General Notice

Register now – UCL Neuroscience Symposium Friday 19th June 2015

The 2015 Neuroscience Symposium, hosted by the UCL Neuroscience Domain, will take place at the Institute of Education on Friday 19 June. Registration is now open, so book your place soon to ensure you don’t miss out. Visit the Eventbrite page to register.

We are expecting more than 800 Neuroscientists from across the UCL community to come along to the annual symposium to find out more about the latest research in neuroscience at UCL, share expertise and enhance relationships.

We are delighted to announce that 2014 Nobel Prize Winner Professor John O’Keefe will deliver the symposium’s opening address and Professor Yang Dan, Howard Hughes Investigator and Professor of Neurobiology, University of California, Berkeley, will be delivering the closing address for the 2015 Symposium.

Further details of the symposium can be found on the website.

Register now for what promising to be a fascinating day.

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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

Neuroscience Careers Network Forum: Grant Writing Workshop

Friday 24 April 2015, 1pm-4pm

The aim of the half-day session is to help Investigators improve their applications for funding, whether they are project grants or fellowships. It will be led by two senior UCL researchers, Prof. John Wood and Prof. David McAlpine, who have extensive experience of applying for funding and of sitting on the committees that decide which science gets funded. This is a rare opportunity to improve your 'grantsmanship' skills, gain insight into how funding committees work and to receive constructive feedback on your applications.

To participate in this workshop, each participant must provide an abstract, lay summary and full scientific proposal (it may be a preliminary application) for either a grant or fellowship application by April 7th 2015. Costings are NOT required.

Contact: Jenny Bizley or Lorenzo Fabrizi

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Special Seminars and Events

PPI Training

**February and March 2015**

**Various locations**

A series of patient and public involvement (PPI) workshops for clinical researchers is back by popular demand.

The workshops, which are open to researchers working in UCLPartners partnership organisations, are practical and the aim is to build up researchers’ skills effectively involving lay people in the research process from setting research priorities to designing protocols.

Workshops will run during February and March 2015 and are graded ‘beginners’ and ‘experienced’.

Topics include introduction to PPI, filling in grant forms and the role of the lay person on steering groups and committees. Locations are across central London including UCL, the Royal London, Queen Mary University London and Moorfields.

[Click here for the full programme and timetable, and details of how to book a place.](#)

BRC Annual Meeting

**10 February 2015, 3.00-5.30pm followed by a drinks reception**

**Wilkins Gustave Tuck Lecture Theatre, Gower Street, London, WC1E 6BT**

You can now register for the National Institute for Health Research University College London Hospitals Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) annual meeting.

This meeting will be an opportunity to hear more about the work of the BRC in supporting experimental medicine and to input into future plans. The meeting is particularly significant because it will mark the launch of the re-bid for funding for the centre. There will be an opportunity to discuss development in the BRC’s research strategy and the chance to directly influence the strategy as it takes shape.

[Register now](#)
UCL Public Policy: 3rd conversation session with Brian Collins (UCL) & Ian Taylor (Lunar Missions Ltd)

16 February 2015, 1pm - 3pm
Room 347, 14-16 Taviton Street

This event is free and open to all at UCL; priority given to early career researchers.

Have you ever wondered how research can inform policy decisions? Are you unsure of the best routes for engagement with public policy? Want to know more about when and how to communicate research to policymakers?

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, then this session is for you. The session brings together senior UCL academic Professor Brian Collins and former MP and Science Minister, now Chairman, Lunar Missions Ltd, Ian Taylor (MBE) to offer their views on the complexities of policy engagement and to answer some of the most topical questions that early career researchers engaged in research should want to know the answers to.

Find out more

Hungarian Advances in Brain Research Symposium

Wednesday 11 February, 18:00 – 20:00 followed by a drinks reception
A.V. Hill Lecture Theatre, Neuroscience, Physiology and Pharmacology, Medical Sciences Building, UCL, Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT

Presented by the Hungarian Cultural Centre London and UCL’s Neuroscience, Physiology and Pharmacology Department, this symposium is part of the Hungarian Cultural Centre’s initiative called Hungarian Student College, which the Hungarian Cultural Centre organises in partnership with the Association of Hungarian Students Abroad (KÚMA) and the Hungarian Societies of UCLU, LSE, King’s College, SOAS and Imperial College. The Hungarian Student College aims to invite internationally recognised experts of various fields – diplomacy, politics, science, business, etc. – who can engage and inspire the younger generation. The events of the Hungarian Student College always involve a Q&A with the speakers and they also serve as invaluable professional networking opportunities when the events conclude with a wine reception.

