General Notice

UCL Library Services launch new bibliometrics webpages

UCL Library Services launch new bibliometrics webpages. UCL Library Services is improving support for researchers in a number of areas of the research lifecycle, in line with the goals of our Library Strategy (2015-18). One of these areas is support for bibliometrics and we are delighted to announce the launch of our new bibliometrics web pages: http://www.ucl.ac.uk/library/bibliometrics

What are bibliometrics?
Bibliometrics is concerned with the analysis of research based on citation counts and patterns. The measures used are also commonly referred to as bibliometrics, or citation metrics.

The web pages bring together information to support UCL researchers, students and other staff with an interest in bibliometrics for informing research, supporting applications for funding or jobs, or comparing research output with other groups or institutions. They include information on:

• what bibliometrics are
• different types of bibliometrics
• UCL’s policy on the use of bibliometrics and their relevance in the wider context
• information on bibliometrics support and training available at UCL and beyond.

For further information, guidance or support on making use of bibliometrics please contact us by emailing bibliometrics@ucl.ac.uk. The bibliometrics web pages will continue to be developed and expanded and we welcome any suggestions or feedback.

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**Different Academic paths: Perspectives from academic, teaching and clinical routes**

Wednesday 16 March, 3.30 – 4.30pm

Would you like to find out about the different potential pathways that are available in neuroscience research? Here we present three excellent neuroscientists who have developed their careers via different routes: academic, teaching and clinical.

**Confirmed Speakers:**
- Dr. Adrian Isaacs *(academic stream)*
  Reader in Neurodegenerative Disease, UCL Institute of Neurology
- Dr. Caroline Selai *(teaching stream)*
  Senior Lecturer in Clinical Neuroscience, UCL Institute of Neurology
- Dr. Suellen Walker *(clinical stream)*
  Clinical Senior Lecturer in Paediatric Anaesthesia and Pain Medicine, ICH/GOSH

To register for this event (free), follow the link:
[http://ncnmarch2016.eventbrite.co.uk](http://ncnmarch2016.eventbrite.co.uk)

**Workshop on Fellowship and Grant Interviews**

Tuesday 24 May

Workshop chairs: Prof Elizabeth Fisher & Prof Giampietro Schiavo

Are you in the process of applying to or have just submitted your application for a Neuroscience fellowship or grant which involves an interview? As grants and fellowships are one of the most important requirements for a successful career in Neuroscience, we are organising a workshop for the final phase of that process: the interview.

The workshop consists of 5 participants (postdocs or PIs) in the process of applying for grants or fellowships and who therefore will have written a proposal beforehand (short proposals have to be sent to the panel ten days before the workshop for preparation). Each participant will start with a short presentation to the panel members, consisting of the other participants and Prof Fisher and Prof Schiavo, followed by 10-15 minutes questioning. In the remaining 10-15 minutes the panel will give feedback. Video recordings will be provided for feedback on aspects of the presentation.

Contact: Sandrine Geranton or Tammaryn Lashley or Lorenzo Fabrizi
Email: ucgasmg@ucl.ac.uk; t.lashley@ucl.ac.uk; l.fabrizi@ucl.ac.uk
Neuroscience Careers Network mailing list

The UCL Neuroscience Careers Network (NCN) provides opportunities for neuroscientists to meet their peers, to share ideas, experience and initiate collaborations. It also provides a platform for careers advice and the dissemination of information regarding jobs, training and funding opportunities.

The NCN is organised by a committee made up of representatives from a variety of departments under the UCL Neuroscience Domain and includes both post-doctoral researchers and PIs.

Subscribe to the mailing list, to hear about events, workshops, job and funding opportunities.

Subscribe here: https://www.mailinglists.ucl.ac.uk/mailman/listinfo/earlycareerneuro

Special Seminars and Events

2nd UCL Festival for Digital Health

22 February – 4 March

We are excited to announce our festival programme which will enable you to discover how technology will transform the healthcare system impacting patients, healthcare providers, policy makers, entrepreneurs, industry leaders, researchers and students. Registration is now open!

