) within the Developmental Neurosciences Programme**

Time: 13:00 - 15:00

Chaired by Professor Francesco Muntoni

Speaker information: Dr Finbar O'Callaghan, Clinical Neurosciences; Dr Richard Bowman, Clinical Neurosciences; Professor Isobel Heyman, Cognitive Neuropsychology and Neuropsychiatry; Dr Martin King, Developmental Imaging and Biophysics; Dr Samantha Chan, Clinical Neurosciences; Dr Jo Ng, Molecular Neurosciences

Location: Leolin Price Lecture Theatre, Institute of Child Health, 30 Guilford Street, London, WC1N 1EH

Contact: Anne Brown
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13 January, 2015 - **ALS Seminar Series: Dysregulation of RNA processing in motor neuron disease**

Time: 12:00 - 13:00


Location: 2nd Floor Seminar Room, UCL Institute of Neurology, Queen Square House, Queen Square, London

Contact: Debbie Hadley
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14 January, 2015 - **Venture research and other adventures: are we getting the most out of UK research?**

Time: 18:00 - 20:30

A panel discussion hosted by UCL Public Policy and chaired by Professor Graeme Reid, Professor of Science and Research Policy, UCL. This event will explore how creativity and innovation in research can best be supported, with perspectives from academics, venture researchers, and research funders. It will consider the current research landscape and the role of different actors within it, as well as possibilities for new ways of promoting research creativity.

Location: Ambrose Fleming Lecture Theatre, Roberts Building, Malet Place, London, WC1E 7JE

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16 January, 2015 - **UCL School of Pharmacy seminar programme: Integrative pharmacology- 5HT and central autonomic regulation.**

Time: 12:30 - 13:30

Speaker information: Prof Andy Ramage, UCL Neuroscience, Physiology, Pharmacology. Host: UCL School of Pharmacy.

Location: Room TBC, UCL School of Pharmacy, 29-39 Brunswick Square, London, WC1N 1AX

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19 January, 2015 - **Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience Seminar: Individual differences in multisensory integration and timing**

Time: 16:00 - 17:00

Speaker information: Elliot Freeman, Dept of Psychology, City University London. Host: Bahador Bahrami

Location: Leolin Price Lecture Theatre, UCL Institute of Child Health, 30 Guilford Street, London, WC1N 1EH

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23 January, 2015 - **Ear Institute Seminar Series: Title TBC**

Time: 13:00 - 14:00


Location: Seminar Room, UCL Ear Institute, 332 Gray’s Inn Road, London, WC1X 8EE

Contact: Dr Roland Schaette
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26 January, 2015 - **Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience Seminar: Title TBC**

Time: 16:00 - 17:00

Speaker information: Chris Miall, School of Psychology, University of Birmingham. Host: Joern Diedrichsen

Location: Lower ground floor lecture theatre, Clinical Neuroscience Building, 33 Queen Square, London
30 January, 2015 - **UCL School of Pharmacy seminar programme: Title TBC**  
Time: 12:30 - 13:30  
Speaker information: Dr Simon Waddington, Gene transfer technology, UCL Institute for Women's Health. Host: UCL School of Pharmacy.  
Location: Room M3, UCL School of Pharmacy, 29-39 Brunswick Square, London, WC1N 1AX  
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2 February, 2015 - **Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience Seminar: Effects of expertise, normal aging and psychological illness on our ability to monitor for processing conflicts and errors**  
Time: 16:00 - 17:00  
Speaker information: Ines Jentzsch, School of Psychology & Neuroscience, University of St Andrews. Host: Leun Otten  
Location: Wolfson Lecture Theatre, National Hospital for Neurology & Neurosurgery, Queen Square, National Hospital for Neurology & Neurosurgery, London  
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6 February, 2015 - **Ear Institute Seminar Series: Title TBC**  
Time: 13:00 - 14:00  
Speaker information: Dan Goodman, Imperial. Host: UCL Ear Institute.  
Location: Seminar Room, UCL Ear Institute, 332 Grays Inn Road, London, WC1X 8EE  
Contact: Dr Roland Schaette  
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9 February, 2015 - **Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience Seminar: Title TBC**  
Time: 16:00 - 17:00  
Speaker information: Sam Gilbert, Executive Functions Research, Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, UCL. Host: Patrick Haggard  
Location: Lower ground floor lecture theatre, Clinical Neuroscience building, 33 Queen Square, London  
Contact: Rosalyn Lawrence  
Email: rosalyn.lawrence@ucl.ac.uk