Speakers:

- Professor Tamás Freund, Director, Institute of Experimental Medicine, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Chairman of the Neuroscience Department of Péter Pázmány Catholic University in Budapest – The National Brain Research Program
- Professor Angus Silver, Professor of Neuroscience & Wellcome Trust Principal Fellow working at UCL’s Neuroscience, Physiology and Pharmacology Department – Neuroscience and the Magyars: Links between Hungarian and British neuroscience
- Professor Péter Somogyi, Director, Medical Research Council, Anatomical Neuro-pharmacology Unit, Professor of Neurobiology, Department of Pharmacology, University of Oxford – Scientific mentoring in the past and in the information age

Contact: Hungarian Cultural Centre London

Tel: 020 7240 8448
Royal Society funding visit to UCL

Monday 23rd February 2015, 9:30 – 11:30am
Pavilion (UCL Quad)

The Royal Society (RS) will be visiting UCL to present and discuss their funding schemes. The RS provides a range of grant schemes funding the natural and applied sciences including medicine and engineering.

As part of this event Professor Sarah-Jayne Blakemore (Deputy Director of the Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, UCL and current RS University Research Fellow) will give an account of her own RS funding and her research highlights. The morning will finish with an interactive panel discussion and Q&A session followed by an informal networking session over tea & coffee.

Register online now by clicking here.

Find out more

Introduction to research workshop for lay people

Friday 27 February, 10.30am – 1.30pm
Boardroom, 1st Floor, Suite A, Maple House, 149 Tottenham Court Road, London W1T 7DN
Host: Joint Research Office

The JRO is running an introduction to research workshop for lay people who are going to be actively involved in research (PPI).

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, research jargon and 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.

Please circulate this email to your lay colleagues, places must be booked ahead of time. To book a place they can contact Madeleine Stewart madeleine.stewart@ucl.ac.uk

Find out more

Harnessing Electronic Health Records for Research
Short Courses

Harnessing Electronic Health Records for Research

An intensive programme of one- and two-day courses

2 – 20 March, 2015
Farr Institute of Health Informatics Research, 222 Euston Road, London, NW1 2DA

An intensive programme of 13 short courses in March 2015

We are pleased to launch a unique programme of 13 inter-related short courses in the rapidly developing field of electronic health records research, spanning a wide range of basic and applied health research applications.

These courses address the ‘why?’, the ‘what?’ and the ‘how?’ of EHR research and critically evaluate scientific opportunities and challenges, in what is being proposed as a new paradigm in medical research.

Taught by internationally recognised faculty, they span data-intensive biomedical research across diverse forms of EHR (nationally available data from primary and secondary care), regional data in hospital informatics, as well as genomics as applied to EHR research.

The courses are intended for people with from a wide range of backgrounds - including health care, epidemiology, biostatistics, health informatics, NHS IT, bioinformatics, genomics and computer science - and at different career stages, from those thinking of doing an MSc or PhD to established researchers.

Find out more

Neuromuscular Translational Research Conference 2015

Thursday 19 - Friday 20 March 2015
Newcastle upon Tyne

Hosted jointly by the MRC Centre for Neuromuscular Diseases and the Muscular Dystrophy Campaign, this is the 8th Annual UK Neuromuscular Translational Research Conference. Designed to engage neuromuscular clinicians and scientists, this conference showcases the best and latest developments in neuromuscular science, and highlights their translation into patient benefit.

Key Disease Themes for 2015:
• Mitochondrial Disease
• Genomic Data
• New Targets in Neuromuscular Disease
• MRI in Neuromuscular Diseases

Guest Speakers to include:
Prof. Massimo Zeviani, Prof. Stephan Zuchner, Prof. Alan Beggs, Prof. Rob Taylor, Prof. Hanns Lochmuller, Prof. Carsten Bonnemann, Prof. Lawrence Wrabetz, Prof. Rita Horvath, Dr. Cristina Csimma, Dr Giorgio Tasca, Prof. Bruce Damon, Prof. Michio Hirano

Abstracts are invited for posters and platform presentations on the themes listed in the attached document, or on any other aspect of neuromuscular disease research. Abstracts deadline 5pm on 16th Jan 2015. Abstract submission instructions and categories

Registration is now open. Fee £250 includes Gala Dinner.

