General Notice

UCL Neuroscience Symposium – Poster submission deadline 17 April

Last year over 30 lab posters and 150 research posters were presented at the Symposium. This is a great opportunity to present your work to your peers. Poster submission is with registration via the Eventbrite page.

Deadline for entry is Friday 17 April 2015. Further details of how to enter can be found on the website here.

Register to attend here

ESRC Committee 2015 recruitment

The ESRC have recently undertaken a review of our current structure of committees to ensure that they are well placed to deliver the commitments outlined in their Strategic Plan 2015.

As a result of these changes they are inviting applications from suitably experienced persons to be members of the renewed and modified Research Committee and the Capability Committee. At least one position is available in psychology.

For further information on the vacancies, please see the vacancy specification.

Application forms, with a short curriculum vitae (no longer than two A4 pages) and a supporting statement from a suitable referee, should be submitted to committeeerecruitment@esrc.ac.uk no later than 17.00 on 24 April 2015.

Further details here
Neuroscience Careers Network

Neuroscience Careers Network Forum: Grant Writing Workshop

Friday 24 April 2015, 1pm-4pm

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

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

Contact: Jenny Bizley or Lorenzo Fabrizi

Neuroscience Careers Network Forum: Lab Building Workshop

Wednesday 29 April 2015, 4pm-6pm
Location: Torrington (1-19) 115 Galton LT

In a challenging environment such as that of academia how do you achieve your scientific independence and build your own group? In this latest workshop organised by the Neuroscience Career Network (formerly Early Career Neuroscience Forum) attendees will hear how established junior and senior principal investigators, Dr. Francesca Cacucci and Prof. Steve Hunt, started and expanded their own lab to pursue their research. The talks will cover topics such as Ph.D students and postdocs recruitment and supervision, strategic decision making, administrative duties, grant management and balancing academic responsibility with research activity.

The workshop will be followed by a reception to allow participants to network and have informal discussions with the speakers. Attendance is free but registration is required: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/build-your-own-lab-tickets-16198245388

Contact: Martine Groen or Lorenzo Fabrizi

Neuroscience Careers Network Forum: Fellowship and Grant Interviews Workshop
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 itself.

Further details can be found here: [http://www.ucl.ac.uk/research/domains/neuroscience/neuroscience-careers-network/events](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/research/domains/neuroscience/neuroscience-careers-network/events)

Contact: Tobi Nolte or Marion Oberhuber

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### Developmental Neurosciences Seminar Series

14 April 2015  10.00am – 12.00pm  
Weston House Lecture Theatre, Great Ormond Street  
Chaired by Dr Finbar O’Callaghan

Presentations on current research (or areas of research) within the Developmental Neurosciences Programme.  
Speakers: Dr Naomi Dale Clinical Neurosciences, Professor Jenny Morgan Molecular Neurosciences, Professor Faraneh Vargha-Khadem Cognitive Neuropsychology and Neuropsychiatry and David Carmichael Developmental Imaging and biophysics.

All are welcome to attend.  
Contact: Anne Brown  
Email: anne.brown@ucl.ac.uk

### Consensus and Controversy in Goal Setting 2015

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

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

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

Registration opens in February.
UCL SLMS Graduate Study Open Event

29 April 2015
The Wilkins Front Quadrangle, Wilkins Building, Gower Street

UCL School of Life and Medical Sciences (SLMS) is the largest of the three schools that make up UCL. We are global leaders in research-embedded postgraduate education.

The open event will provide an opportunity to speak to Programme Directors and current students about the right course of study for you and details of these programmes

- Welcome from the Vice Provost (Education), Professor Anthony Smith
- Talk on finance
- Education fair
- Student support services

Click here for the full programme and timetable, and details of how to book a place.

Implications of Research on the Neuroscience of Affect, Attachment and Social Cognition

Saturday 25 - Sunday 26 April 2015
The Cruciform Building, Gower Street, UCL

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

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


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

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

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

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

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

Registration is now open!