Our inspiring events include panel discussions, interactive workshops, seminars, showcase demonstrations, poster exhibits and networking opportunities.

Programme outline:

- Fun & Games: digital learning, training and rehabilitation
- Create behaviour change by designing effective digital interventions
- 2nd Behaviour Change Conference 2016: Digital Health and Wellbeing
- The Design and Use of Medication and Technology: Creating Connections
- #Data Saves Lives: using health data to improve public health
- Self-care, shared care: rethinking the management of long-term conditions
- Global Health: the next frontiers
- Neurology + digital health – transforming treatment and care for patients
- Data Sans Frontières: Opportunities and challenges for data-driven health security for emergencies
Friday 26 February 2016
UCL Main Quad Space

This year’s annual meeting will focus on the strategy for the Biomedical Research Centre, 2017-2022.

The BRC is in the process of developing its new bid for NIHR funding. This meeting is an opportunity to hear more about the strategy and to discuss the BRC’s plans for the coming years.

Book your place through Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/annual-meeting-of-the-nihr-university-college-london-hospitals-biomedical-research-centre-tickets-21029735505

Embroidered Minds: William Gowers & the Morris Family

Until 26 February 2016
William Morris, the designer, poet and social reformer, lived and worked in Queen Square for 17 years. Embroidered Minds is a collaboration between artists, writers, doctors and academics, investigating connections between the Morris family and William Gowers. This exhibition interweaves original materials by William Gowers with current artists’ work, and is launched to coincide with the commemoration of the centenary of the death of William Gowers (www.hnps.co.uk).

The exhibition will run in Queen Square Library, 23 Queen Square until 26th February 2016

Please see our website for further details: http://www.queensquare.org.uk/archives/visiting/exhibitions.

Public Engagement

Neuro News Contributors

Neuro News is an online social site dedicated to providing people with all the important information they need regarding a variety of different neurological conditions. They intend to help improve the lives of anyone affected by these conditions and offer them support when they need it most.

Neuro News posts regular news from internal copywriters but is looking to get more interaction and viewpoints of those learning and studying Neuroscience. If any second and third year students or professors are interested in joining the team at Neuro News, they would very much appreciate it.
Creative Idea Generation Workshop for Public Engagement

LED BY: Einstein’s Garden, Green Man Festival

Come along to this one-day workshop on Monday 7 March (10am – 4pm) for an opportunity to get creative about engaging audiences with your research.

Led by creative producers from Einstein’s Garden (the science, nature and environment area of the Green Man Festival), this workshop will bring together biomedical scientists and creative practitioners (designers, performers and makers) to share work and perspectives and to spark ideas around creative collaboration for playful science engagement. The workshop was a huge success in 2015 and we are excited to offer another opportunity for researchers across UCL to get involved.

This workshop is a stand-alone event but is also part of a partnership between Einstein’s Garden and UCL supported by a Wellcome Trust funded award. After this initial workshop, Einstein’s Garden will collaborate with a number of biomedical researchers from UCL to produce two projects over the next two years to be delivered at Green Man and other cultural contexts.

For more information on topics and eligibility, visit the website: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PRBJSQ3

London Engagement Network

The London Engagement Network is brought to you by the London Brain Project. It has been set up for people from any sector (Higher Education, culture, education, communications, the arts) and fosters cross-sector and inter-disciplinary work.

The London Engagement Network aims to grow a community of people who are interested in creative and cross-disciplinary public engagement. We also aim to provide early-career researchers with the tools and opportunities to get involved and get experience in public engagement.

The network can be found, and joined, here: http://www.londonbrainproject.com/londonengagementnetwork/

You can also sign up to the network mailing list here: http://eepurl.com/bNW7Dj

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In the News

Epilepsy drug could protect nerves from damage in MS

An epilepsy drug could lead to a new treatment that protects nerve damage in MS patients, according to research published in the *Lancet Neurology*.

Researchers, led by Dr Raj Kapoor from the UCL Institute of Neurology, found the anti-convulsant drug phenytoin protected neural tissue in patients with optic neuritis. Optic neuritis is a symptom of MS which causes the nerves carrying information between the eye to the brain to become inflamed and damaged.

