General Notice

UCL Neuroscience Symposium 2016 – Registration open

The annual UCL Neuroscience Symposium will take place at the Institute of Education on Friday 24th June 2016.

The Keynote talk will be given by:

- Professor Leslie Vosshall, Investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, The Rockefeller University,

Over 850 neuroscientists attend each year to hear about the latest research in neuroscience and to meet with colleagues from across UCL and beyond. It promises to be a fascinating day, with an extensive poster display and exhibition.

Registration is now open, so ensure you book your place promptly for what is sure to be a sell-out event.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2016-ucl-neuroscience-symposium-tickets-21078734061

#UCLneurosym

UCL Early Careers Neuroscience Prize – call for entries

Each year the UCL Neuroscience Domain awards the Early Career Neuroscience Prize to two UCL neuroscientists. The prize aims to recognise outstanding work published in the past year by early career UCL neuroscientists in any field of neuroscience.

The competition is open to all UCL PhD students, postdoctoral fellows, research associates and junior Principal Investigators (first position as PI, lecturer, or research fellow and within 10 years of receipt of a PhD or MD) working on any aspect of neuroscience.

Nominees are expected to have led a ground-breaking piece of work, which they have published (online or in print) in a peer-reviewed journal between 1 January 2015 and 1 February 2016. The research should have been conducted at UCL.
(Papers accepted/ in press before deadline of 1 February will also be eligible for inclusion if accompanied by confirmation of acceptance from the Journal).

Winners receive a cash prize and are given the opportunity to present their work at the annual UCL Neuroscience Symposium.

The deadline to apply is 5pm on Monday 14 March 2016.

Full details on how to apply are on the Neuroscience Symposium website: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2016-ucl-neuroscience-symposium-tickets-21078734061

Neuroscience Careers Network

Setting up a Company
Date: Thursday 25 February, 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Cutting edge biomedical research brings on scientific advancements which, depending on their nature, can have commercial value. The translation of a research programme with commercial potential into a spin-out company is a complex process that involves strategic planning from both the researchers and UCL administration. Our three speakers will give their own advice on setting up a company through their own experiences and expertise.

Our speakers are:
Dr. David Tapolczay, Chief Executive MRC Technology
Dr. Alex Menys, Postdoctoral Research Associate at UCL & founder of Motilent Ltd
Dr. Rachel Hemsley, Senior Business Manager, UCL Business

To attend this event, please register for free at http://setting-up-a-company.eventbrite.co.uk

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 Paeditaric Anaesthesia and Pain Medicine, ICH/GOSH**

To register for this event (free), follow the link: [http://ncnmarc2016.eventbrite.co.uk](http://ncnmarc2016.eventbrite.co.uk)

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**Grant Writing Workshop**

**Date:** Tuesday 19 April, 1pm - 4pm

**Workshop Chairs:** Prof Patricia Salinas & Prof Dimitri Kullmann

The aim of this half-day session is to help workshop participants improve their applications for funding, whether they are project grants or fellowships. It will be led by two senior UCL researchers, Prof. Patricia Salinas (Cell & Developmental Biology) and Prof. Dimitri Kullmann (Institute of Neurology), who have extensive experience in applying for funding as well as being part of grant review committees. This is a rare opportunity to polish your 'grantsmanship' skills, gain insight into how funding committees work, and receive constructive feedback on your applications.

To participate in this workshop, each participant must provide an abstract, lay summary and scientific proposal (it may be a preliminary application) for either a grant or fellowship application by **31 March 2016**. Participants are NOT required to submit grant costings.

**Contact:** Madeleine Verriotis, Marion Oberhuber, or Jasper Poort

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**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

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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
- #DataSavesLives: 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
Spasticity Management -- A Multidisciplinary Approach

25 - 26 February 2016
Clinical Neuroscience Building, UCLH

This two day course provides clinicians with an overview of spasticity and the many interventions available to manage it effectively for the individual. The course will discuss the assessment and detail the current evidence on the utilisation of outcome measures. The course aims to assist clinicians by integrating the physical management strategies along with the many treatments available and highlighting future research in spasticity. Discussion will be on the practical real life translation of the evidence and importance of education and self management.

More information

NIHR University College London Hospitals Biomedical Research Centre

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.
Register now for the Wolfson Annual Symposium 2016, *Neurodegeneration: using genetics to understand pathogenesis and facilitate early diagnosis* on **Wednesday, 2 March**, 33 Queen Square, supported by UCL-ARUK Network.