Additional general venue information including accommodation booking info
The International Association for the Study of Affective Touch: Inaugural Congress

Friday 20 - Sunday 22 March 2015 (Friday 1pm to Sunday 2pm)
UCL, 33 Queen Square, London WC1

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
Consensus and Controversy in Goal Setting 2015

Tuesday 28 April 2015, 9am – 5.30pm
Lecture Theatre, 33 Queen Square, London WC1N 3BG

A symposium presented by the UCLP Centre for Neurorehabilitation in partnership with Kingston University and St George’s University of London

A full day event followed by refreshments and networking. This conference offers a unique opportunity to hear presentations from experts working in neurorehabilitation, which outline key questions and the current direction in goal-setting. Speakers will each present their own critical appraisal of goal setting and its utility in different areas of neurorehabilitation. Key speakers are William Levack (University of Otago) and Richard Siegert (Auckland University of Technology), authors of the new book ‘Rehabilitation Goal-Setting: Theory, Practice and Evidence’ published by CRC Press. Participants will also take part in a Delphi study which aims to develop a shared consensus about goal-setting in rehabilitation and priorities for future research.

Registration opens in February.

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

Computational Psychiatry Course 2015

29 – 30 April 2015
33 Queen Square, London WC1N 3BG

We are glad to announce the opening of the 2nd Computational Psychiatry Course, organised by the Wellcome Trust Centre for Neuroimaging, UCL, and taking place over two days in April. This course aims to bring together experts in neuroscience, psychiatry, decision sciences and computational modelling to define problems quantitatively in psychiatric disorder, and to train the next generation of scientists and clinicians that wish to apply these models to modern diagnosis and treatment strategies.

Building on the content taught in the 2014 Computational Psychiatry Course, this year we will cover model-based approaches at multiple scales, from computational modelling of behaviour and cognition, to model-based neuroimaging and computational genetics. We will also discuss recent empirical findings from clinical disorders including psychosis, depression, anxiety, personality disorders, addiction, autism, OCD and ADHD, and ageing. A mathematical (or psychiatric) background is not a prerequisite to attend.

Registration is now open!

Cost: free for UCL students and faculty, £25 for non-UCL attendees
Registration deadline: Noon, April 18, 2015

Contact: Rick Adams or Xiaosi gu

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.
Public Engagement

Cerebral Soiree – An alternative night out
London Brain Project

11 February 2015
7pm – 9pm
The Proud Archivist, 2-10 Hertford Road, London, N1 5SH
Host: London Brain Project

Get to know yourself and others around you in a way you never expected. And don’t worry, it doesn’t involve inappropriate touching. Art + Science enthusiasts London Brain Project are passionate about exploring neuroscience through arts and crafts, making concepts more accessible and creating new levels of understanding. They invite you to come and explore your brain in more detail than you ever have before, while creating a colourful beaded bonanza representing what’s behind you shaking it to Sister Sledge on Saturday night and why you lose your balance when you’re drunk… prepare to be illuminated. Expect booze, beads and fun.

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
In the News

Trial to identify undiscovered MS treatments

Researchers have started a major trial to see if drugs normally prescribed for motor neurone disease, heart disease and depression could be some of the first therapies in the world to halt disability progression in people with multiple sclerosis (MS).

The groundbreaking 'MS-SMART' trial, led by BRC-researcher Dr Jeremy Chataway, will test the safety and effectiveness of amiloride (licensed to treat heart disease), or fluoxetine (depression) or riluzole (MND) against a placebo in 440 people with secondary progressive MS – a later stage and untreatable progressive form of the condition.

Participants will be monitored for two years using MRI scans and other clinical measures to test for signs of MS disease progression; it's hoped the drugs will work by protecting the nerves from damage.

Read full article

Current Funding Opportunities

L’Oréal-UNESCO UK and Ireland Fellowships For Women In Science

Deadline: 13 March 2015

The L’Oréal-UNESCO UK and Ireland Fellowships For Women In Science are open for applications (deadline 13 March 2015). These one year Fellowships are for female researchers with <10 years postdoctoral experience working in life or physical sciences, computer science, engineering or mathematics. (Note: Psychology, science education and social sciences are not eligible for this Fellowship). Applicants should not hold, or have previously held, a permanent academic post. Each Award is for a maximum of £15,000 for facilitating research (and cannot be used as a contribution to salary).

Find out more

MS Society’s 2015 Grant Round Now Open
Deadline: 12 noon, Monday 23 March 2015

The MS Society is the largest dedicated charitable funder of MS research in the UK and we welcome any applications that are relevant to MS in our open Grant Round. The deadline for submissions is 12 noon, Monday 23 March 2015. Our research programme is organised into 2 streams: biomedical research and care and services research. You can find out more information on the MS Society website.