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

Contact: Rick Adams or Xiaosi gu

Update in neuromuscular disorders 2015

5-8 May 2015
Clinical Neuroscience Lecture Theatre, National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, 33 Queen Square (lower ground), London WC1N 3BG

The MRC Centre for Neuromuscular Diseases and the Institute of Child Health are pleased to invite you to this annual paediatric and adult course, which is now in its eighth year for specialists with an interest in neuromuscular disease.

This clinical course concentrates on childhood and adult neuromuscular disorders with an emphasis on clinical cases, natural history and management. This 4 day course is designed for specialists with an interest in neuromuscular disease; the first two days concentrating on paediatric neuromuscular disorders and the latter two days on adult neuromuscular disorder.
‘The Brain and Mental Health’ Art Exhibition


UCL Neuroscience Society are proud to launch ‘The Brain and Mental Health’ Art Exhibition, for which all funds raised will go in aid of the mental health charity SANE. We simply ask that you interpret this theme and let your imagination run wild! Registration is now open to ALL (closes March 13th) for only £3, which gains you automatic membership to UCL NeuroSoc! The hand-in deadline is April 15th.

Click Here to register now!

There is £350 up for grabs and the ultimate winner will be able to use their work to customise a limited edition of SANE’s black dog statues. Moreover, all entries will be auctioned and the artist can claim up to 50% of the sale!!!

Please check our website and event to learn more about this exhibition!

Paediatric Cerebrovascular Conference : diagnosis and disease in the 21st century

20 – 21 May 2015

Host: Dr Vijeya Ganesan

This 2 day meeting aims to review current concepts relating to recognition, diagnosis and management of cerebrovascular disease in children, incorporating up-to-date clinical practice and research.

To register interest please contact:

Anne Brown (anne.brown@ucl.ac.uk)
Vijeya Ganesan (v.ganesan@ucl.ac.uk)

Queen Square Symposium

Friday 29 May 2015

The Symposium brings together MSc and PhD students across diverse neuroscience domains, including clinical, cognitive and computational scopes of study, and offers students at the IoN an invaluable opportunity to showcase and discuss their research. It provides a platform for students to network with peers, gain a broader perspective of neuroscience research, and to gather feedback on their work from the variety of academics present on the day.

Further information
Train and Engage Program

Train and Engage offers postgraduate research students the chance to apply for grants of up to £1,000 for activities that involve people outside the university. Alongside funding, Train and Engage provides advice, training and resources to support you in designing, developing, delivering and evaluating your own public engagement project.

To be eligible for funding from Train and Engage, applicants must either attend the Train and Engage workshops or the Connecting with the Public course offered by the UCL Doctoral School in collaboration with the Department of Science and Technology Studies and the Public Engagement Unit. Students who attend either of these training programmes are eligible for any subsequent Train and Engage deadline.

In the News

Professor Mary Reilly is elected to be the first female President of the Association of British Neurologists in 83 years

Professor Mary Reilly has been elected ABN President from 2017-2019 and is President elect from 2015-2017. Professor Reilly has been a consultant Neurologist at Queen Square since 1998 and was promoted to Professor of Clinical Neurology at UCL in 2010. She is head of the Division of Clinical Neurology and Co-Director of the MRC Centre for Neuromuscular Diseases in the Department of Molecular Neurosciences at UCL Institute of Neurology. She is internationally recognised for her expertise in research and clinical practice related to peripheral nerve diseases.

Teenagers shape each other’s views on how risky a situation is

Young adolescents’ judgements on how risky a situation might be are most influenced by what other teenagers think, while most other age groups are more influenced by adults’ views, finds new UCL research. For the study, published in Psychological Science, 563 visitors to the London Science Museum were asked to rate the riskiness of everyday situations such as crossing a road on a red light or taking a shortcut through a dark alley. Ratings were given on a continuous scale from low to high risk, and children (aged 8-11) generally rated situations as more risky than all other age groups. Participants were then told how other people, either teenagers or adults, had rated the same situations, before being
asked to rate each situation again. These risk levels from ‘adults’ or ‘teenagers’ were in fact randomly generated. The results showed that all age groups were socially influenced and changed their risk ratings in the direction of other people’s, but this social influence effect decreased with age. Most age groups adjusted their ratings more to conform to the ratings of adults than those of teenagers, except for young adolescents (aged 12-14).