13 February, 2015 - **Ear Institute Seminar Series: Title TBC**  
Time: 13:00 - 14:00  
Location: Seminar Room, UCL Ear Institute, 332 Grays Inn Road, London, WC1X 8EE  
Contact: Dr Roland Schaette  
Email: r.schaette@ucl.ac.uk

16 February, 2015 - **Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience Seminar: Title TBC**  
Time: 16:00 - 17:00  
Speaker information: Charlotte Stagg, Head of Physiological Neuroimaging Group, FMRIB, University of Oxford. Host: Jon Roiser  
Location: Basement seminar room (B10), 17 Queen Square, London  
Contact: Rosalyn Lawrence  
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17 February, 2015 - **ALS Seminar Series: Mitochondrial dysfunction associated with neurodegenerative disease**  
Time: 12:00 - 13:00  
Speaker information: Helene Plun-Favreau, Dept of Molecular Neuroscience, UCL IoN. Host: Pietro Fratta.  
Location: 2nd Floor Seminar Room, UCL Institute of Neurology, Queen Square House, Queen Square, London  
Contact: Debbie Hadley  
Email: d.hadley@ucl.ac.uk
18 February, 2015 - Neuroscience Careers Network Forum: Getting Published (followed by a drinks reception)

Time: 16:00 - 18:00

There is more to preparing a manuscript for publication than collecting all the data. Presentation of the hypothesis and the experimental procedures in a coherent manner, as well as thoroughly addressing questions the reader might have, are of paramount importance for successful and painless (as much as possible) submission! Take this opportunity to get some invaluable tips from leading researchers on how to prepare a manuscript and how to answer reviewers’ comments as well as guidance from a leading journal’s editor on successful manuscript preparation. Speaker information: Prof. David Attwell, Dept of Neuroscience, Physiology and Pharmacology, 'How to write a paper'; Dr. Lesley Anson, Chief Editor, Nature Communications, 'Editorial/review process'; Prof. Geraint Rees, Dean of the Faculty of Life Sciences, 'How to respond to reviewers'.

Register at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/getting-published-tickets-14748574383

Location: Lecture Theatre (106), Roberts Building, Malet Place, London, WC1E 7JE
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23 February, 2015 - Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience Seminar: Working memory, attention and conscious awareness

Time: 16:00 - 17:00

Speaker information: David Soto, Dept of Medicine, Imperial College London. Host: Neil Burgess
Location: Lower ground floor lecture theatre, 33 Queen Square, London
Contact: Rosalyn Lawrence
Email: rosalyn.lawrence@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: 020 7679 1164

27 February, 2015 - UCL School of Pharmacy seminar programme: Talk Title TBC

Time: 12:30 - 13:30

Speaker information: Prof Troy Margrie - UCL Neuroscience, Physiology & Pharmacology. Host: UCL School of Pharmacy.
Location: Room 228, UCL School of Pharmacy, 29-39 Brunswick Square, London, WC1N 1AX
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External Events of Interest

ISFN Bi-National symposium with the British Neuroscience Association

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

The BNA will be co-hosting a meeting on dementia with the Israel Society for Neuroscience this December, in Eliat. 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.