Find out more

NIHR Rare Diseases Translational Research Collaboration funding

Deadline: the NIHR RD-TRC is now inviting Expressions of Interest (EoIs), which can be submitted at any time until further notice.

The NIHR Rare Diseases Translational Research Collaboration is inviting applications to establish industry–collaborative early translational (experimental medicine) research projects in rare diseases. These projects will create and support collaborative research between investigators working within NIHR-funded research infrastructure and industry partners. Specifically, the invitation aims to fund projects that generate in-depth phenotypic information to develop new treatments and speed up diagnosis.

NIHR RD-TRC funding is available to academic investigators specifically to support in-depth phenotyping. Where a proposal involves other research methodology (for example, a clinical trial or acquisition of genomic data) only the phenotyping aspects of a study are eligible for funding by the NIHR RD-TRC. Other research costs must be met by the industry partner or another appropriate funding source. Lead applicants must be based within an NIHR Biomedical Research Centre, Biomedical Research Unit or Clinical Research Facility. Applications require a named industry collaborator and need to state the contribution of the industry partner to the project.

Maximum RD-TRC funding for in-depth phenotyping of £200,000 is available over two years. Projects must be completed by 31 March 2017. The RD-TRC will support in-depth phenotyping research in the following therapeutic themes:

- Cancer
- Cardiovascular
- Dementia and Neuro-degenerative Diseases
- Eye Disease
- Gastrointestinal
- Immunological Disorders
- Endocrine & Metabolic Diseases
- Musculoskeletal Disorders
- Neuromuscular Disorders
- Non-Malignant Haematology
- Paediatric (Cross-Cutting)
- Renal Disease
- Respiratory Disease
- Skin

The RD-TRC will apply an accelerated review process, and applicants will be notified within two weeks from submission of the outcome of their EoI. Successful EoIs will be invited to submit a full research proposal providing a detailed breakdown of the study costs, the industry contribution including resources to be provided ‘in kind’, and any other sources of funding support for the collaborative research project. Full applications are expected to be submitted within four months of an invitation for a full application being
issued, and will be reviewed within one month.

EoIs from investigators should be provided using the Expression of Interest form provided via the NIHR RD-TRC website. Industry researchers seeking academic collaborators for in-depth phenotyping of specific rare diseases are encouraged to contact NOCRI who will assist with building academic partnerships.

Find out more

**Young investigator grants – Human Frontier Science Programme, FR**

**Deadline: 31 March 2015**

The Human Frontier Science Programme invites applications for its young investigator grants. These support innovative approaches to understanding complex mechanisms of living organisms. Applicants are expected to develop novel lines of research distinct from their ongoing research.

Eligible are teams of scientists who are all within five years of establishing an independent laboratory and within 10 years of obtaining their PhDs. The principal applicant must be located in one of the HFSP member countries. The grants provide support for two to four member teams, with not more than one member from any one country, unless critical for the innovative nature of the project. Awards are dependent upon team size and successful teams will receive up to US$450,000 per year over three years.

Find out more

**Programme Grants – Human Frontier Science Programme, FR**

**Deadline: 31 March 2015**

The Human Frontier Science Programme invites applications for its programme grants. These support innovative approaches to understanding complex mechanisms of living organisms. Applicants are expected to develop novel lines of research distinct from their ongoing research.

Applications are open to independent scientists at all stages of their career. The principal applicant must be located in one of the HFSP member countries. The grants provide support for two to four member teams, with not more than one member from any one country, unless critical for the innovative nature of the project. Awards are dependent upon team size and successful teams will receive up to US$450,000 per year over three years.

Find out more

**Wellcome Trust - Research career development fellowships in basic biomedical science**

**Deadline: 17 April 2015**

This scheme provides an opportunity for postdoctoral scientists from across the remits of the Trust’s funding streams to become independent research scientists and undertake high-quality research in an eligible Republic of Ireland institution. The awards will be made in partnership with the Science Foundation Ireland (SFI) and the Health Research Board (HRB).