Read full article

Crossing fingers can reduce feelings of pain

How you feel pain is affected by where sources of pain are in relation to each other, and so crossing your fingers can change what you feel on a single finger, finds new UCL research. The research, published in Current Biology, used a variation on an established pain experiment, known as the “thermal grill illusion”. In the thermal grill illusion, a pattern of warm-cold-warm temperatures applied to the index, middle and ring finger respectively causes a paradoxical, sometimes painful, sensation of burning heat on the middle finger – even though this finger is actually presented with a cold stimulus.

Read full article

MS drug 'may already be out there'

Depression and heart-disease drugs are to be tested in a trial to find treatments for Multiple Sclerosis (MS) from existing medicines. There are currently no treatments in the secondary progressive stage of the debilitating disease.

More than 400 people will take part in the trial at University College London and the University of Edinburgh.

Read full article

MQ Fellows Programme

Deadline: 16 April 2015

MQ has announced the opening of the 2015 call for MQ Fellows applications. The Award, which is in its third year, provides £225,000 over 3 years to support early-career scientists exploring new ways to understand, treat or prevent mental illness.

MQ is seeking the best and brightest researchers, who are establishing their independence. The Programme is open to Applicants from all scientific disciplines and around the world.

Commenting, MQ CEO, Cynthia Joyce, said: “The Fellows Award is the cornerstone of MQ's work to build a strong research community. Our Fellows are the future leaders in mental health research, carrying out wide-ranging research critical to providing hope for better diagnosis, treatment, and prevention in mental health. We look forward to welcoming applications for our next round of MQ Fellows’
Last October, the Second annual MQ Fellows Award provided over £900,000 to support four cutting-edge inter-disciplinary projects, ranging from stem-cells to psychotherapy. You can find out more about all of the Fellows projects here. The Fellows' projects were also showcased at MQ's recent Annual Science Meeting - you can read the discussions on Twitter using the hashtag #MQresearch15.

To find out more about this opportunity and how to apply, visit our Research pages or contact grants@joinmq.org

Wellcome Trust - Research career development fellowships in basic biomedical science

Deadline: 17 April 2015

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

Find out more

MEchanisms of cellular death in NeuroDegeneration (MEND)

Deadline: 8 May 2015

The Alzheimer's Association, Alzheimer's Research UK and The Weston Brain Institute have jointly launched the MEND funding Initiative - MEchanisms of cellular death in NeuroDegeneration. MEND is looking to fund either a consortium of investigative teams or individual team-based projects ranging between USD$100,000-$1,250,000. Applications are encouraged from academic research laboratories or consortia of academic laboratories around the world. In addition, small biotech/small-medium enterprise organizations are eligible provided they are in collaboration with academic laboratories with the academic laboratory as the lead applicant.

The application submission process will follow a two stage procedure. First, applicants will submit a pre-proposal or letter of intent (LOI). Submitted LOIs will be reviewed by the sponsor organizations and a select number of the LOIs fitting the funding priorities will be invited to submit full applications.

Letters of intent must be received by 5 p.m. EST, May 8, 2015.

Find out more

MRC - New Investigator, Partnership and Programme grants

Deadline: 3 June 2015

The Medical Research Council invites applications for its research grants in neurosciences and mental health. These are suitable for focused research projects that may be short- or long-term in nature. In addition, they can be used to support method development and continuation of research facilities and may involve more than one research group or institution. Any UK-based researcher who can demonstrate that they will direct the...
proposed research and be actively engaged in carrying it through is eligible to apply. The minimum academic qualification required is a graduate degree, although usually a PhD is required. Less experienced researchers should apply in collaboration with a more senior colleague. Applications can include industry partners.