The finalised programme is now attached and includes an excellent line up of speakers as well as lunch, poster and networking sessions, and a drinks reception.

We are delighted to have Professor Kari Stefansson, CEO of deCODE genetics in Iceland, as our Keynote Speaker, presenting his latest data on the *Genetics of Common/Complex Traits*.

Please RSVP at: [http://www.eventbrite.com/e/lwenc-annual-symposium-tickets-20140744509](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/lwenc-annual-symposium-tickets-20140744509)

Although formal registration is not taken at the event, we ask that you register by 22 February to guarantee your seat and lunch.

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**Public Engagement**

**Meta**

*Meta* has been created by playwright Sarah Woods in collaboration with neuroscientists and school students to explore the development of the teenage brain, and the impact this has on thoughts, feelings and behaviours. The piece will be performed by five young Members who have experienced homelessness or are at-risk.

You are invited to see *Meta* in action and bring a group along to one of the public performances. Tickets are available on a Pay-What-You-Like basis but book through the venue to secure a place.

Please find performance dates and times below:

- **Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th March 2016, 19:30** – Canada Water Culture Space
- **Sunday 20th March, 19:00** – Rich Mix, Shoreditch

Cardboard Citizens is a charity that has made life-changing theatre with and for homeless people for 25 years. Every year we reach over 1,400 homeless, vulnerable and at-risk individuals through theatre performed on the stage and in hostels, day centres and prisons. As a creative hub for excluded people, our workshops, training and advice and guidance help them build skills, grow confidence and improve their sense of purpose and wellbeing while offering the opportunity to earn qualifications, be part of a community and ultimately move away from homelessness.

[More information](#)
Inspire! Work Experience

Each year, Inspire! supports around 4,000 young people aged 14-19 in North and East London to gain first-hand experience of working life by undertaking an unpaid work placement with a local employer.

Could you help Inspire! By hosting a student for a week, two weeks or even for one day per week over several months?

This would be an exciting public engagement opportunity. Your support can go a long way in shaping a young person’s future by:

- **Developing their employability** skills and understanding of what it takes to enter and succeed in the world of work
- **Allowing them to explore** their career options and aspirations first-hand rather than on paper
- **Building their confidence** and self-belief that they can succeed in today’s challenging job market

For more information, or to offer a placement, please contact Inspire!’s Work Experience team by calling 020 7275 6075.

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

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Major Wellcome Trust award to UCL boosts Huntington’s disease research

A team of researchers from UCL and the University of Cambridge led by Professor Sarah Tabrizi, Director of the Huntington’s Disease Centre, UCL Institute of Neurology, have been granted a prestigious Wellcome Trust Collaborative Award in one of the largest investments in Huntington’s Disease (HD) ever given by a public funding body in the UK.

The 5-year, £3.4 million investment will support research to help our understanding of disease mechanisms in HD and, importantly, their response to treatment. This valuable work will in turn provide insights into other more common neurodegenerative diseases.

Huntington’s disease is a devastating inherited neurodegenerative condition for which there is currently no effective treatment to slow down the disease process. It is caused by a single faulty gene resulting in the build-up of a toxic protein – mutant huntingtin – which damages brain cells, leading to abnormal involuntary movements, psychiatric symptoms and dementia.

In September 2015, a ground-breaking ‘gene silencing’ trial started, with Professor Tabrizi as the Global Chief Clinical Investigator working in partnership with Ionis Pharmaceuticals. The drug is an antisense oligonucleotide (ASO) and is designed to instruct neurons to make less huntingtin protein.

Virtual reality therapy could help people with depression

An immersive virtual reality therapy could help people with depression to be less critical and more compassionate towards themselves, reducing depressive symptoms, finds a new study from UCL and ICREA-University of Barcelona.

The therapy, previously tested by healthy volunteers, was used by 15 depression patients aged 23-61. Nine reported reduced depressive symptoms a month after the therapy, of whom four experienced a clinically significant drop in depression severity. The study is published in the British Journal of Psychiatry Open and was funded by the Medical Research Council.

Patients in the study wore a virtual reality headset to see from the perspective of a life-size ‘avatar’ or virtual body. Seeing this virtual body in a mirror moving in the same way as their own body typically produces the illusion that this is their own body. This is called ‘embodiment’.

