UCL Neuroscience Domain Development Fund – Call for projects

The aim of the UCL Neuroscience Domain Development Fund is to provide short-term, pump-priming funds to support innovative, proof-of-concept research. The aim is to provide support for small awards (up to £10k) to enable investigators to obtain pilot data to support larger-scale applications for external research funding in the future. We are now launching a call for projects that fall within one of two areas: 1) Mental Health and, 2) Neurodegeneration.

Process and criteria
Applications to the Development Fund will be reviewed by the UCL Neuroscience Domain Steering Committee (http://www.ucl.ac.uk/research/domains/neuroscience/about-us/copy_of_index). The projects will be ranked on criteria such as scientific quality, strategic relevance and feasibility. Applicants are encouraged to use the funding to take forward innovative or potentially high-risk projects.

Eligibility
The Domain committee is particularly keen to encourage and support early-career researchers. As such, the call is open to senior postdocs and those within the first four years of their first independent position.

Full guidance available here:
https://www.ucl.ac.uk/research/domains/neuroscience/documents/dev-fund-guidance

Application form available here:
https://www.ucl.ac.uk/research/domains/neuroscience/documents/dev-fund-form

Deadline for applications – 29th April 2016
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

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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
Research Excellence Framework Open Access Policy starts 1 April

The open access policy for the next Research Excellence Framework (REF) begins on 1 April 2016. All journal articles and conference papers accepted after that date must be deposited in UCL Discovery, through UCL’s Research Publications Service (RPS), or they will not be eligible for REF submission in 2021.

It is best practice for researchers to deposit as soon as their work is accepted for publication. Outputs not deposited within 3 months of publication cannot be submitted to the next REF.

UCL’s policy is that all outputs should be deposited, including books and book chapters. The version that should be deposited is the final manuscript (after peer-review, but before the publisher’s typesetting).

Full details of the policy and information on how to deposit are on UCL’s open access webpages. The webpages also include FAQs about the policy requirements and about depositing, and information about the very limited exceptions to the policy.

Over the coming months, changes will be made to RPS that will further support researchers with depositing. Up to date guidance on depositing will continue to be available on the open access webpages and in RPS. Starting this month, and in readiness for 1 April, researchers will begin to see reminders to deposit their work on their RPS home page.

UCL’s Open Access Team can provide training and support, and can answer specific questions about the policy and about depositing. Contact them for more information.

In2ScienceUK – Summer Internship

UCL is running a 2 week summer placement scheme for A-level students from disadvantaged backgrounds and we are seeking PhD students and post docs who would like to make a difference to these young people by providing a 2 week placement.

The scheme is designed so that you have minimal paper work to complete. Rebecca McKelvey and Davor Ivankovic who run the scheme interview all students and ensure they have inductions and insurance. The students you host are able, enthusiastic and happy to support you with your ongoing project. **UCL PhD students also receive 5 points on their Skills Development log for participating.**

Last year was a massive success with students being placed in the laboratories of **Professor Gibb, Dickenson, Fitzgerald, Edwards, Greensmith, Kittler and Hristova.** If you, or someone in your lab would like to make a difference to the prospects of these young people by providing a placement or would like to know more contact Davor Davor@in2scienceuk.org or Rebecca r.mckelvey@in2scienceuk.org
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://ncnmarch2016.eventbrite.co.uk

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

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: ugasmsg@ucl.ac.uk; t.lashley@ucl.ac.uk; l.fabrizi@ucl.ac.uk

Neuroscience Careers Network mailing list

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

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

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

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

Special Seminars and Events

BNA Festival of Neuroscience – Call for Symposia

10 - 13 April 2016

We are delighted to announce that the BNA2017: Festival of Neuroscience will take place at Birmingham International Conference Centre (ICC), 10-13 April 2017, in association with The Physiological Society.

As you are no doubt aware, BNA2015: Festival of Neuroscience in Edinburgh was a huge success with all places sold out a month in advance. Please see a full report here.

The scientific programme for our biennial meetings usually comprises:

§ Plenary lectures by world-class neuroscientists
Symposia and workshops on specialist topics in the neurosciences
Poster sessions (the abstract submission deadline will be announced in due course)
Special events

The BNA would like to invite you to submit proposals for Symposia and/or Workshops, and also to propose special events.

Please submit your proposal online using the form at the following link, where you will also find guidelines for workshops and symposia and details for meeting speaker costs: https://www.bna.org.uk/events/BNA2017/session-proposals.

The closing date for proposals is 5pm on Friday 18th March 2016. The programme committee will then consider proposals for inclusion in BNA2017.