**BBSRC - Future Leader Fellowship**

**Deadline: 4 June 2015**

The BBSRC has announced a new Fellowship scheme for researchers with up to 5 years postdoctoral experience. The **Future Leader Fellowship** (FLF) will provide salary and support for researchers wishing to undertake independent research and gain leadership skills in any of the research areas covered by BBSRC’s portfolio.

**Applications must be received by 4 p.m. EST, June 4, 2015.**

**Find out more**

**UCL Neuroscience Events and Seminars**

**14 April, 2015 - Developmental Neurosciences Seminar Series**
Time: 10:00 - 12:00
Presentations on current research (or areas of research) within the Developmental Neurosciences Programme. Speakers: Dr Naomi Dale Clinical Neurosciences, Professor Jenny Morgan Molecular Neurosciences, Professor Faraneh Vargha-Khadem Cognitive Neuropsychology and Neuropsychiatry and David Carmichael Developmental Imaging and biophysics. Chaired by Dr Finbar O’Callaghan
Location: Weston House Lecture Theatre, Great Ormond Street Hospital, , London, WC1N 3JH
Contact: Anne Brown
Email: anne.brown@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

**14 April, 2015 - Optimising health environments: the science of enrichment and evidence based design**
Time: 17:30 -
Part of the CNR@UCLP Seminar Series 2015. Speaker information: Professor Julie Bernhardt Open to all, free of charge and there is no need to register.
Location: Basement lecture theatre, 33 Queen Square , Queen Square, London , WC1N 3BG
Contact: UCLPartners Centre for Neurorehabilitation
Email: cnr@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

**16 April, 2015 - UCL School of Pharmacy seminar programme: Title tbc**
Time: 16:00 - 17:00
Speaker information: Dr Lisa Giocomo - Stanford University School of Medicine. Host: UCL School of Pharmacy.
Location: John Hanbury Lecture Theatre, UCL School of Pharmacy, 29-39 Brunswick Square, London , WC1N 1AX
Contact: Audrey Mercer
Email: a.mercer@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

**17 April, 2015 - FIL Brain Meeting: Probing for informativeness on latent states during reinforcement learning**
Time: 16:15 -
Speaker: Michael Frank, Brown University Host: Brain Meeting Seminar Series
Location: 4th Floor Seminar Room, , 12 Queens Square, London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Mona Garvert
Email: mona.garvert.11@ucl.ac.uk
22 April, 2015 - **Institute of Movement Neuroscience (IMN) Series - ‘Bidirectional interactions between the brain and implantable computers’**

Time: 16:15 - 17:15

Speaker information: Professor Eb Fetz (University of Washington, USA). Host: Institute of Movement Neuroscience, Sasha Kraskov.

Location: FIL, 4th Floor Seminar Room, 12 Queens Square, London, WC1N 3BG

Contact: Dr Sasha Kraskov

Email: a.kraskov@ucl.ac.uk

Phone: Please email

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22 April, 2015 - **MRC Prion Unit Events and Seminars: Title TBC**

Time: 13:00 - 14:00

MRC Prion Unit Events and Seminars, hosted by the MRC Prion Unit, UCL and the Institute of Neurology. Speaker information: Prof. Chiara Zurzolo, Dept. of Membrane Traffic & Pathogenesis, Pasteur Institute, France. Hosted by: Dr. Peter Kloehn

Location: 2nd floor Seminar Room, Institute of Neurology, Queen Square House, Queen Square, WC1N 3BG

Contact: Prion Unit

Email: michelle.gorham@uclh.nhs.uk

Phone: Please email

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24 April, 2015 - **Neuroscience Career Network: Grant Writing Workshop**