More information
Blocking stress protein relieves chronic pain in mice

A group of drugs being developed to treat mood disorders could also relieve chronic pain, finds new UCL research funded by the Medical Research Council. The study, published in Science Translational Medicine, reveals how a protein that shapes the body’s response to stress also drives chronic pain and so offers new targets for future pain treatments.

The researchers studied genetically modified mice that lacked a protein called FKBP51. This protein is very important for regulating stress. Variations in the human FKBP5 gene are linked to the risk of developing stress-related psychiatric disorders, such as major depression and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Previous studies have shown that people with specific FKBP5 variations feel greater physical pain after serious trauma, and the UCL team have now discovered that mice without FKBP51 experience reduced chronic pain from nerve damage and arthritic joints.

More information

Current Funding Opportunities

Call for applications: Research fellowships at Paris Institute for Advanced Studies (PIAS)

Deadline: Friday 18 March

In partnership with the corporate chair for Operational Efficiency and Management Systems, (BNP-Paribas – CentraleSupélec), the PIAS is recruiting a high level junior or senior researcher in the humanities, social sciences or neurosciences for a period of six months (starting between September 1st and November 1st 2016), to take part in a research program on the ways in which advances in the cognitive and neurosciences can facilitate the rethinking of organization and management systems through the use of the brain as a metaphor.

Researchers from all over the world are eligible. The applicant must have at least three years of active research experience in the field of the project following their PhD at the time of the application. French and English language skills are a prerequisite. The deadline for applications is Friday, March 18th.

More details on the call on the website.
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 - [London stroke forum](#)
Time: 17:30 - 19:30  
Speakers: Professor David Werring - Intracerebral Haemorrhage; and Professor Robert Simister - Endovascular Therapy  
Location: Basement Lecture Theatre, National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG  
Contact: London Stroke Forum  
Email: londonstrokeforum@gmail.com  
Phone: Please email

24 February, 2016 - [Rethinking mental health care: bridging the credibility gap](#)
Time: 16:00 -
Organised by UCL Division of Psychiatry  
Speaker: Vikram Patel, FMedSci Innovations in global mental health have focused on addressing the ‘supply side’ barriers to reduce the treatment gap and, in doing so, have redefined three core assumptions regarding mental health care, namely, what comprises a mental health care intervention, who is a mental health care provider and what is a mental health care setting. However, such innovations alone will not reduce the treatment gap because of the gap between the understanding of mental disorder that mental health specialists use, which I will illustrate through the diagnostic systems and epidemiological instruments arising from them, and how the rest of the world conceptualises psychological suffering.  
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: Please email
**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.

Location: Darwin Lecture Theatre, Darwin Building, access via Malet Place, London, WC1E 6BT

Contact: Sonia Abrams
Email: events@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: +44 (0)203 108 3840

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**25 February, 2016 - Memory states influence value-based decision making**

Time: 17:15 -

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: Please email

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**25 February, 2016 - Neuroscience Career Network: Setting up a Company**

Time: 15:30 - 16:30

Cutting edge biomedical research brings on scientific advancements which, depending on their nature, can have commercial value. The translation of a research programme with commercial potential into a spin-out company is a complex process that involves strategic planning from both the researchers and UCL administration. Our three speaker will give their own advice on setting up a company through their own experiences and expertise. This event is aimed at postgraduate students, MD/PhDs, postdocs and junior PIs. Our speakers include: Dr. David Tapolczay, Chief Executive MRC Technology Dr. Alex Menys, Postdoctoral Research Associate at UCL & founder of Motilent Ltd Dr. Rachel Hemsley, Senior Business Manager, UCL Business

Location: Gilliatt Lecture Theatre, Institute of Neurology, Queen Square House, Queen Square, WC1N 3BG

Contact: Madeleine Verriotis
Email: madeleine.verriotis@ucl.ac.uk
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**26 February, 2016 - ALS seminar series**

Time: 14:00 -

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: Please email

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**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
29 February, 2016 - SensyT seminar series: on the potentials of citizen science
Time: 16:00 -
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: Please email

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 data - Patients and the Public Informing electronic health record research. Part of UCL's Festival for Digital Health.
Location: Farr Institute Seminar rooms, UCL Farr Institute, 222 Euston Road, London, NW1 2DA
Contact: Nathalie Fitzpatrick
Email: n.fitzpatrick@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: +44 (0)20 7679 5326