The findings, presented first at the American Academy of Neurology 67th Annual Meeting, bring researchers one step closer to establishing neuroprotective drugs for people with MS – currently there are none.

As the study looks at repurposing an existing treatment already shown to be clinically effective, the use of phenytoin for MS could potentially have patient benefit in a much shorter timescale than usual.

More information

Estrogens alleviate hyperactivity in zebrafish with autism gene

Research led by UCL, Yale and University of California, San Francisco has shown that the hormone estrogen alleviates the sleep disruption experienced by zebrafish genetically designed to help understand the biology of autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

The scientists set out to investigate the function of genes linked to autism and seizures in humans by using zebrafish as a model system. They unexpectedly found that estrogens have a selective effect in calming hyperactive fish during the night which will help scientists to understand the brain pathways affected in ASD. The finding is also intriguing given ASD is four times more common in men than women.

Co-corresponding author, Dr Jason Rihel, UCL Cell & Developmental Biology, said: “We’re surprised to see that estrogens in particular have such a selective effect in correcting hyperactive behaviour in our ASD fish model, and we’re investigating this further to understand the mechanisms of this response. We don’t know if the hormone is targeting single or multiple pathways, as estrogen is involved in lots of processes, but we’re keen to find out.”

More information
1 in 10 suicide attempt risk among friends and relatives of people who die by suicide

People bereaved by the sudden death of a friend or family member are 65% more likely to attempt suicide if the deceased died by suicide than if they died by natural causes. This brings the absolute risk up to 1 in 10, reveals new UCL research funded by the Medical Research Council.

The researchers studied 3,432 UK university staff and students aged 18-40 who had been bereaved, to examine the specific impacts associated with bereavement by suicide. The results are published in BMJ Open. As well as the increased risk of suicide attempt, those bereaved by suicide were also 80% more likely to drop out of education or work. In total, 8% of the people bereaved by suicide had dropped out of an educational course or a job since the death.

“Our results highlight the profound impact that suicide might have on friends and family members,” says study author Dr Alexandra Pitman (UCL Psychiatry). “However, these outcomes are by no means inevitable. If you have been bereaved by suicide, you should know that you are not alone and support is available. There is a guide called Help is at Hand, written by people affected by suicide, which offers emotional and practical advice as well as information on organisations that can offer further support.

More information

Current Funding Opportunities

UCL Neuroscience - ZNZ Collaboration: Deadline extended to 22nd February

Deadline: *** Extended deadline to 22 February 2016***

Our aim is to strengthen existing collaborations and develop new interactions in neuroscience research and training. As part of this initiative, short-term seed funding will be provided to support joint neuroscience research activities, which are intended to represent a priming step towards seeking comprehensive joint external research funding. Applications must involve at least one group leader affiliated with UCL Neuroscience and at least one group leader affiliated with ZNZ.

Types of Activities Supported

1. **Joint workshops** to discuss areas of potential collaboration, where ZNZ and UCL Neuroscience research teams present their data and showcase their research capabilities. The maximum amount that can be requested for a workshop is GBP 3000 or CHF 4600.

2. **Pilot projects** designed to initiate collaborations or extend ongoing joint projects. This allows the possibility of staff or postgraduate student (master, MD, PhD) exchange or short stays of group leaders at partner institution. In particular, it is expected that the preliminary data generated will be used to support external research grant applications. The maximum amount that can
be requested for a pilot project is GBP 10,000 or CHF 15,000.

3. **Facilitating joint grant applications**, where funding is provided for travel and accommodation costs to allow researchers to co-locate for a short period of time and focus on drafting an external grant application for research funding. The maximum amount that can be requested is GBP 1500 or CHF 2300.