Time: 13:00 - 16:00

Location: TBC, UCL, London,

Contact: Jenny Bizley or Lorenzo Fabrizi

Email: j.bizley@ucl.ac.uk; l.fabrizi@ucl.ac.uk

Phone: Please email

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25 April, 2015 - **Implications of Research on the Neuroscience of Affect, Attachment and Social Cognition**

Time: 00:00 - 00:00

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

Location: Cruciform Building, Gower Street, London, WC1E 6BT

Contact: Events

Email: events.psychoanalysis@ucl.ac.uk

Phone: Please Email

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27 April, 2015 - **UCL Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience Seminar Series - Predicting psychosis in clinical high-risk cohorts**

Time: 16:00 - 17:00

Speaker: Stephen Wood, Adolescent Brain Development and Mental Health, University of Birmingham. Host: Sarah-Jayne Blakemore

Location: Wolfson Lecture Theatre, National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG

Contact: Rosalyn Lawrence

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Phone: 020 7679 1164; internal extension: 21164

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28 April, 2015 - **ALS Seminar Series: Modulation of axonal retrograde transport in health and disease**

Time: 12:30 - 13:30

Speaker information: Giampietro Schiavo, Sobell Department of Motor Neuroscience & Movement Disorders, UCL IoN.

Host: Linda Greensmith. Series run by the Greensmith and Fisher Laboratories.

Location: 2nd Floor Seminar Room, Institute of Neurology, Queen Square House, Queen Square, WC1N 3BG

Contact: Debbie Hadley

Email: d.hadley@ucl.ac.uk

Phone: Please email

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28 April, 2015 - **Experimental Psychology Seminar: Title TBC**

Time: 16:00 -

Speaker: Jenny Bizley, Ear Institute, University College London. Host: Dan Bendor

Location: Room 305, 26 Bedford Way, London, WC1H 0DS

Contact: Antonietta Esposito
28 April, 2015 - **UCLP Centre for Neurorehabilitation symposium: goal-setting in neurorehabilitation - consensus and controversies**
Time: -
Location: Lecture Theatre, 33 Queen Square, London,
Contact: UCLP NeuroRehabilitation Centre
Email: nrehabc-uclp-info@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

29 April, 2015 - **Neuroscience Career Network: Lab Building Workshop**
Time: 16:00 - 18:00
Location: 115 Galton Lecture Theatre, 1-19 Torrington Place, WC1E 7HB
Contact: Martine Groen or Lorenzo Fabrizi
Email: martine.r.groen@gmail.com; l.fabrizi@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

29 April, 2015 - **Synaptic mechanisms for visual computation in retinal circuitry**
Time: 16:00 -
Speaker: Jonathan Demb, Yale University. Host: Matteo Carandini
Location: Lecture Theatre, Institute Of Ophthalmology, 11-43 Bath Street, London, EC1V 9EL
Contact: Matteo Carandini
Email: m.carandini@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

29 April, 2015 - **UCL School of Life and Medical Sciences Graduate Study Open Event**
Time: 16:00 - 20:00
The open event will provide an opportunity to speak to Programme Directors and current students about the right course of study for you and details of these programmes. Speakers: Welcome from the Vice Provost (Education), Professor Anthony Smith; Talk on finance; Education fair; Student support services
Location: Wilkins Front Quadrangle Events Venue, Wilkins Building, Gower St, London, WC1E 6BT
Contact: Alex Standen
Email: a.standen@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

30 April, 2015 - **Yale-UCL Senior Scientist Lecture Series: From chaperonins to sleuthing ALS mechanism**
Time: 17:30 - 18:30
Speaker: Arthur L. Horwich, Sterling Professor of Genetics & Pediatrics, Yale School of Medicine; Investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute. Reception to follow in the front quad Pavillion.
Location: Lecture Theatre 1, Cruciform Building, Gower Street, London, WC1E 6BT
Contact: Lisa Balderson
Email: l.balderson@ucl.ac.uk
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1 May, 2015 - **FIL Brain Meeting: Title tbc**
Time: 16:15 -
Speaker: Miriam Klein-Flügge, Oxford University. Host: Brain Meeting Seminar Series
Location: 4th Floor Seminar Room, 12 Queens Square, London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Ryszard Auksztulewicz
Email: r.auksztulewicz@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