1 March, 2016 - Anatomical basis of interindividual differences in visual processing
Time: 16:00 -
An Experimental Psychology Seminar. Speaker: Dr Axel Kohler, University of Münster. 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

2 March, 2016 - Wolfson Annual Symposium 2016 - neurodegeneration: using genetics to understand pathogenesis and facilitate early diagnosis
Time: -
Confirmed speakers include: Huw Morris, Lesley Jones, Pietro Fratta, Rickie Patani, Emmanuel Asante, Stephen Mullin, Rita Guerreiro, Jose Bras, Andre Altman, Tim Hubbard, Alistair Noyce, and Aroon Hingoorani. The day will also include posters from students and postdocs. The keynote speaker is Professor Kari Stefansson, CEO of deCODE genetics in Iceland. A full programme will be circulated in January but please mark your calendars now.
Location: Institute of Neurology, Queen Square House, Queen Square, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Elizabeth Halton
Email: e.halton@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

3 March, 2016 - Lysosomal storage pathology in frontotemporal dementia patients with a CHMP2B mutation; early stage lysosomal trafficking defects
Time: 16:00 -
Speaker: Emma Clayton, Neurodegenerative Disease Department, IoN.. Host: Institute of Neurology Postdoc Seminar Committee
Location: Basement Lecture Theatre, National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Institute of Neurology Postdoc Seminar Committee
Email: ionpostdocsrequest@gmail.com
Phone: Please email
7 March, 2016 - **Atlas-based segmentation of MR images of skeletal muscle: a promising strategy for follow-up studies**

Time: 17:30 - 
MRC Centre for Neuromuscular Diseases Seminar Series. Speaker: David Bendahan, CRMBM-CNRS Aix-Marseille University 
Location: Basement Lecture Theatre, 33 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG 
Contact: Christine Oldfield 
Email: cnmd_contact@ucl.ac.uk 
Phone: Please email 

7 March, 2016 - **The signal and the noise: a neural-oscillations perspective on the listening brain**

Time: 16:00 - 
Speaker: Jonas Obleser, Max Planck Institute, University of Luebeck 
Location: Lecture Theatre, Clinical Neuroscience Building, 33 Queen Square, London, 
Contact: Rosalyn Lawrence 
Email: rosalyn.lawrence@ucl.ac.uk 
Phone: Please email 

8 March, 2016 - **An Experimental Psychology seminar: title TBC**

Time: 16:00 - 
An Experimental Psychology Seminar. Speaker: Dr Bob Carlyon, University of Cambridge. 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 March, 2016 - **Adolescent and early adult outcomes in children with autism**

Time: 16:00 - 17:00 
Organised by UCL Division of Psychiatry 
Speaker: Dr Dheeraj Rai Many more children are being diagnosed with autism today than ever before. It is still unclear what becomes of these children when they reach adulthood. What are their needs and how can services best support them? High quality longitudinal studies assessing the outcomes of autism are needed. In this talk I will discuss findings of cohort studies in Bristol and Stockholm addressing some questions related to social and mental health outcomes of autism 
Location: 508, Roberts Building, Torrington Place, London, 
Contact: Berni Courtney 
Email: b.courtney@ucl.ac.uk 
Phone: Please email 

9 March, 2016 - **Open Access for early career researchers**

Time: 14:00 - 15:00 
Join UCL Press and De Gruyter Open to discuss open access for early career and PhD researchers. This session will cover the benefits of publishing in open access early in a researcher’s career, in addition to the different models that exist. Speakers will include Dr. Chris Penfold, Commissioning Editor for UCL Press, and Emily Poznanski, Product Manager (Open Access Books) for De Gruyter Open. 
Location: H O Schild Pharmacology Lecture Theatre, Medical Sciences and Anatomy Building, Gower Street, London, WC1E 6BT 
Contact: Alison Major 

10 March, 2016 - **Challenge on Dementia 2020: putting words into action**

Time: 09:00 - 17:00 
One year after the publication of the Prime Minister's Challenge on Dementia 2020 in February 2015, this conference will examine the stated ambitions and how we in London have set out to meet the challenge so far. The conference will welcome influential speakers including Alistair Burns, National Clinical Director for Dementia, NHS England. Sessions will address key aspects of the challenge here in London. At the heart of the conference
will be people living with dementia and their carers, telling personal stories and challenging us all to keep the person at the centre of all care. The conference welcomes all health and social care staff, including clinicians, pharmacists, optometrists, and dentists; there will be opportunities for networking, shared learning, and a call to action to shape out care provision across London.