Find out more
UCL Neuroscience Events and Seminars

9 February, 2015 - **Outsourcing cognitive control to the external environment: the role of metacognition**
Time: 16:00
Speaker information: Sam Gilbert, Executive Functions Research, Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience. Host: Patrick Haggard
Location: Basement Lecture Theatre, 33 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Rosalyn Lawrence
Email: rosalyn.lawrence@ucl.ac.uk

9 February, 2015 - **Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience Seminar: Outsourcing cognitive control to the external environment: the role of metacognition**
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

11 February, 2015 - **Centre for Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience speaker programme: Title TBC**
Time: 16:30 - 17:30
Speaker information: Dr Fred Dick
Location: Leolin Price Lecture theatre (Lower Ground Floor), Institute of Child Health, 30 Guildford Street, London , WC1N 1EH
Contact: Rebecca Sage
Email: R.Sage@ucl.ac.uk

11 February, 2015 - **Division of Psychiatry seminar: Public mental health and its local application**
Time: 15:00 - 16:00
Host: Dr James Kirkbride, Division of Psychiatry.
Location: Medawar G01 Lankester LT, Medawar, UCL Main Campus Gower Street, London, WC1E 6BT
Contact: Berni Courtney
Email: b.courtney@ucl.ac.uk

11 February, 2015 - **Micro-brains and microfluidics: new approaches to prion(-like) activity**
Time: 13:00 -
MRC Prion Unit Events and Seminars, hosted by the MRC Prion Unit, UCL and the Institute of Neurology. Speaker information: Dr. Damian Crowther, Fellow of Trinity Hall, Department of Genetics, Cambridge. Hosted by: Dr Sarah Lloyd.
Location: 2nd floor Seminar Room, Institute of Neurology, Queen Square House, Queen Square, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Rosie Baverstock-West
Email: r.baverstock-west@prion.ucl.ac.uk

11 February, 2015 - **Neuroscience and Scientists – The Hungarian Experience**
Time: 18:00 - 20:00
Location: A.V. Hill Lecture Theatre, Neuroscience, Physiology and Pharmacology, Medical Sciences Building, UCL Gower Street, London , WC1E 6BT
Contact: Hungarian Cultural Centre London
Email: bookings@hungary.org.uk
Phone: 020 7240 8448

12 February, 2015 - **Queen Square MS Centre Seminar Series 2015: Mastering rotating fields: achievements and opportunities for MRI and neuromodulation research**
Time: 13:00 -
Speaker information: Professor Shalom Michaeli, Radiology Department, Center for MR Research, University of Minnesota. 12.30 pm buffet lunch in Foyer Seminar room
Location: Gilliatt Lecture Theatre, Institute of Neurology, Queen Square House, Queen Square, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Tina Holmes
Email: millerpa@ucl.ac.uk
12 February, 2015 - Services offered by Headway East London – a charity supporting people affected by brain injury. The model and brain injury survivors’ experiences of the service
Time: 17:15 -
Part of the CNR@UCLP Seminar Series 2015.
Speaker information: Amanda d’Souza. Open to all, free of charge and there is no need to register.
Location: Giliatt Lecture Theatre, Queen Square House, Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: UCLPartners Centre for Neurorehabilitation
Email: cnr@ucl.ac.uk

12 February, 2015 - Wolfson Institute for Biomedical Research Seminar: Axonal signalling endosomes: trafficking, sorting and disease
Time: 16:00 -
Speaker information: Professor Giampietro Schiavo, UCL Institute of Neurology.
Location: The Wolfson Institute for Biomedical Research, Cruciform Café (1st Floor), Cruciform Building, Gower Street, London, WC1E 6BT
Contact: Alison Kelly
Email: alison.kelly@ucl.ac.uk

13 February, 2015 - Brain Meeting Seminar Series: Content-specific representations in perception and memory
Time: 16:15 -
Speaker information: Nikolai Axmacher, German Center for Neurodegenerative Diseases, Germany.
Location: 4th Floor Seminar Room, Welcome Trust Centre for Neuroimaging, 12 Queen Square, London,
Contact: Ana Sanjuán
Email: ana.sanjuan@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
Phone: Please email

16 February, 2015 - Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience Seminar: Multimodal approaches to understanding the role of inhibition in human motor plasticity
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), Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, 17 Queen Square, London,
Contact: Rosalyn Lawrence
Email: rosalyn.lawrence@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: 020 7679 1164

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: Elizabeth Fisher. Series run by the Greensmith and Fisher Laboratories
Location: 2nd Floor Seminar Room, Institute of Neurology, Queen Square House, Queen Square, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Debbie Hadley
Email: d.hadley@ucl.ac.uk