1 May, 2015 - **The role of glucocerebrosidase in Parkinson’s disease pathogenesis**
Time: 16:00 -
Speaker: Matthew Gegg, Department of Clinical Neurosciences, Institute of Neurology, UCL. Host: Institute of Neurology Postdoc Seminar Committee.
Location: Basement Lecture Theatre, 33 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Institute of Neurology Postdoc Seminar Committee
Email: ionpostdocsrequest@gmail.com
Phone: Please email
5 May, 2015 - **Experimental Psychology Seminar: Cortical codes for sound perception in auditory cortex**
Time: 16:00 -
Speaker: Kerry Walker, University of Oxford. Host: Dan Bendor
Location: Room 305, 26 Bedford Way, London, WC1H 0DS
Contact: Antonietta Esposito
Email: a.esposito@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

5 May, 2015 - **MRC Centre for Neuromuscular Diseases Seminar Series: Investigating the Relationship between Skeletal Muscle Mass and Metabolism**
Time: 17:30 -
Speaker information: Ketan Patel
Location: Basement Lecture Theatre, 33 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Christine Oldfield
Email: christine.oldfield@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

5 May, 2015 - **MRC Centre for Neuromuscular Diseases: Update in Neuromuscular Disorders 2015**
Time: -
Location: Clinical Neuroscience Lecture Theatre (lower ground floor), National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, 33 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Jacky Molyneaux
Email: j.molyneaux@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

7 May, 2015 - **Human cerebral cortex development and disease in stem cell systems**
Time: 16:00 -
Speaker: Dr Rick Livesey, Gurdon Institute, University of Cambridge. 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:

7 May, 2015 - **Institute of Movement Neuroscience (IMN) Series - ‘How to cure any disease and get smart: An overview of tDCS mechanisms’**
Time: 16:15 -
Speaker information: Professor Marom Bikson, Dept of Biomedical Engineering, The City College of New York, USA. Host: Institute of Movement Neuroscience, Sven Bestmann.
Location: Wolfson Lecture Theatre, National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Sven Bestmann
Email: s.bestmann@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

7 May, 2015 - **Investigating the motor system using functional and structural MRI**
Time: 13:00 -
Speaker: Adnan Alahmadi, MSc, PhD candidate, NMR Research Unit, UCL Institute of Neurology.
Location: Gilliatt Lecture Theatre, Institute of Neurology, Queen Square House, Queen Square, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Tina Holmes
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8 May, 2015 - **FIL Brain Meeting: Title tbc**
Time: 16:15 -
Speaker: Mate Lengyel, Cambridge University Host: Brain Meeting Seminar Series
Location: 4th Floor Seminar Room, 12 Queens Square, London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Samira Kazan
Email: samira.kazan@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email
11 May, 2015 - **UCL Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience Seminar Series - What does it take to collaborate? The role of heart, words and skills in interpersonal synergies**

Time: 16:00
Speaker: Riccardo Fusaroli, Interacting Minds Centre, Aarhus University. Host: Sophie Scott
Location: Wolfson Lecture Theatre, National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Rosalyn Lawrence
Email: rosalyn.lawrence@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: 020 7679 1164; internal extension: 21164

11 May, 2015 - **Workshop for Clinical Researchers at Queen Square**

Time: 11:45 - 14:30
The aim of the workshop is to help those who are new to clinical research and to provide an overview of the processes, including trial design, funding, regulatory, governance and sponsorship requirements that are essential in setting studies up. It is also an excellent opportunity to meet and discuss projects with members from the Queen Square Clinical Trial Centre, NIHR Clinical Research Network, and The Joint Research Office.
Contact: Tahera Hussain
Email: Tahera.hussain@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