Encountering Pain; hearing, seeing, speaking

1 – 2 July 2016

A free 2-day live event and international conference at UCL

Dr Deborah Padfield, a visual artist, and Prof Joanna Zakrzewska, a facial pain consultant, have put together a pain conference with a difference. Pain is not only expressed linguistically but through bodily movements, emotional reactions, and artistic expressions.

How do we respond when we encounter the pain of another? What happens when our own bodies encounter pain? What tools do we possess when attempting to communicate pain and are there forms other than language for expressing it?

During these two days, we will explore a range of international and interdisciplinary approaches that can help us better understand encounters with pain both within and beyond the clinic.

The event will divert radically from the traditional academic conference format to encourage exchange between different groups affected by pain.

Please consider putting in an abstract: Deadline 18th March.

London Psychotropics – Call for reps

London Psychotropics is a brand new group, designed especially for London-based neuroscience and pharmacology researchers from both academia and pharmaceutical industries, with an interest in drugs and the brain. They hold monthly informal gatherings at a pub in Victoria with a theme to discuss each month and establish new collaborations.

The group would love you to join them at their meetings where you can make contacts, start collaborations and discuss topics relevant to your work and future careers, all over a friendly drink at the pub.
There is a need for a greater presence from UCL at these events as their ambition is to have representatives from all London Universities. They are looking for people who would be happy to rep for the group on behalf of UCL to really help establish the group as London based.

The group is inviting all the top names in neuropharmacology, so come along, say hello and get connected with the best London neuroscience has to offer!

More information

Public Engagement

Collaboration with Museum Studies

A team of UCL Masters students in Museum Studies at the Institute of Archaeology are currently in the process of developing content for an exhibition to be hosted at the Institute. They will also be hosting a Science Museum Lates event: ‘Neuroscience’ in April.

The exhibition will explore perceptions, attitudes and diagnoses (including models: social-environmental, biological and psychological) and how these inform one another. They will showcase objects that represent both areas of "treatment" or mental health management, as well as items that reflect contemporary attitudes towards mental health disorders and/or illness.

As the students are all from arts backgrounds and have little experience or knowledge of the complexities of the science behind behaviours associated with mental health conditions, they are looking for any who would be interested in collaborating with them on this project (both the exhibition and the Lates event).

If you are interested, please contact Lauren Chalk

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:
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

The Age of Anxiety

18th March 2016
Wellcome Collection, London

One in six adults and one in thirty children and young adults in the UK experience some form of anxiety disorder every year according to the Mental Health Foundation UK.
What causes anxiety? How does it affect our minds, bodies and relationships?
Can we prevent anxiety? How do anxiety treatments work?
A free event organised by Dr Jasmina Jovanovic, Dr Sarah Chapman and Dr Audrey Mercer and sponsored by the UCL School of Pharmacy and SfN London Chapter.

This event will take place during the Brain Awareness Week and will include consultation groups and workshops focusing on specific aspects of anxiety disorders, followed by invited lectures, and culminating in an open discussion forum. The event aims to facilitate the flow of information and ideas between the scientific community and the public.

The event is free but registration is required via the link below:

More information

Introduction to the Media

Monday 25th April
Wellcome Collection, London

Are you a researcher working at the interface between neuroscience, psychology and education?

Join us for a FREE ‘Introduction to the Media’ event being hosted by the Wellcome Trust and the Education Media Centre.

With this area of research being of particular interest to the media, we need the direct involvement of experts to ensure that the messages presented to teachers and the general public are accurate.
This event is specifically geared towards those with little or no media experience. Attendees will hear from media-experienced researchers, news journalists, science/education correspondents and press officers about the realities of the news media. It is intended as a beginner’s guide to the media, giving an insight into the way the news media works rather than intensive skills-based media training.

If you would be interested in attending this FREE event then please send the following details to Lia (l.commissar@wellcome.ac.uk)

- full name, job title, institution, institutional e-mail address, phone number

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**In the News**

**Nitrous oxide could disrupt formation of traumatic memories**

Nitrous oxide administered after a traumatic event may help to prevent distressing memories from ‘sticking’ in the brain, suggests new UCL research.

The study, published in Psychological Medicine, found that people who inhaled nitrous oxide after watching traumatic film clips experienced a much faster decline in distressing memories than those who breathed normal air. The number of distressing memories reported by the volunteers went down exponentially over the days following the film for those given nitrous oxide, while the decline was more gradual and linear for those given air.

The research involved 50 healthy adult volunteers who watched two graphic scenes from a film once described as ‘so violent and cruel that most people will find it unwatchable’. These film clips were chosen as they have been shown to create a much milder form of the intrusive memories that might form following real-life trauma. The study was overseen by both a trained clinical psychologist and a medical doctor.

