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### QUEEN SQUARE NEWS

#### RESEARCH ASSESSMENT EXERCISE

One of the highlights of the year briefly mentioned in the last Newsletter was the award of 5\*A, the best possible grading, in the Government's 2001 Research Assessment Exercise. This is a major achievement for the Institute and a critical improvement over our rating of 5A in the last 1996 RAE. The 5\* score indicates that the clear majority of work carried out here was adjudged to be of international standard. In fact almost 2/3rds (64%) of all our staff were assessed as being in the 5\* rank. Without doubt the RAE has confirmed the leading role of the IoN in UK Neuroscience.

#### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

**Professor Richard Frackowiak** was appointed to the post of Vice-Provost for Biomedicine at UCL in September 2002 after 4 years as Dean and Director of the Institute. This has been a very important period for the Institute and a time of great change and innovation

Following this move the following changes were made:

**Professor Roger Lemon**, Head of the Sobell Department of Motor Neuroscience and Movement Disorders, succeeded Professor Frackowiak as Director of the Institute of Neurology in September 2002.

**Professor John Rothwell** is now Head of the Sobell Department, with Professor Daniel Wolpert as Deputy Head.

**Professor Ray Dolan** is now Head of the Wellcome Department of Cognitive Neurology,

and **Professor Karl Friston** is Director of the Functional Imaging Laboratory

## **New Academic Appointment**

### **Chair of Functional Neurosurgery for Movement Disorders**

Thanks to a number of generous bequests the Institute has been able to establish in collaboration with the National Hospital a new academic unit of **Functional Neurosurgery for Movement Disorders**. We extend a big welcome to **Professor Marwan Hariz** who took up his appointment to the new UCL Chair of Functional Neurosurgery on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2002.

Professor Hariz, one of the leading exponents of Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) for Movement Disorders comes from the University of Umea in Sweden. The Unit comprises Professor Hariz himself, a second Consultant Neurosurgeon, **Dr. Patricia Limousin** as the clinical neurologist dealing with patient selection and their pre and postoperative assessment, and **Dr. Marjan Jahanshahi**, one of our neuropsychologists, who will be assessing the impact of DBS for patients' cognitive and other brain functions.

### **SENIOR ACADEMIC PROMOTIONS**

UCL has promoted **Dr. Daniel Wolpert** to Professor of Motor Neuroscience, and **Drs. Kailash Bhatia, Brian Day and Mike Hanna** to Readerships.

### **SENIOR FELLOWSHIPS**

Successful renewal of 5 year Senior Fellowships to:

<b>Professor Dimitri Kullman</b>	<b>MRC</b>
<b>Dr. Cathy Price</b>	<b>Wellcome Trust</b>
<b>Dr. Richard Harvey</b>	<b>Alzheimer's Society</b>

### **AWARD OF NEW SENIOR FELLOWSHIPS**

<b>Dr. Sarah Tabrizi</b>	<b>MRC/Department of Health</b>
<b>Dr. Nick Fox</b>	<b>MRC</b>
<b>Dr. Geraint Rees</b>	<b>Wellcome Trust</b>

### **HONOURS AND AWARDS**

Amongst a number of distinctions we are pleased to report that **Professors Martin Rossor and Roger Lemon** have been elected to the Academy of Medical Sciences. **Professor Andrew Lees** is President-Elect of the International Movement Disorder Society, and **Professor Niall Quinn** is Chairman-Elect of its European Section.

### **PROJECTS**

#### **JOHN COLLINGE AND MRC PRION UNIT**

**Professor John Collinge** and the majority of his team have now moved to IoN from Imperial College establishing a new **Department of Neurodegenerative Disease** incorporating the **MRC Prion Unit**, totalling around 80 staff in all. This has been a significant and successful development. It is pleasing to see collaborative links being established across the Institute.

#### **SARA KOE PSP RESEARCH CENTRE**

The Duchess of Gloucester visited Wakefield Street in April 2002 to open the new **PSP Sara Koe Research Centre**. This has been established through the generous support of the Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Association.

## THE SIR WILLIAM GOWERS CENTRE

The 19<sup>th</sup> century neurologist who worked at the National is commemorated in a new £2.4 million epilepsy assessment and treatment centre. The Sir William Gowers Centre was officially opened at the Chalfont premises of the National Society for Epilepsy in April 2002 by Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Gloucester. Sir William was a founder of the NSE which, together with the National Hospital and the Institute, forms a collaborative medical centre at Chalfont.