**How to Apply**
The deadline for applications is February 22. Detail on how to apply and further information can be found on the UCL Neuroscience Domain website

http://www.ucl.ac.uk/research/domains/neuroscience/documents/UCL_ZNZ_Funding_Call_2015_new

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**UCL Neuroscience Events and Seminars – February – March 2016**

**9 February, 2016 - Adventures in applied vision: using the visual system as a window to the mind**
Time: 16:00 -
An Experimental Psychology Seminar. Speaker: Dr Lee De Wit, UCL Psychology and Language Sciences. Host: Adam Harris.
Location: Room 305, 26 Bedford Way, London, WC1H 0DS
Contact: Antonietta Esposito
Email: a.esposito@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: +44 (0) 207 679 5332

**9 February, 2016 - Lessons from applying the emotional resilience evidence base into practice**
Time: 17:15 - 19:00
The evidence base for interventions which build emotional resilience in vulnerable adolescents is limited and there are few examples of implementation in the UK. This Evidence Based Practice Unit (EBPU) talk will describe a pilot programme (Newham HeadStart) in Newham, London which has sought to develop such an approach through implementing a number of evidence based resilience interventions into practice across the population. It will focus on challenges which have been encountered in doing so and some of the lessons for implementation of such preventative interventions. The talk is by Dr Simon Munk, Emotional Resilience Lead at UCLPartners and Children and Young People Mental Health and Resilience Strategic Lead for the London Borough of Newham.
Aimed at researchers, providers, commissioners and school staff.
Location: Anna Freud Centre, 4-8 Rodney Street, London, N1 9JH
Contact: Evidence Based Practice Unit (EBPU)
Email: EBPU@Annafreud.org
Phone: Please email

**10 February, 2016 - Asperger’s Syndrome - pathways into forensic care & co-morbidities**
Time: 16:30 - 17:00
Speaker: Kalpana Dein
Location: 508, Roberts Building, Malet Place, London, WC1E 7JE
Contact: Berni Courtney
Email: b.courtney@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email
10 February, 2016 - Challenges in vocational rehabilitation interventions for people with neurological conditions
Time: 09:00 - 17:00
What can we learn from Evidence Based Practice? Facilitated by the NHNN Vocational Rehabilitation team led by Dr Diane Playford Keynote speaker: John Pilkington, Chair of the Vocational Rehabilitation Association.
Location: Basement Lecture Theatre, National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: therapy.courses@uclh.nhs.uk
Email: therapy.courses@uclh.nhs.uk
Phone: Please email

10 February, 2016 - Person-centred support and challenging behaviour in adults with intellectual disabilities: an exploratory study
Time: 16:00 - 16:30
Speaker: Victoria Ratti. Objectives: To investigate whether the occurrence of challenging behaviour in people with intellectual disabilities is related to the way in which care is provided by paid staff, specifically to investigate whether providing care in a person-centred manner is related to less severe challenging behaviour.
Location: 508, Roberts Building, Torrington Place, London, W1E7JE
Contact: Berni Courtney
Email: b.courtney@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

10 February, 2016 - UCLDH open house: call for re-engagement with UCL Centre for Digital Humanities
Time: 15:00 - 17:00
Five years on from the founding of the UCL Centre for Digital Humanities, UCL has changed and grown immensely, and we’d like to make sure we are engaging with the research community as we plan our next five years of activity. Would you like to know more about UCLDH? Would you like to become part of our network? We are hosting an “Open House” event in order for us to meet others across UCL who may be interested in hearing more about UCLDH, and thinking about getting involved. How can we help you in your work? How can you help us? We look forward to welcoming you to the UCLDH Open House to meet and discuss your, and our, work. Registration is required to confirm numbers, and if you can’t make the date but would like to talk further, please contact Professor Melissa Terras, Director of UCLDH, so we can talk to you at some other time.
Location: Arts and Humanities Common Room, G24 Foster Court, Gower Street, London, WC1E 6BT
Contact: Professor Melissa Terras
Email: m.terras@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

10 February, 2016 - UCLPartners patient safety stakeholder engagement event
Time: 12:30 -
The UCLPartners Patient Safety Programme is keen to share work to date and hear more about the priorities, challenges and good practice stories from our partners. The agenda includes a series of table discussions and short presentations on patient safety work across UCLPartners, patient involvement in patient safety, measurement, Sign up to Safety and patient safety in primary care.
Location: Boardroom, UCLPartners, 170 Tottenham Court Road, London, W1T 7HA
Contact: UCLPartners
Email: contact@uclpartners.com
Phone: Please email