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**More information**

**Following orders makes us feel less responsible for our actions**

Coercive instructions make people feel less responsible for the outcomes of their actions, as opposed to merely saying that they are less responsible, researchers from UCL and the Université Libre de Bruxelles in Belgium have found.

Society holds individuals responsible for their own actions. However, individuals sometimes claim reduced responsibility because they were “only obeying orders”. This defence is often viewed with scepticism, because the defendant has a clear motive of avoiding punishment.
Scientific studies, such as the well-known “Milgram experiment”, focussed on how readily people comply with coercive orders, but did not systematically investigate the experience of being coerced. The new study, published in Current Biology and funded by the European Research Council, set out to investigate this experience.

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.

UCL Neuroscience Events and Seminars – March 2016

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,
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
Email: alison.major@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

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

10 March, 2016 - Clinical academic career pathways for allied health professionals
10 March, 2016 - **Wolfson Institute for Biomedical Research Seminar: title tbc**
Time: 16:00 -
Speaker: Dr Elena Droesti, Steve Wilson lab, genetics of sociability in zebrafish Host: Nicoletta Kessaris
Refreshments will be provided.
Location: WIBR Cafe, 1st floor, Cruciform Building, Gower Street, London, WC1E 6BT
Contact: Alison Kelly
Email: alison.kelly@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

11 March, 2016 - **Constructing reality - the functional anatomy of perception, imagination and memory**
Time: 15:15 -
Speaker: Peter Zeidman, Wellcome Trust Centre for Neuroimaging
Location: 4th Floor Seminar Room, Wellcome Trust Centre for Neuroimaging, 12 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Marshall Dalton
Email: marshall.dalton@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

11 March, 2016 - **UCL School of Pharmacy seminar: Transgenic investigation of the neural circuitry of memory**
Time: 12:30 -
Speaker: Prof Cliff Kentros, Kavli Institute for systems neuroscience, NTNU, Norway
Location: Room M3, 29-39 Brunswick Square, , London, WC1N 1AX
Contact: Audrey Mercer
Email: a.mercer@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

14 March, 2016 - **Imaging Lecture Series - New options in retinal imaging by recording completely phase stable OCT volumes**
Time: 12:30 - 13:30
Speaker: Dr Gereon Hüttmann, Institute of Biomedical Optics, University of Lübeck Hosted by Chris Dainty - UCL 
Institute of Ophthalmology, Department of Visual Neuroscience, and Adnan Tufail – Moorfields Eye Hospital
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

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
14 March, 2016 - **Surprise signals in medial prefrontal cortex: evidence from ERP studies**

Time: 16:00 -

Speaker: Giuseppe di Pellegrino, Dept Psychology, University of Bologna

Location: Lecture Theatre, Clinical Neuroscience Building, 33 Queen Square, London,

Contact: Rosalyn Lawrence

Email: rosalyn.lawrence@ucl.ac.uk

Phone:

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15 March, 2016 - **(Re-)organisation of language and auditory processing in the congenitally blind (anophthalmic) brain**

Time: 16:00 -

An Experimental Psychology Seminar. Speaker: Dr Kate 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

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15 March, 2016 - **Fast axial, radial and mean diffusion kurtosis imaging**

Time: 12:00 -

Speaker: Dr Sune N. Jespersen, Associate Professor, Department of Clinical Medicine - Center of Functionally Integrative Neuroscience; Department of Physics and Astronomy, Aarhus University, Denmark

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

Contact: Francesco Grussu

Email: f.grussu@ucl.ac.uk

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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

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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 Bracewell.

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

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16 March, 2016 - **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...
16 March, 2016 - **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 Ophthalmology, 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

18 March, 2016 - **A computational and neural model of monetary subjective well-being**

Time: 15:15 -

Speaker: Robb Rutledge (Max Planck, UCL)

Location: 4th Floor Seminar Room, Wellcome Trust Centre for Neuroimaging, 12 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG

Contact: Marshall Dalton

Email: marshall.dalton@ucl.ac.uk

Phone: Please email

18 March, 2016 - **The age of anxiety**

Time: 16:00 - 21:30

What causes anxiety? How does it affect our minds, bodies and relationships? Can we prevent anxiety? How do anxiety treatments work? The Age of Anxiety, a free public engagement event, will take place during the Brain Awareness Week, a global campaign to increase public awareness of the progress and benefits of brain research. The aim of this event is to engage clinicians, psychologists, neuroscientists from academia and pharmaceutical industry and the public in the discussion focusing on anxiety disorders and to communicate the public need for developing new pharmacological and cognitive therapies. The event includes consultation groups and workshops focusing on specific aspects of anxiety disorders, invited lectures and open discussion forum. This event is sponsored by the UCL School of Pharmacy and Society for Neuroscience London Chapter Registration is essential, please follow the link below.