## OTHER NEWS

### Pain Relief

New plans for improved pain relief are in the pipeline, now that the **Royal London Homeopathic Hospital**, which is the leading centre for complementary medicine in the NHS, is now, like the National, part of the UCL Hospitals NHS Trust. The RLHH, which has offered complementary treatments (not simply homoeopathy) on the NHS since 1948, is undergoing a £28.5 million rebuild as part of an international centre for integrated medicine.

### Events at UCL

The Provost of UCL, **Sir Christopher Llewellyn-Smith**, resigned in September 2002, to be replaced for one year by Sir Derek Roberts, his predecessor as Provost. Only weeks later, **Sir Derek** and **Sir Richard Sykes**, Rector of Imperial College, made a proposal for UCL and Imperial to merge. The plan was withdrawn at the end of November following considerable opposition, and the search for a new Provost was re-started. In the meantime, **Professor Mike Spyer**, Dean of the UCL and the Royal Free Hospital Medical School was made Vice-Provost for Biomedicine, and **Professor Richard Frackowiak** moved to be Vice-Provost for Special Projects.

### The Great Wall of China Trek

31 National Hospital supporters took part in an arduous trek along part of the Great Wall of China, where they were raising money for the planned Dementia Research Centre at the National Hospital. The trek raised around £120,000 towards the Research Centre. The supporters included 3 people who have used the National Hospital services to tackle their epilepsy.

The next trek will be to the lost Inca City of Machu Picchu in Peru during the summer of 2003. Further details and an application form can be obtained from Kitt Thomas at the National Hospital Development Foundation on 020 7829 8724, e-mail [katrin.thomas@uclh.org](mailto:katrin.thomas@uclh.org) or from the donation section of the Hospital's website, [www.uclh.org](http://www.uclh.org).

### London Marathon 2002

The National had nine runners in the London Marathon and raised £15000 for projects at the National. If you are interested in taking part in future Marathons you should contact Kitt Thomas as above.

## ALUMNUS NEWS

### APPOINTMENTS

You will be interested to learn that **Professor Adolfo Bronstein**, who worked at Queen Square for some 20 years, is now Professor and Head of the Academic Department of Neuro-otology at Imperial College London.

We are pleased to report that **Dr. Adrian Danek** has been appointed Professor of Cognitive Neurology at the University Department of Neurology of Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich. Among his fields of interest are atypical dementia and neuroimaging. Web page: [www.nefo.-uni-muenchen.de/~adanek](http://www.nefo.-uni-muenchen.de/~adanek)

We are also delighted to hear that **Professor A. Adeloje** was elected Honorary President of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies at the last World Congress of Neurosurgery held in Sydney, Australia in September 2001. At the March 2002 joint meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial Congress of PanAfrican Association of Neurological Sciences and the

27<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress of the Egyptian Society he was awarded a medal and a certificate in recognition of exceptional and distinguished services to neurosurgery in Africa.

## **DEATHS**

It is with sadness that we heard of the death of **Professor Hans van Crevel** on June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2002 at the age of 70. He was a clinical clerk at Queen Square in the 60's and later returned as Visiting Professor. He will be sadly missed by generations of neurologists, not only in the Netherlands. Shortly before his unexpected death, Ian McDonald characterised him as 'one of the truly great gentlemen in neurology'.

**Dr Peter Nathan** died at the age of 88 on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2002. During his long and distinguished career he studied French literature, architecture and philosophy at the Sorbonne, then psychology and philosophy in Dresden and Munich, before qualifying in medicine from the Middlesex Hospital in 1939, and in 1947 was appointed to the MRC Neurological Research Unit, and remained a member of the MRC External Staff and Honorary Consultant in Clinical Neurophysiology to the National Hospital until his "retirement" in 1979. His scientific output was rich and varied, but his most important contributions were a series of classical and definitive papers on the neural pathways and functional organization of the spinal cord in man, and his book *The Nervous System*, the fourth edition of which appeared in 1997, when he was already 83 years young. He also financed a highly successful production of Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales*, the profits from which were donated to a charitable trust for the arts that he funded. Peter was a modest and delightful man, greatly respected and much loved by all who knew him.

## **RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL**

This is just a reminder that if you would like to receive the Newsletter by e-mail and have not already informed us, you should let Pat Harris ([p.harris@ion.ucl.ac.uk](mailto:p.harris@ion.ucl.ac.uk)) know so that this can be arranged.

The next Newsletter will be issued later this year and I would be pleased to receive newsworthy items; I am always delighted to hear from you either by letter or e-mail. I would like to thank those of you who sent me Christmas greetings, and to wish you all a very happy and peaceful New Year.