11 February, 2016 - Dementia awareness training for dentists, pharmacists and optometrists
Time: 18:00 - 20:30
UCLPartners and Eastman Dental Hospital have collaborated to provide dementia awareness training to dental care professionals, pharmacists and optometrists. The aim of this programme is to help dental care professionals, pharmacists and optometrists provide appropriate and bespoke care to their patients with dementia. The interactive workshop will include: looking after patients with dementia: a patient/clinician perspective; understanding dementia and its clinical presentation; supporting a person with dementia in a clinical setting; and
practical tips for managing dental problems in people living with dementia. Open to all dental care professionals, pharmacists and optometrists. This conference has been awarded 2.5 hours of verifiable CPD training.

Location: 3rd Floor, UCLPartners, 170 Tottenham Court Road, London, W1T 7HA
Contact: Flora Strange
Email: flora.strange@uclpartners.com
Phone: Please email

11 February, 2016 - Finding the causes of inherited neuropathy
Time: 17:30 -
MRC Centre for Neuromuscular Diseases Seminar Series. Speaker: Professor Steven Scherer, University of Pennsylvania
Location: Basement Lecture Theatre, , 33 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Christine Oldfield
Email: cnmd.contact@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

11 February, 2016 - Rehabilitation after brain injury: clients' perspectives
Time: 17:15 -
Speaker: Professor Barbara A Wilson UCLP Centre for Rehabilitation seminar
Location: Gilliatt Lecture Theatre, National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: cnr@ucl.ac.uk
Email: cnr@ucl.ac.uk

11 February, 2016 - The intuitive theory of emotions
Time: 17:15 -
Affective Brain Seminar series Speaker: Noah Goodman (Stanford University)
Location: Room 313, 26 Bedford Way, , London, WC1H 0DS
Contact: Eleanor Loh
Email: e.loh@ucl.ac.uk

11 February, 2016 - Translating engineering innovation in medical imaging to Multiple Sclerosis
Time: 13:00 -
Speaker: Dr Ferran Prados Carrasco, Senior Research Associate, Dept of Med Phys & Biomedical Eng Faculty of Engineering Science Host: Queen Square MS Centre Buffet tbc
Location: Gilliat Lecture Theatre, Institute of Neurology, Queen Square House, Queen Square, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Tina Holmes
Email: millerpa@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

12 February, 2016 - UCL School of Pharmacy seminar: TBC
Time: 12:30 -
Speaker: Professor Frances Brodsky, Director of UCL Division of Biosciences.
Location: Room M2, 29-39 Brunswick Square, , London, WC1N 1AX
Contact: Audrey Mercer
Email: a.mercer@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

16 February, 2016 - Shredding light on dynein-based cargo transport in vitro and in vivo
Time: 12:30 -
***NEW DATE*** Part of the ALS Seminar Series: run by the Greensmith and Fisher Laboratories. Speaker: Simon Bullock, MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology, University of Cambridge. Host: Giampietro Schiavo.
Location: 2nd Floor Seminar Room, Institute of Neurology, Queen Square House, Queen Square, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Debbie Hadley
Email: d.hadley@ucl.ac.uk
22 February, 2016 - **Fun & games: digital learning, training and rehabilitation**
Time: 15:00 - 19:00
This event will celebrate the increasing popularity of serious games, apps for training, learning and rehabilitation. However, how do we know if they actually work? This event will feature senior keynote speakers outlining the challenges of assessment of serious games for health and a panel discussing future directions of games technologies from educational, clinical and computer science perspectives. Hands on showcase will present demos developed at UCL/ UCLP, at industry or start-ups. Part of UCL's Festival for Digital Health.
Location: Main Quad Pavilion, Wilkins Building, Gower St, London, WC1E 6BT
Contact: Patty Kostkova
Email: p.kostkova@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

