



WEEK COMMENCING 31/08/15

CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

Dr Matthew Simmonds and Dr Katharine Owen have been awarded a Public Engagement Grant for the "Is Science For Me Event" which is due to be held in the department on Wednesday 14th October 2015. If you would like to get involved in this event then please contact a member of SAF.

Dr Laura Gathercole and Nikolaos Nikolaou of the Tomlinson group, Dr Caroline Gorvin, Dr Kate Lines, Dr Mark Stevenson and Dr Kreepa Kooblall of the Thakker group and Dr Marijana Todorcevic of Oxlip have all been awarded Travel grants from the Society of Endocrinology to attend the BES 2015 conference in Edinburgh 2-4 November 2015.

Dr Kate Lines from the Thakker group has been selected for the Association of Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia Disorders (AMEND) award, for having the highest scoring abstract in the "neoplasia and cancer" category.

Dr Jyothis George from DTU has been selected for the Clinical Endocrinology Trust Prize for the best clinical abstract from the Society of Endocrinology

EVENTS HAPPENING IN THE DEPARTMENT – WEEK COMMENCING 31st AUGUST

The OCDEM University Parent/Carers Group quarterly meeting will be held in the North End of the Lecture Theatre on Thursday 3rd of September at 10.30. For more information on this group see <http://www.ocdem.ox.ac.uk/parent-carers-group>

JOURNEY TO WORK

As you will be aware, major roadworks at the Cutteslowe and Wolvercote roundabouts began on 16 July and are due to continue for up to 16 months. The Oxfordshire County Council website advises that "Significant delays to journeys are to be expected, particularly at peak times, and planning your journeys and allowing extra time is strongly advised."

RDM NEWS

RDM Sponsored Nursery Place

The University has a scheme that enables colleges and departments to nominate staff or students for a priority place on the nursery waiting list (called a "sponsored place"). RDM has been allocated four sponsored places. Please see <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/childcare/nurseryinformation/> for further information. **A sponsored place does not guarantee a nursery place, and recipients of sponsored places will be liable to pay all nursery fees.**

The departmental policy for allocation of sponsored places, together with an application form is available at <http://www.rdm.ox.ac.uk/family-friendly-benefits>.

If you are on the University's nursery waiting list at the moment and you wish to be considered for a sponsored space please complete the application form and return to me by **30 September 2015**. Late applications will not be accepted. We expect demand for places to be heavily over-subscribed.

Please note, in order to be eligible, you must be a University employee within RDM and you should already be on the University waiting list for a place.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Stratified Medicine: Connecting the UK infrastructure

Innovate UK SBRI Competition

Innovate UK is to invest up to £10m in a competition to promote the development of new diagnostic products and services for use in stratified medicine.

This SBRI competition aims to accelerate and/or increase the development and adoption of innovative diagnostic tools in order to offer better targeted treatment to patients within the UK healthcare system. It also aims to demonstrate the benefits of companies working within the UK 'enabling infrastructure', particularly NIHR Diagnostic Evidence Co-operatives, Academic Health Science Networks, Diagnostics for Stratified Medicine Catapult, NICE and NIHR Translational Research Partnerships.

The competition will be in two phases and is open to all organisations that can demonstrate a route to market for their solutions. Successful organisations will attract a 100% funded development contract of up to £150,000 over nine months in phase one, with the potential to apply for up to £2m over a further three years in phase two.

Key dates:

7 September 2015 - Competition opens

15 September 2015 - Briefing event

28 October 2015 (noon) - Registration deadline

4 November 2015 (noon) - Deadline for applications

Contracts will be awarded in January 2016.

Further information is available on the [Innovate UK website](#).