17 February, 2015 - The Nature of Schizophrenia - Division of Psychiatry Special Lecture
Time: 12:00 - 13:00
Organised by UCL Division of Psychiatry
Location: B35 Basement Lecture Theatre, Birkbeck, Malet Street, London, WC1E 7HX
Contact: Berni Courtney
Email: b.courtney@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: 020 7679 9467

18 February, 2015 - Imaging Lecture Series: A Novel OCT Method — Master/Slave — An Ideal Tool for En-face Imaging of the Eye
Time: 13:00 -
Speaker information: Prof. Adrian Podoleanu, University of Kent. All welcome. Hosted by Chris Dainty, IoO-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
Phone: Please email

18 February, 2015 - Neuroscience Careers Network Forum: Getting Published (followed by a drinks reception)
Time: 16:00 - 18:00
Location: Lecture Theatre (106), Roberts Building, Malet Place, London, WC1E 7JE
Contact: Tassos Georgiadis, Sandrine Geranton and Mala Shah
Email: a.georgiadis@ucl.ac.uk; sandrine.geranton@ucl.ac.uk; mala.shah@ucl.ac.uk

20 February, 2015 - Brain Meeting Seminar Series: Spectral asymmetries in feedforward and feedback connectivity: a basic motif in cortical processing?
Time: 16:15 -
Speaker information: Andre Bastos, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA.
Location: 4th Floor Seminar Room, Welcome Trust Centre for Neuroimaging, 12 Queen Square, London,
Contact: Ryszard Auksztulewicz
Email: r.auksztulewicz@ucl.ac.uk

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, Clinical Neuroscience building, 33 Queen Square, London,
Contact: Rosalyn Lawrence
Email: rosalyn.lawrence@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: 020 7679 1164

23 February, 2015 - UCL Royal Society Funder Showcase
Time: 09:30 - 11:30
Location: Pavilion, UCL Main Quad, Gower Street , London , WC1E 6BT
Contact: Jessica Grant
Email: jessica.grant@ucl.ac.uk

24 February, 2015 - Developing a Connected Curriculum in School of Life and Medical Sciences (SLMS): From Research-Led Teaching to Research-Based Education
Time: 11:00 - 13:00
SLMS Workshop, with Prof Mick Healey. To book a place please email Fiona Wilkie (max. 30 places)
Location: CALT Arena Room, 1-19 Torrington Place, , , WC1E 7HB
Contact: Fiona Wilkie
Email: f.wilkie@ucl.ac.uk

25 February, 2015 - Division of Psychiatry seminar: Adolescence as a sensitive period for social brain development
Time: 15:00 - 16:00
Organised by UCL Division of Psychiatry
Professor Sarah-Jayne Blakemore will talk about her ground-breaking cognitive neuroscience research on the adolescent brain and adolescence as a sensitive period of brain development. Host: Prof Glyn Lewis, Division of Psychiatry.
Location: Bedford Way G03, , 26 Bedford Way, London, WC1H 0DS
Contact: Berni Courtney
Email: b.courtney@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: 020 7679 9467

25 February, 2015 - MRC Prion Unit Events and Seminars: Probing the Structure and Dynamics of Proteins and Protein Complexes Using Ion Mobility Mass Spectrometry
Time: 13:00 -
MRC Prion Unit Events and Seminars, hosted by the MRC Prion Unit, UCL and the Institute of Neurology. Speaker information: Dr. Konstantinos Thalassinos, Institute of Structural and Molecular Biology, Division of Biosciences, UCL. Hosted by: Professor John Collinge
Location: 2nd floor Seminar Room, Institute of Neurology, Queen Square House, Queen Square, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Prion Unit
25 February, 2015 - **Space and motion: the neurobiology of goal-oriented actions**

Time: 13:00 - 14:00

UCL Neuroscience, Physiology & Pharmacology Seminar Series 2015. Speaker information: Dr. Marco Tripodi, MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Cambridge Biomedical Campus. Host: Marco Beato (m.beato@ucl.ac.uk)

Location: H.O.Schild Lecture Theatre, G46 Medical Sciences Building, Medical Sciences and Anatomy Building, Gower Street, London, WC1E 6BT

Contact: Dr. Stefan Trapp

Email: s.trapp@ucl.ac.uk

26 February, 2015 - **ALS Seminar Series: Stimulation of fiber growth and formation of new circuits in the damaged CNS by Nogo-A neutralization**

Time: 16:00 - 17:00

Speaker information: Martin Schwab, University of Zurich. Host: Giampietro Schiavo. Series run by the Greensmith and Fisher Laboratories

Location: Lecture Theatre, 33 Queen Square

Contact: Debbie Hadley

Email: d.hadley@ucl.ac.uk

26 February, 2015 - **Vision@UCL Seminar Series: How the visual brain construct objects from features**

Time: 17:00 -

Speaker information: Pieter Roelfsema, Netherlands Inst for Neuroscience

Location: Roberts 508, Roberts Building, Malet Place, London, WC1E 7JE

Contact: Lewis Griffin

Email: L.Griffin@cs.ucl.ac.uk

27 February, 2015 - **Brain Meeting Seminar Series: A whole brain model of resting functional connectivity fluctuations**

Time: 16:15 -

Speaker information: Gustavo Deco, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain.