23 February, 2016 - **An Experimental Psychology seminar: Title TBC**
Time: 16:00 -
Speaker: Professor Shane O'Mara, Trinity College Dublin. Host: Adam Harris.
Location: Room 305, 26 Bedford Way, , London, WC1H 0DS
Contact: Antonietta Esposito
Email: a.esposito@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: +44 (0) 207 679 5332

24 February, 2016 - **Rethinking mental health care: bridging the credibility gap**
Time: 16:00 -
Organised by UCL Division of Psychiatry
Speaker: Vikram Patel, FMedSci Professor of International Mental Health and Wellcome Trust Principal Research Fellow in Clinical Science
Location: 508, Roberts Building, Torrington Place, London, WC1E 7JE
Contact: Berni Courtney
Email: b.courtney@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

25 February, 2016 - **Advanced epilepsy lecture: from pathophysiology to prevention of SUDEP**
Time: 18:30 -
Guest Speaker: Professor Philippe Ryvlin, Head of Clinical Neurosciences, Lausanne University Hospital, Switzerland
Location: Wolfson Lecture Theatre, National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Juliet Solomon
Email: juliet.solomon@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

25 February, 2016 - **Economic irrationality is optimal during noisy decision-making**
Time: 17:15 -
Affective Brain Seminar series Speaker: Konstantinos Tsetos (Birkbeck College)
Location: Room 313, 26 Bedford Way, , London, WC1H 0DS
Contact: Eleanor Loh
Email: e.loh@ucl.ac.uk
Phone:

25 February, 2016 - **Lunch Hour Lectures: childhood maltreatment through the lens of neuroscience and epigenetics**
Childhood maltreatment is a strong predictor of mental and physical ill health. How does such adversity 'get under the skin'? Latent vulnerability is one way of thinking about how maltreatment calibrates biological and neurocognitive systems, in ways that may be adaptive in the short-term but incur long-term costs.
25 February, 2016 - **Memory States Influence Value-Based Decision Making**  
Time: 17:15 - 18:00  
Affective Brain Seminar series Speaker: Katherine Duncan (University of Toronto)  
Location: Room 313, 26 Bedford Way, , London, WC1H 0DS  
Contact: Eleanor Loh  
Email: e.loh@ucl.ac.uk  
Phone: 

26 February, 2016 - **ALS seminar series**  
Time: 14:00 - 15:00  
Part of the ALS Seminar Series - run by the Greensmith and Fisher Laboratories. Speaker: Michael Fainzilber, Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel Host: Giampietro Schiavo  
Location: Gilliatt Lecture Theatre, Institute of Neurology, Queen Square House, Queen Square, WC1N 3BG  
Contact: Debbie Hadley  
Email: d.hadley@ucl.ac.uk  
Phone: 

29 February, 2016 - **Self-care, shared care: rethinking the management of long-term conditions**  
Time: 14:00 - 18:00  
With new technologies (patient-controlled electronic health records, unprecedented access to health information, wearables and sensors for monitoring, novel digital interventions, etc.) there are great new opportunities for prevention and for managing long-term conditions. There is also a financial push: as more becomes possible, it will be necessary to manage more care outside clinical settings, with people taking greater responsibility for their own and their families’ health. These changes present new challenges: in re-thinking the role of the patient, of their family and friends, of the clinician and the system of care, and in reviewing what is and should be possible using digital technologies. In this event, we will present ongoing research into digitally-enabled approaches to supporting self-care and shared care. Part of UCL's Festival for Digital Health.  
Location: Ground floor seminar room, London Knowledge Lab, 23-29 Emerald Street, London, WC1N 3QS  
Contact: Ann Blandford  
Email: a.blandford@ucl.ac.uk  
Phone: 

29 February, 2016 - **SenSyT seminar series: on the potentials of citizen science**  
Time: 16:00 - 17:00  
Speaker: Professor Muki Haklay, ExCiteS  
Location: Main Lecture Theatre, Institute Of Ophthalmology, 11-43 Bath Street, London, EC1V 9EL  
Contact: SenSyT  
Email: sensyt@ucl.ac.uk  
Phone: 

