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## Congratulations

Congratulation to Linda for being named on Clarivate Analytics annual [Global Highly Cited Researchers](#) list. Linda's publications rank among the top 1% of citations in the Web of Science citation index.

Linda: "I am very honoured to be included on this list. This is the achievement of the students, Postdocs and collaborators with whom I have been most fortunate to work, and without whom this wouldn't have been possible."

## Farewell

Yahyah Aman a postdoc in John Labbadia group leaves the IHA to take up a new position as an editor at Nature Ageing. We wish him well in his new role!

Joe Chadwick working in Linda Partridge's group as a technician is leaving at the end of the year. Joe has been a great help to Enric and Magda. Good luck with your next position.

## Upcoming Events

UCL ARUK scientific meeting will take place 6<sup>th</sup> January 9:30am-5pm. Registration required with the Eventbrite link below <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ucl-aruk-scientific-meeting-2022-tickets-216368392687>

# IHA NEWSLETTER

## From Jürg & David

Muslima has prepared another lovely Newsletter to be ready just before the big break. Thank you all for being such a great bunch during these continuing (pun alert) testing times. We hope you will have some quality time off and a great start to 2022! Let's do a proper party as soon as circumstances allow, hopefully in Spring.

## Publications

Ann Erinjeri and John Labbadia published a highlights piece on long-lived proteins in *Developmental Cell* entitled '[The importance of long-lived proteins: Not just nuclear anymore](#)'

David Gems and Daniel Davis have an article in *Frontiers in Public Health*, '[Involving Young People in Healthy Ageing: A Crucial Facet to Achieving the Decade of Healthy Ageing \(2021–2030\)](#)'

Jürg Bähler was an advisor on the article '[Live longer or healthier? The science that is making both possible](#)' from the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change.

Congratulations to Sharifah Anoar, Nathan Woodling and Teresa Niccoli for the review article '[Mitochondria Dysfunction in Frontotemporal Dementia/Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis: Lessons From \*Drosophila\* Models](#)' in *Frontiers in Neuroscience*.

A collaborative paper from Enric Ureña Sala and Linda Partridge '[Sexual identity of enterocytes regulates rapamycin-mediated intestinal homeostasis and lifespan extension](#)' is in preprint.

## Discover2Dream



Recently, IHA members gave a talk at Montem Primary School as part of Discover2Dream (D2D). D2D is an educational initiative aimed at giving underprivileged students of all ages exposure to young professionals with whom they can relate. Speakers are mainly young women who represent a variety of backgrounds and professions. The initiative was cofounded in 2018 by Carina Kern from David's lab, with the idea to allow students to discover opportunities available to them and encourage them to dream big. Previous D2D events involving scientists from the IHA included a group of over 200 students from Elizabeth Garrett Anderson School visiting UCL, with talks given by Prof Nik Maniatis and Dr Lawrence Bellamy. To get involved with D2D please visit <https://www.discover2dream.com/>

## Welcome

We welcome Büşra Koksak, a PhD student in Jürg's group.

Sam Low has joined the IHA as a technician helping with the fly labs.

Aisyah Alizan joins Nazif's lab as a PhD student.

Bruce Zhang joins the Gems lab as a PhD student after completing his undergraduate degree at UCL.

## Other News



Ann Erinjeri and Guillermo Martinez Corrales (Alic lab) gave talks at the 32<sup>nd</sup> UK Chaperone Meeting organised by John Labbadia, which was held at The Crick. Rhianna Williams, Rachel Wellman and Meher Bhalla also presented posters at the meeting.

The IHA's undergraduate course Biology of Ageing ran as usual this Autumn and was taken by 87 students. This year the schedule included a surprise lecture by Nathan Woodling about his work on neuro-senescence and his perspectives on the experience of life as a working scientist. A side effect of lockdowns in the last academic year has been the new practice of putting a few lectures on line and replacing them with discussions sessions with students, which has greatly increased student participation.



The Alic lab managed to have their Christmas Party before Omicron changed the rules!



When IHA folks bump into each other outside after work, pictures with the UCL Christmas tree become a must! Seasons Greeting Everyone!!