Location: Rooms on Regents Park, 27 Sussex Place, London, NW1 4RG
Contact: Flora Strange
Email: flora.strange@uclpartners.com
Phone: Please email

14 March, 2016 - **Mental health research at the Institute of Child Health and Great Ormond Street Hospital – research into practice**
Time: 13:00 - 17:00
Mental ill-health affects 1 in 10 children and 80% of adult mental illness starts before age 18. In the population of children with physical illness, rates of mental illness are up to seven-times higher. Chair: Professor Roz Shafran. The event is free to attend but pre-registration is required to secure a place. Please register your attendance via the doodle link or email ICH Developmental Neurosciences Programme to reserve your place at this unique event.

Location: Kennedy Lecture Theatre, UCL Institute of Child Health, 30 Guilford Street, London, WC1N 1EH
Contact: ICH Developmental Neurosciences Programme
Email: ICH.DN.Programme@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

15 March, 2016 - **(Re-)organisation of language and auditory processing in the congenitally blind (anophthalmic) brain**
Time: 16:00 -
An Experimental Psychology Seminar. Speaker: DrKate Watkins, Experimental Psychology Department, University of Oxford. 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

15 March, 2016 - **Miro mitochondrial GTPases in neuronal development, maintenance and death**
Time: 12:00 -
Part of the ALS Seminar Series: run by the Greensmith and Fisher Laboratories. Speaker: Josef Kittler, UCL Department of Neuroscience, Physiology & Pharmacology. Host: Linda Greensmith
Location: 2nd Floor Seminar Room, Institute of Neurology, Queen Square House, Queen Square, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Debbie Hadley
Email: d.hadley@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

15 March, 2016 - **UK Neuro-Ophthalmology Society 8th annual meeting: the visual brain: order and disorder**
Time: 09:30 - 17:00
This year’s meeting is so packed with content that it is being held over two days. Please feel welcome to join us for one or both days. We aim to bring together Neuroscientists and Neurologists who have an interest in ventral visual processing in health and disease 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 Braceywell. Registration closes 26 February 2016.
Location: Basement Lecture theatre, , , 33 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: UK Neuro-ophthalmology Society
Email: meetings@uknosig.com
Phone: Please email
Neuroscience Career Network: Different academic paths: Perspectives from academic, teaching and clinical routes
Time: 15:30 - 16:30
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
Location: TBC, UCL, London,
Contact: Sandrine Geranton
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UK Neuro-ophthalmology Society 8th annual meeting: ocular motility symposium
Time: 09:30 -
This year’s meeting is so packed with content that it is being held over two days. Please feel welcome to join us for one or both days. We will be bringing together experts in Neuro-ophthalmology and trainees in Medical Ophthamology, Neurology and Ophthalmology to pick our way through the fundamentals and complexities of ocular motility. As in previous years, the afternoon will be given over to free presentations with The Ivor Levy Prize awarded to the best presentation given by a trainee. Abstract submission deadline 15 February 2015.
Registration closes 26 February 2016.
Location: Robin Suite, 29th Floor Guy’s Tower, Guy’s Hospital, London,
Contact: UK Neuro-ophthalmology Society
Email: meetings@uknosig.com
Phone: Please email

UCLPartners introduction to quality improvement
Time: 09:30 - 16:30
UCLPartners is committed to supporting our partners to build communities who have the capability to deliver improvement across the partnership. This one day session is aimed at anyone interested in learning about the methodology and models UCLPartners use to support quality improvement work, covering all the basics necessary to understand and participate in QI initiatives. The session aim is to deliver a package including all the basics necessary to understand and participate in Quality Improvement initiatives. Open to all UCLPartners and partner organisation employees, and all UCLPartners postgraduate trainees and those in the Frontier (SASG) programme
Location: TBC,
Contact: Rachana Bhatt
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SenSyT seminar series: does philosophy make sense?
Time: 16:00 -
Speaker: Professor Sir Colin Blakemore, CenSes
Location: Lecture Theatre, UCL Ear Institute, 332 Grays Inn Road, London, WC1X 8EE
Contact: SenSyT
Email: sensyt@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