1 March, 2016 - **#DataSavesLives: using health data to improve public health**  
Time: 09:30 - 17:00  
Join our showcase of world-class research and other events including interactive demonstrations, workshops and discussions. The aim is to stimulate interest and debate in new frontiers in health informatics and its application by highlighting key areas where research has had a pivotal influence on understanding the causes and development of disease, drug safety monitoring and health policy evaluation through our research using electronic health records. We will also showcase novel methods in health informatics and opportunities for training and collaboration. There will be an opportunity to network. Sessions include: - Opportunities and challenges of Big data in healthcare research - Big data saves lives: examples from the Farr Institute - Use of digital health data from a clinician and public perspective - Data science and analytics - Visualising health care
External Events of Interest

Optimism – Its Nature, Causes and Effects

25-26 February 2016
Woburn Room (Room 22), Senate House, London

Is it beneficial or detrimental to be optimistic? The empirical literature suggests that some forms of optimism can be good for us, helping us to achieve our goals and react positively to setbacks, but other forms of optimism lead to disappointment or to excessively risky behaviour. Our project aims to develop a new framework in which these findings can be interpreted. We are organising an interdisciplinary workshop on the themes of the project.

More information

Research and Intensive Lecture Course Opportunities in Japan

Application deadline: 29 February 2016

Staking, Making and Breaking Circuits:
Modern neuroscience approaches have made identifying, measuring and manipulating specific neural circuits, and as a consequence the behavior they support, a reality. This course will feature lectures from leaders in the field who are applying circuit based approaches to topics ranging from development to decision making.

Schedule:
【Plan A】 Internship and Lecture Course, June 15 - August 10, 2016
【Plan B】 Lecture Course, June 20 – 24, 2016 *We will accept 15 interns for the Internship and Lecture Course (Plan A) and 30 participants for the Lecture Course (Plan B).

Deadline for applications: February 29, 2016

Invited Lecturers:
David Foster, Johns Hopkins University
Haruo Kasai, The University of Tokyo
Jeff Magee, Janelia Farm Research Campus
Xiang Yu, The Institute of Neuroscience, the Chinese Academy of Sciences
Masashi Yanagisawa,
UK Neuro-ophthalmology Society Symposium: The Visual Brain: Order and Disorder

15 March 2016
33 Queen Square, London

Registration for the symposium is now open

Speakers:
- Professor Sir Colin Blakemore
- Professor Chris Kennard
- Professor Anya Hurlbert
- Professor John Barbur
- Dr Gordon Plant
- Professor Antony Morland
- Professor Jason Barton
- Dr Sam Schwarzkopf
- Dr Simon Hickman
- Dr Martin Bracewell

Registration £150 Consultants/established Academics: £75 clinical trainees/Research Students/Post docs

New Developments in Translational Technologies

17 March 2016
Royal Veterinary College, London

This meeting brings together experts from a variety of imaging and preclinical model backgrounds across a range of diseases (dementia, pain and oncology) to present and discuss their experiences in the various aspects of translational science. This promises to be an exciting and interesting meeting with in depth discussion into how the drug discovery community can better target disease processes, more optimally test novel therapeutics in appropriate populations and ultimately enhance clinical success in producing efficacious therapeutics for patients.

To view the programme, click here.

For more information visit the website here: http://www.smr.org.uk/SMR/Meetings/20160317/Default.asp
28th Cambridge Neuroscience Seminar: New Directions

17 March 2016
University of Cambridge

Registration for the 28th Cambridge Neuroscience Seminar, ‘New Directions’ is now open. Hosted by the Department of Physiology, Development and Neuroscience, the conference will cover the breadth of neuroscience research in Cambridge and will take place on Thursday 17th March 2016 in the Physiological Laboratory on the Downing site in Cambridge. A drinks reception and dinner will take place in the evening at Downing College.