12 May, 2015 - **ALS Seminar Series: FUSsion of physiological RNA granules and pathological aggregates**

Time: 12:00 - 13:00
Speaker information: Vladimir Buchman, School of Biosciences, University of Cardiff. Host: Anny Devoy. Series run by the Greensmith and Fisher Laboratories.
Location: 2nd Floor Seminar Room, Institute of Neurology, Queen Square House, Queen Square, WC1N 3BG
Contact: Debbie Hadley
Email: d.hadley@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

12 May, 2015 - **Experimental Psychology Seminar: Neural signatures of learning and decision-making across prefrontal cortex**

Time: 16:00
Speaker: Steve Kennerley, Institute of Neurology, University College London. Host: Joe Devlin
Location: Room 305, 26 Bedford Way, , London, WC1H 0DS
Contact: Antonietta Esposito
Email: a.esposito@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

13 May, 2015 - **Centre for Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience speaker programme: Title TBC**

Time: 16:30 - 17:30
Speaker information: Dr Iroise Dumontheil
Location: Leolin Price Lecture theatre (Lower Ground Floor), Institute of Child Health, 30 Guildford Street, London, WC1N 1EH
Contact: Rebecca Sage
Email: R.Sage@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email

13 May, 2015 - **Division of Psychiatry seminar: Gene*environment interaction: scientific hypothesis or truism?**

Time: 15:00 - 16:00
Speaker information: Prof Glyn Lewis
Host: Prof Angela Hassiotas, Division of Psychiatry.
Location: Lankester LT, Medawar, Malet Place, , WC1E 6ET
Contact: Berni Courtney
Email: b.courtney@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: 020 7679 9467

13 May, 2015 - **Neuroscience Career Network: Fellowship and Grant Interviews Workshop**

Time: 13:00
Interactive workshops chaired by Prof. Antonella Riccio and Prof. Stephen Hunt
Location: TBC, UCL, London,
Contact: Tobi Nolte or Marion Oberhuber
Email: t.nolte@ucl.ac.uk; m.oberhuber.11@ucl.ac.uk
Phone: Please email
EXTERNAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

ENCODS 2015: European Neuroscience Conference by Doctoral Students

23 - 26 April 2015
Sesimbra, Portugal

The final deadline for abstract submission is February 28, 2015.

The conference is primarily for PhD students from European neuroscience institutions, but open to PhD students from other places as well.

The programme is designed to provide an essential support to any doctoral training. We combine a strong scientific program with a high proportion of distinguished keynote speakers and a focus on science “soft skills” such as writing and presentation. We will work on developing these skills through talks, workshops and interactive activities.

For more information, please go to http://encods.eu

Cosy Science: The bigger the better - How to make a big brain?

Tuesday 28 April 2015
The Cittie Of Yorke, 22 High Holborn, WC1V 6BN

Understanding what makes a brain human is a question that fascinated our species for a very long time. Biologists have explored the mechanisms that change brain size as well as looking for the developmental events able to increase brain complexity. I will summarise the recent effort in the field and highlight how very small changes in early development can lead to big modifications in brain size and complexity. I'll discuss whether size really matter and explore where complexity matters for development of cognition.

Dr Corinne Houart is Professor of Developmental Neurobiology at King’s College London.

Find out more
Recent studies and the diagnosis of MND

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

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

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

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Psychiatry and society: Will neuroscience change understandings and practices?

Tuesday 12 May 2015
Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London, W1G 0AE

The educational objectives of the conference will be as follows:

- To explore the impact, and potential impact, of evolving knowledge in genomics and neuroscience to understandings of ‘mental disorder’, the status of psychiatry in society, and the implications for mental health care.
- To promote a dialogue between psychiatrists (and other mental health professionals), biomedical scientists, social scientists and interested members of the public concerning such developments.