UK neuromuscular translational research conference 2016
Time: -
The 9th annual conference will once again be hosted jointly by the MRC Centre for Neuromuscular Diseases and Muscular Dystrophy UK. Designed to engage both neuromuscular clinicians and scientists, nationally and internationally. Highlights will include: Showcasing the best and latest developments in neuromuscular science, and their translation into patient benefit; UK and international speakers to provide state of the art overviews;
Platform and poster presentations from submitted abstracts; Reception and gala dinner; Reduced registration fee for non-clinical trainees. **Deadline for abstracts 15 December 2015** Registration is now open. Location: Medical Sciences Teaching Centre, Medical Sciences Division, South Parks Road, Oxford, OX1 3PL Contact: MRC Centre for Neuromuscular Diseases Email: cnmd.contact@ucl.ac.uk Phone: Please email

23 March, 2016 - **UCL Division of Psychiatry seminar: title TBC**
Time: 16:00 - 17:00
Organised by UCL Division of Psychiatry
Speaker: Professor Steve Pilling, Director of the Centre for Outcomes Research and Effectiveness (CORE) in the Research Dept of Clinical, Educational and Health Psychology, UCL Division of Psychology and Language Sciences
Location: 508, Roberts Building, Torrington Place, London,
Contact: Berni Courtney
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Phone: Please email

24 March, 2016 - **Psychodynamic Neuroscience Research meeting: the conscious ID: an introduction to neuropsychoanalysis**
Time: 18:00 -
Speaker: Mark Solms, University of Cape Town
Location: Room 305, 3rd Floor, 26 Bedford Way, London, WC1H 0DS
Contact: Dr Katerina Fotopoulou
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**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

Research and Intensive Lecture Course Opportunities in Japan

RIKEN BRAIN SCIENCE INSTITUTE

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, University of Tsukuba Jennifer Raymond, Stanford University Hiromu Tanimoto, Tohoku University Masayuki Matsumoto, University of Tsukuba Carlos Brody, Princeton University Michael Bruchas, Washington University Dayu Lin, NYU Langone Medical Center Yael Niv, Princeton University

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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

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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](http://www.smr.org.uk/SMR/Meetings/20160317/Default.asp).

For more information visit the website here: [http://www.smr.org.uk/SMR/Meetings/20160317/Default.asp](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’](http://www.neuroscience.cam.ac.uk/events/event.php?permalink=3370df584c) is now open. Hosted by the Department of Physiology, Development and Neuroscience, the conference will cover the breath 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](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.
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.

Practical Neurology Study Days

18 – 22 April 2016
Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, London.

An annual series of study days which aim to help clinicians update and improve their approach to the diagnosis and management of neurological problems in children. Each day focuses on a different range of subjects – delegates can attend the whole course or individual days.

The course uses a combination of lectures, case presentations, slides and videos. Emphasis is on the best current approach to the practical management of a selection of common problems.

Who should attend?
The course is intended for Consultant Paediatricians, Paediatricians in Training and Health Professionals involved in the management of children with neurological disorders.

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 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.

**More information**

**NPSA Congress – Chicago 2016**

7 July – 10 July 2016
Chicago, USA

The 17th annual congress of the International Neuropsychoanalysis Society. Keynote talks, research sessions and symposia on the theme “Other Minds” as well as on a variety of other neuropsychoanalytic topics.


Visit [https://npsa-association.org/event-details/chicago-2016-abstract-submission/](https://npsa-association.org/event-details/chicago-2016-abstract-submission/) to submit a proposal for a talk, symposium, or poster

**The Lancet Neurology Conference - Preclinical neurodegenerative disease: towards prevention and early diagnosis**

19 - 21 October 2016
Park Plaza Riverbank, London

The clinical symptoms of neurodegenerative diseases arise years after the onset of neuronal damage. By the time the patient receives a diagnosis, it might be too late to intervene and modify the advanced pathological state of disease. Researchers are now focusing on preventing and stopping the pathological processes in the brain at an earlier, asymptomatic state.

This conference aims to disseminate cutting-edge findings on preclinical neurodegenerative diseases—including Alzheimer’s disease, Parkinson’s disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, and Huntington’s disease. The event will provide a unique platform for specialists to come together across disciplines for an authoritative discussion of the methodological, regulatory, and ethical considerations of research in people at asymptomatic states of neurodegenerative disease.

Posters are invited to supplement the [invited oral programme](https://npsa-association.org/event-details/chicago-2016-abstract-submission/). Please submit abstracts by **June 3, 2016**.

**More information**
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.

[More information](#)