Location: 4th Floor Seminar Room, Welcome Trust Centre for Neuroimaging, 12 Queen Square, London,

Contact: Ana Sanjuán

Email: ana.sanjuan@ucl.ac.uk

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

Contact: Audrey Mercer

Email: a.mercer@ucl.ac.uk

2 March, 2015 - **Farr Short Courses: Answering Clinical Research Questions with Health Records**

Time: -

Location: The Farr Institute London, 222 Euston Road, London, NW1 2DA

Contact: Farr Short Courses

Email: farr-short-courses@ucl.ac.uk

2 March, 2015 - **Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience Seminar: Mapping Memories**

Time: 16:00 - 17:00

Speaker information: Christian Doller, Donders Institute for Brain, Cognition & Behaviour, Nijmegen. Host: Neil Burgess

Location: Wolfson Lecture Theatre, National Hospital for Neurology & Neurosurgery, Queen Square, London,

Contact: Rosalyn Lawrence

Email: rosalyn.lawrence@ucl.ac.uk

Phone: 020 7679 1164

2 March, 2015 - **MRC Centre for Neuromuscular Diseases Seminar Series: Imaging in polyneuropathies: The sonographic neural map**

Time: 17:30 -

Speaker information: Professor Elena Gallardo

Location: Basement Lecture Theatre, 33 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG

Contact: Christine Oldfield
3 March, 2015 - **Cell type specific markers expression patterns in the human aging brain: from precursors to mature**
Time: 16:00 -
Speaker: Lilach Soraq, Department of Molecular Neuroscience, Institute of Neurology, UCL. Host: Institute of Neurology Postdoc Seminar Committee.
Location: Basement Lecture Theatre, 33 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Institute of Neurology Postdoc Seminar Committee
Email: ionpostdocsrequest@gmail.com

4 March, 2015 - **Farr Short Courses: Using Primary Care EHRs for Research**
Time: -
Confirmed Speakers: Professor Andrew Hayward, UCL. Part of 'Harnessing Electronic Health Records for Research', a unique programme of 13 inter-related short courses in the rapidly developing field of electronic health records research.
Location: The Farr Institute London, 222 Euston Road, London, NW1 2DA
Contact: Farr Short Courses
Email: farr-short-courses@ucl.ac.uk

5 March, 2015 - **Farr Short Courses: Hospital Episode Statistics**
Time: -
Location: The Farr Institute London, 222 Euston Road, London, NW1 2DA
Contact: Farr Short Courses
Email: farr-short-courses@ucl.ac.uk

6 March, 2015 - **Ear Institute Seminar Series: Title TBC**
Time: 13:00 - 14:00
Speaker information: Torsten Dau, Copenhagen. 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

6 March, 2015 - **Farr Short Courses: Phenootyping Linked Primary and Secondary Care EHR Data**
Time: -
Location: The Farr Institute London, 222 Euston Road, London, NW1 2DA
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**External Events of Interest**

**Epilepsy Masterclass**

19-20 February
Young Epilepsy, St. Piers Lane, Lingfield, Surrey, RH7 6PW

An Epilepsy Masterclass hosted by Professor Helen Cross for Paediatricians, Neurologists, Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Epilepsy Nurse Specialists and Registrars.
The theme for this Masterclass is Acquired Brain Injury: Consequences and Management.

**Contact:** Angela Mensah on 01342 831274 or email [Young Epilepsy](mailto:Young%20Epilepsy) for further information.

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**Human Brain Anatomy course**

9 – 11 March 2015  
Guy's Campus, King's College London*  
Hosts: Dr Paul Johns, BSc BM MSc FRCPath

Comprehensive introduction to neuroanatomy  
Assumes minimal prior knowledge  
Emphasises functional, clinical and MRI brain anatomy

The 3-day course is suitable for anyone with an interest in structural and functional brain anatomy. It is widely attended by a mixture of UK and international delegates at all levels from undergraduate student to professor.