For more information visit the website here: http://www.neuroscience.cam.ac.uk/events/event.php?permalink=3370df584c

Joint meeting of the British and French Neuropsychological Societies

17-18 March 2016
33 Queen Square, London

Invited speakers:
Lars Nyberg
Lionel Naccache
Dorothy Bishop (BNS Freda Newcombe prize)
Michaela Dewar (BNS Elizabeth Warrington prize)

Symposia:
Autobiographical memory (Martin Conway, Lilianne Manning, Emily Holmes, Pascale Piolino)
Genetics and neuropsychology (Julie Snowden, Fabienne Collette, Annette Karmiloff-Smith, Josie Briscoe)

The meeting is free to attend for Queen Square staff and students.

For more details see: http://www.the-bns.org/meetings.html
For more information contact Paul Hoffman: p.hoffman@ed.ac.uk

UK Neuromuscular Translational Research Conference 2016

22 - 23 March 2016
Medical Sciences Teaching Centre, Oxford.

We are pleased to announce that registration for the UK Neuromuscular Translational Research Conference 2016 has now opened.

Deadline for abstracts 15 December 2015 – please read the abstract submission guidelines

The conference will once again be hosted jointly by the MRC Centre for Neuromuscular Diseases and Muscular Dystrophy UK.

Registration fee £250 includes Gala Dinner
Further programme information can be seen in the draft programme.

**Accommodation** should be booked separately – Keble College is recommended as nearby and is also the venue for the Gala Dinner.

*Please contact Christine Oldfield, MRC Centre Senior Administrator,* with any queries.

**More information**

### Neurizons 2016

31 May – 3 June 2016  
Göttingen, Germany

The students of International Max Planck Research School (IMPRS) for Neuroscience, Göttingen are proud to present the collected symphony of their thoughts, ideas and creativity in the 7th biennial neuroscience conference Neurizons – ‘Speak your mind’.

31st of May – 3rd of June 2016 at the Max Planck Institute for Biophysical chemistry in Göttingen, Germany they will host a concert to resonate through the plethora of scales of Neuroscience.

**More information**

### RIKEN Brain Science Institute Summer Programme

June - August  
Tokyo, Japan

Applications for the 2016 course are now being accepted. Students can apply to attend the 5 day lecture course, "Staking, Making and Breaking Circuits", which will be held June 20-24 and features a great line up of speakers. The Institute also offers an internship course, running from June 15-August 10, which will give selected students the chance to complete a 10 week project in a BSI lab. This is a great opportunity to visit RIKEN, experience Japan and hear about some great science.

All the details, speaker list and application links can be found on the web page: [http://www.brain.riken.jp/en/summer](http://www.brain.riken.jp/en/summer) and the application deadline is February 29th.

### ENCODS 2016 – Registration closing soon

29 June – 1 July 2016  
Helsingør, Denmark

**Registration** for next year’s European Neuroscience Conference by/for
**Doctoral Students (ENCODS2016) closes on Friday 14th February**

ENCODS is a conference for PhD students at all stages of their PhD. Great communications skills are a vital part of disseminating science, which is why the program includes workshops evolving subjects like scientific writing and presentation skills. ENCODS is a great way for young scientists to interact with each other and with senior scientists in a different setting than usual, and serves as the optimal platform for the initiation of important collaborations across borders. At ENCODS, we believe that open-minded interaction is key to moving the field forward. We encourage all PhD students with an interest for Neuroscience to visit encods.eu to read more about the conference and apply for the 2016 ENCODS. In total, 150 students will be selected to participate in the meeting, which will be held only 70 minutes by public transport from the airport in Copenhagen. ENCODS 2016 will take place June 29th -July 1st, making it a perfect fit for attending the FENS 2016 in Copenhagen, starting immediately after.

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**1st Annual Cyprus International Conference on Autism Treatment and Research**

18 – 22 November 2016
Paphos, Cyprus

1st Annual Cyprus International Conference on Autism Treatment and Research entitled *Magic Always Happens through our interdisciplinary approach to autism!*

Our conference takes a true “360 degrees” approach and it aims to bring together experts and luminaries from transdisciplinary scientific research, as well as from applied fields including academicians, psychologists, physicians, geneticists, speech therapists, civil engineers, architects, economists, law, technology, and many other subject matter experts. Together, we shall all discuss best practices and suggest ideal ways of working with, treating, educating, building for, and sustaining quality centers for autism excellence, among other.

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