Open Source Brain Workshop 2015

12th - 14th May, 2015
Alghero, Sardinia

Open Source Brain (http://www.opensourcebrain.org) is an initiative that brings together modellers and experimentalists interested in creating open, community developed models of neuronal systems. The third Open Source Brain meeting will provide an up to date overview of the OSB initiative and associated technologies and will include presentations from experimentalists, modellers and application developers. Presentations will cover various brain regions including cortex and cerebellum and there will be a day focused on creating and sharing experimentally constrained models of the hippocampus.
Confirmed speakers: Giorgio Ascoli, Tiago Branco, Claudia Clopath, Michael Hines, Peter Jonas, Artur Luczak, Troy Margrie, Michele Migliore, Yiota Poirazi, Martin Pyka, Stefan Remy, Angus Silver, Nelson Spruston

For more details and to register (no registration fee, deadline 15th April):
http://www.opensourcebrain.org/docs/Help/Meetings#OSB_2015
Contact: p.gleeson@ucl.ac.uk

**Limbic brain anatomy course**

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

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

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

Find out more

**Paris School of Neuroscience (ENP) course:**

**Optical Imaging and Electrophysiological Methods in Neuroscience**

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9th and 19th of June  
Paris V University (Paris Descartes).  
**Hosts:** Dr Paul Johns, BSc BM MSc FRCPPath

Course website:  
https://sites.google.com/site/neuropariscourse/

Preliminary timetable:  
https://sites.google.com/site/neuropariscourse/timetable

The deadline for the application is on the 30th of March 2015 and informal enquiries about the experiments that will be held during the course can be directed to Marco Beato (m.beato@ucl.ac.uk)

Applications open to all PhD students, researchers and academics.
2015 EMBO Workshop on Cortical Interneurons in Health and Disease

22 - 25 June 2015
Majorca, Spain

Organized by Professor Oscar Marin, Director of the MRC Centre for Developmental Neurobiology King’s College London, in this workshop we will bring together world-class scholars to discuss the molecular basis underlying interneuron diversity, the impact of interneuron function on cortical operations or their very special cell metabolism and its possible relation to disease. The conference is expected to be attended by almost 100 participants. Our main goal is to encourage the interaction between experts with diverse backgrounds, from developmental neurobiology to systems neuroscience, and the discussion of the latest research advances in the function of specific classes of interneurons in the generation of brain rhythms, and their contribution to epilepsy, autism and schizophrenia.

Find out more

Practical Neurology Study Days

22 - 26 June 2015
Council Chamber, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH), 5-11 Theobalds Road, London, WC1X 8SH

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.

Contact: angela.mensah@ucl.ac.uk to reserve a place or for further information.

The 16th International Neuropsychoanalysis Congress: Plasticity and Recognition (and other topics)

9 – 12 July 2015
University of Amsterdam

Call for Papers: abstracts due on 1 February!

Speakers include: Cristina Alberini; François Ansermet; Marinus Van Ijzendoorn & Yoram Yovell

More Congress information, including registration, accommodation & more: Click here

We welcome proposals for presentations and symposia on this broad theme, from an experimental or clinical perspective. However, proposals on all other topics of relevance to neuropsychoanalysis are also welcome.

You are invited to submit abstracts for research presentations, posters, and symposia which have an explicit psychoanalytic or psychodynamic
ESLRR European Conference on Low Vision 2015

25-27 September 2015
University of Oxford

The European Society for Low Vision Research and Rehabilitation (ESLRR) is pleased to announce that its next conference, ESLRR 2015 will be in September 2015 and will once again be at the beautiful Keble College, University of Oxford. The two-day conference will run from Friday afternoon until Sunday afternoon and will be preceded by an optional half day course. Overnight accommodation will be provided in College rooms (en-suite) and meals, including a Gala Dinner will take place in the stunning College dining hall. Platform and poster presentations are invited in all aspects of low vision research.

Abstracts are due by 31 May; please submit your abstracts by clicking here.
Contact: Susie Sandford Smith

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