[Find out more](#)

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**Origin and evolution of the nervous system – The Royal Society scientific discussion meeting**

Monday 9 – Tuesday 10 March 2015  
The Royal Society, London  
Hosts: Organised by Professor Nicholas Strausfeld FRS and Dr Frank Hirth

This meeting will consider the origin of nervous systems, integrating knowledge ranging from evolutionary theory and palaeontology to comparative developmental genetics and phylogenomics. It will cover discoveries of fossil brains, as well as correspondences of neural circuit organisation and behaviours, all of which allow evidence-based debates for and against the proposition that the nervous systems and brains of animals all derive from a common ancestor.

This meeting is immediately followed by a related, two-day satellite meeting, [Homology and convergence in nervous system evolution](#), at the Royal Society at Chicheley Hall. Please note the satellite meeting requires separate registration.

For more information please contact Naomi Asantewa-Sechereh at [discussion.meetings@royalsociety.org](mailto:discussion.meetings@royalsociety.org) or on 020 7451 2515.

[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

Chronic pain is a major challenge in terms of human health and well-being. Approximately 20% of the population has an on-going pain problem and many are poorly treated with current medications. Because pain affects the elderly disproportionally, it becomes an increasingly important and expensive problem as our population continues to age. The growing use of neurotoxic drugs to treat cancer and infectious diseases, and the recognition of sexual dimorphism in both pain mechanisms and the clinical presentation of pain syndromes further emphasize the need to better understand the underlying biological mechanisms of pain, so that improved therapies can be offered to patients.

This exciting new Wellcome Trust conference will discuss recent discoveries and current challenges in pain research, with a focus on translating basic research insights into new therapies. We will highlight key advances in our understanding of peripheral and central pain mechanisms, pathways and processes; explore the clinical landscape of chronic pain and pain syndromes; and address innovative approaches in target validation in animal and human studies, and their translation into novel therapeutic interventions.

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

This meeting is aimed at scientists, clinicians, and those working in industry or on translational research who are interested in understanding chronic pain and improving the process from mechanism to therapy. We welcome the submission of abstracts from all areas relevant to the main themes of the meeting. Several oral presentations will be chosen from the abstracts submitted.

To facilitate a highly interactive conference, the number of places available will be limited to 150 participants; therefore, early registration is recommended.

Register Now by 16 February

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

Join us in Edinburgh for the UK's biggest Neuroscience Event the BNA2015: Festival of Neuroscience!

From the 12-15th April, the British Neuroscience Association will host its flagship biennial meeting, the Festival of Neuroscience at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre. We are delighted to announce a top line-up of world renowned neuroscientists including 2 Nobel Laureates and over 240 speakers in total covering the hottest topics in neuroscience over 50 symposia.

As well as a fantastic scientific programme there will be a range of other activities including public events arranged by the Edinburgh International Science Festival which is running at the same time, and a 'Speed Dating Careers for Science' Event whereby students can come and meet various experts in the field of science - academia and commercial, for an informal chat about careers!

Over 1200 people have already registered - please come and join us for this spectacular neuroscience festival!

More information at www.bna2015.org
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

Find out more

Limbic brain anatomy course

1 – 2 June 2015
Guy’s Campus, King’s College London*
Hosts: Dr Paul Johns, BSc BM MSc FRCPath

Neuroanatomy for psychiatry, neurology and neuroscience
More advanced course focusing on memory, cognition and emotion (e.g. limbic lobe, hippocampus, amygdala, ventral striatum)

The limbic brain course is ideal for basic, clinical and imaging neuroscientists and is also very popular with NHS consultants and junior doctors in specialties such as neurology, psychiatry, radiology and neurosurgery.

Find out more

The 16th International Neuropsychoanalysis Congress: Plasticity and Recognition (and other topics)
9 – 12 July 2015
University of Amsterdam

Call for Papers: abstracts due on 1 February!

Speakers include: Cristina Alberini; François Ansermet; Marinus Van Ijzendoorn & Yoram Yovell
More Congress information, including registration, accommodation & more: Click here

We welcome proposals for presentations and symposia on this broad theme, from an experimental or clinical perspective. However, proposals on all other topics of relevance to neuropsychoanalysis are also welcome.
You are invited to submit abstracts for research presentations, posters, and symposia which have an explicit psychoanalytic or psychodynamic component. Click here for more info.

Abstracts are due by 1 February; please submit your abstracts by clicking here

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