Find out more
Parliamentary and Scientific Committee Event: Dementia – discussion meeting

Tuesday 9th December, 5.30pm
Boothroyd Room, Portcullis House, 1 Parliament Street, London

Speakers:
Professor Martin Knapp, London School of Economics
Professor Alistair Burns, University of Manchester
Dr Simon Ridley, Head of Research, Alzheimer's Research UK
Andrew Miller MP (Chairman)

The meeting will be followed by the usual informal drinks on the landing in 1 Parliament Street and then by a discussion dinner for about 25 in Bellamy's. Please let Annabel Lloyd know if you would be interested in joining the chairman of the committee and other members for further discussion over dinner. We ask those taking part to make a contribution of £40 towards the cost.

Meetings of the Committee are open to all members of both Houses of Parliament, but attendance from outside Parliament is restricted to representatives of member organisations. UCL is a member organisation, so academics and researchers are able to attend.

Find out more (password: psc2005)

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

Dr Mohan Bhat
Director of Medical Education, NELFT and Associate Director of PGMDE, UCL Partners

Register Now
Release of chemical transmitters from cell bodies and dendrites of nerve cells

Monday 19 January 2015 - Tuesday 20 January 2015 (Monday 9am to Tuesday 5pm)
The Royal Society, 6-9 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AG

Scientific discussion meeting organised by Professor John Nicholls FRS and Professor Francisco F De-Miguel.

Event Details
Recent experiments have shown that cell bodies and dendrites of neurons can liberate transmitter molecules. In this discussion the mechanism of such release will be compared with that occurring in presynaptic terminals, glial cells and endocrine cells. A major focus will concern the way in which release from cell bodies influences essential functions of the central nervous system.

Attending this event
This event is intended for researchers in relevant fields and is free to attend. There are a limited number of places and registration is essential. An optional lunch is offered and should be booked during registration (all major credit cards accepted).

This meeting is immediately followed by a related, two-day satellite meeting, Present and future of the study of extrasynaptic neurotransmission at the Royal Society at Chicheley Hall, home of the Kavli Royal Society International Centre.

Contact: Events team
Find out more

Present and future of the study of extrasynaptic neurotransmission

Wednesday 21 January 2015 - Thursday 22 January 2015 (Wednesday 9am to Thursday 5pm)
The Royal Society, Chicheley Hall, Chicheley Hall, Chicheley, Newport Pagnell, Buckinghamshire MK16 9JJ

Satellite meeting organised by Professor John Nicholls FRS and Professor Francisco F De-Miguel

Event Details
Since this will be the first meeting in this field in the UK, discussion sessions will focus on general and comparative mechanisms of release, experimental and analytical tools, and the search for effects and timing of extrasynaptic neurotransmission on the nervous system. Since the terminology in the field is confusing, the definition of general terms will be discussed. This meeting will also foster collaborations between individuals and groups.

Attending this event
This is a residential conference, which allows for increased discussion and networking. It is free to attend, however participants need to cover their accommodation costs if required.

Contact: Events team
Find out more
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

Register Now

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

Find out more

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!

Find out more

Recent studies and the diagnosis of MND

Wednesday 6 May 2015
The Foresight Centre, University Of Liverpool, 1 Brownlow Street, Liverpool L69 3GL

This day meeting, organised by the Royal Society of Medicine and the Motor Neurone Disease Association, will bring together top neurologists and MND Specialists to explore recent studies looking into the diagnosis and early treatment of MND. Delegates will gain a better understanding of the key factors to recognise the early stages of MND vital to improving the quality of life and extending life expectancy in patients.

This meeting will explore recent methods helping diagnosis and will cover the initial stages at the GP Surgery, through to biomarkers and neuroimaging at the MND Clinic. This meeting would be valuable to neurologists, specialist nurses, geneticists, palliative care specialists, physiotherapists and GP’s.

Delegates will gain a better understanding of the key factors to recognise the early stages of MND vital to improving the quality of life and extending life expectancy in patients.

Contact: regions@rsm.ac.uk