Location: Wellcome Collection, Gibbs Building, 215 Euston Road, London, NW1 2BE

Contact: Dr Jasmina Jovanovic
21 March, 2016 - 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

22 March, 2016 - 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
Email: b.courtney@ucl.ac.uk
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
Email: a.fotopoulou@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

30 March, 2016 - Neurology 2016: leading edge neurology for the practising clinician - pre-course Symposium
Time: 12:00 - 17:30
A precursor to the Neurology 2016: leading edge neurology for the practising clinician course aimed at Clinical Trainees and Research Fellows in Neurology and associated specialities. This symposium is designed for trainees and research fellows to assist in preparing for the neurology training exit examination. Lectures will given in the following seven areas, and in addition a series of sample questions will be circulated in advance of the meeting, and the results discussed during the lecture: MRI imaging; Nerve Conduction and EMG studies; Sorting out dementia; Disorders of eye movements; Hyperkinetic movement disorders; Less common stroke syndromes; Localising nerve lesions. A comprehensive course book will be provided. (This provisional programme may be subject to change).
Location: Basement Lecture Theatre, National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, 33 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Jean Reynolds
31 March, 2016 - Neurology 2016: leading edge neurology for the practising clinician
Time: -
It is a pleasure to announce the 2016 programme for this annual course, a highlight of the British Neurology calendar. The course is designed for Consultants and senior trainees in neurology and other neuroscience specialties, from the UK, Europe and worldwide, and aims to provide a practical update on the hospital management of neurological diseases. The focus of the course is on everyday neurological practice which will include lectures, video sessions, a CPC and a debate. The course will be didactic, but also entertaining and informative, and will be accompanied by a detailed course book providing extensive background material and papers. As a precursor to the course there is also a half day event on the afternoon of Wednesday 30th March 2016 aimed at Clinical Trainees and Research Fellows in Neurology and associated specialities.
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External Events of Interest

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

More information
New Developments in Translational Technologies

17 March 2016
Royal Veterinary College, London

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

To view the programme, click here.

For more information visit the website here:
http://www.smr.org.uk/SMR/Meetings/20160317/Default.asp

28th Cambridge Neuroscience Seminar: New Directions

17 March 2016
University of Cambridge

Registration for the 28th Cambridge Neuroscience Seminar, ‘New Directions’ is now open. Hosted by the Department of Physiology, Development and Neuroscience, the conference will cover the 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

Joint meeting of the British and French Neuropsychological Societies

17-18 March 2016
33 Queen Square, London

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

Symposia:
Autobiographical memory (Martin Conway, Lilianne Manning, Emily Holmes, Pascale Piolino)
Genetics and neuropsychology (Julie Snowden, Fabienne Collette, Annette Karmiloff-Smith, Josie Briscoe)
The meeting is free to attend for Queen Square staff and students.

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

UK Neuromuscular Translational Research Conference 2016

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

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

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

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

Registration fee £250 includes Gala Dinner

Further programme information can be seen in the draft programme

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

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

More information

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
Paediatric Epilepsy Masterclass 2016

20-21 April 2016
Aston University, Birmingham

“Is it epilepsy?” - The identification and management of non-epileptic events in children.

Key Note Speech by Professor Rochelle Caplan, pre-eminent Paediatric Neuropsychiatrist of the University of California, Los Angeles.

Calling all paediatric epilepsy professionals to join us for our Spring Masterclass on the identification and management of non-epileptic events in children.
Hosted by Professor Helen Cross OBE, the Prince of Wales’s Chair for Childhood Epilepsy, we are doubly honoured as the Key Note Speech will be given by Professor Rochelle Caplan, pre-eminent Paediatric Neuropsychiatrist of the University of California.

The speech precedes a three course networking dinner and a full conference with talks and workshops the following day.

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.

Optical imaging of brain connectivity : from synapses to networks in action

13 - 17 June 2016
Roscoff, Brittany, France

Deadline for application - 7 March 2016

This international symposium will bring together world experts to present their latest discoveries and technological developments regarding brain connectivity, focusing on studies of synaptic, neuronal and network structure and function using microscopic imaging, connectomics, and optogenetics.

It will be a great opportunity to foster new collaborations to undertake novel
challenges that will push further our ability to detect, measure, manipulate and follow the intricate components of neuronal and network function

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/events/npsa-congress-chicago-2016/ for details on the meeting

Visit 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. 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