

FOR UNIVERSITY STAFF

WEEK COMMENCING 07/09/15

EVENTS HAPPENING IN THE DEPARTMENT – WEEK COMMENCING 7th September

Health and Safety Induction for All new staff and visitors – Wednesday 9th September at 10.00 North End of Lecture Theatre.

PERSONNEL SERVICES NEWS

Equality and Diversity – Events, Networks & Groups

Below are details of various network/s groups run within the university:

Network/Group	What is it?	How do I Join?
<u>Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Staff Network</u>	The network welcomes all University staff that identify as BME. It offers support and enables professional success among BME staff at all level	email hanan.yanny@sbs.ox.ac.uk
<u>Race Equality Newsletter</u>	Fortnightly newsletter for anyone with a general interest in race equality at Oxford. It acts as a roundup of relevant services and information.	email race.equality@admin.ox.ac.uk
<u>LGBT Staff Network</u>	A network for all LGBT University staff (including OUP and the colleges). The group has an email list that acts as a confidential discussion forum, and also holds meetings throughout the year, both social and work-related.	Send a blank email to oxu-lgbt-staff-subscribe@maillist.ox.ac.uk (the membership list is confidential)
<u>Disabled Staff Network</u>	A network for all University staff (including OUP and the colleges), that have a	email caroline.moughton@admin.ox.ac.uk

	disability or long-term health condition. The network provides peer support and a chance to share information and good practice.	
Oxford Women's Network (OWN)	Fortnightly e-newsletter collating information on events, news and resources related to gender equality at the University.	email gender.equality@admin.ox.ac.uk

INVITATION TO A WELCOME EVENT FOR RESEARCH STAFF

Tuesday 29 September, 9.15am-2.00pm, Department of Computer Science, Wolfson Building, Parks Road

Dr Laura Hodsdon, Researcher Development Officer invites new and existing staff to attend a Welcome Event for Research Staff on Tuesday 29 September at the Department of Computer Science, Wolfson Building, Parks Road. The Welcome Event starts at 9.15am and will be finished by 2.00pm. You are invited to join for lunch at 12.00pm where you will be offered the opportunity to network with other new researchers and browse information fair.

The event is an opportunity for you to find out about career and professional development opportunities, the services and support available for you throughout your time as a researcher here at Oxford, and to meet other new researchers over lunch.

The day will comprise:

- Welcome and introduction
- Brief sessions on employment matters, library facilities, IT support, personal and professional development, research staff networks at Oxford and public engagement.
- Refreshment break
- Research excellence and impact, developing your career
- Lunch and information fair
- Optional additional workshops on career planning

Advance booking is required; please [register via the Oxford Learning Institute](#) by midday on Friday 25 September.

If you are unable to attend, please note that the event runs termly and you are welcome to attend in the future. In the meantime, if you would like information or have any queries about support for research staff at Oxford, [visit the research staff page on the University's website](#), [join the research staff mailing list](#), get involved with the [Oxford Research Staff Society](#), [follow me on Twitter](#),

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

2016 ERC WORK PROGRAMME

The 2016 ERC Work Programme has now been published (although funded through Horizon 2020, the ERC operates independently of the rest of the Horizon 2020 programme: the main Horizon 2020 2016/17 work programme is not expected to be published until October).

The Starting Grant call opened on 23 July 2015 and has a deadline of 17 November 2015

The Consolidator grant call will open 15 October 2015 with a deadline of 2 February 2016

The Advanced grant call will open 24 May 2016 with a deadline of 1 September 2016

The European Team is running two identical CoG application workshops in October. The workshops are aimed primarily at CoG applicants, but prospective starting grant candidates are also welcome to attend.

Monday 12th October – 9.30 am to 11.30 am in Room B at the Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics on the Old Road Campus, Headington

Thursday 22nd October – 9.30 am to 11.30 am in the L5 Lecture Theatre - Mathematical Institute, Andrew Wiles Building, Radcliffe Observatory Quarter, Woodstock Road, OX2 6GG (see [map](#))

Attendees of all disciplines are welcome at both workshops.

Registration is already open by [Doodle Poll](#).

Two additional notes:

- The reference date for determining eligibility for the 2016 call is 1 January 2016
- Resubmission rules are now: Candidates from the 2015 calls who receive an A or a B **after interview** but who are not funded will be eligible to reapply to the 2016 call. As 2015 candidate interviews are not taking place until September, researchers will need to decide whether to prepare an application for the 2016 call pending the results of the 2015 call. All other elements of the resubmission rules are unchanged.

RETIREMENT DAY THOUGHTS – DAVE WIGGINS

The following message is from Dave Wiggins who has just retired from the Rorsman Group after 43 years working in the university

Dear All

I would like to thank everybody in OCDEM who supported and attended my retirement party on Tuesday 25th August. It was such a surprise; I don't know how OCDEM was able to keep such a secret from me? Even when Patrik insisted I had to meet him at 11am (I think we have only ever had a few arranged meetings in the last 10 years) I still naively asked Reshma why Patrik was so insistent on a meeting. In my ad lib speech there was so much I missed saying I would like to take this opportunity to rectify that.

Firstly a very big thank you to all those who helped arrange the day. I'm aware Sandy and Anne were to the fore but I'm sure there were many more who helped with food etc. Many thanks to you all. The presents on the day were nice enough and with so many kind things said and written in the cards it does feel ones working life hasn't been wasted. The bike I collected with Sandy was a complete shock, a Specialized Srrus Elite Carbon. Fabulous bike, I've had a few rides on it and it's a long time since I've travelled so fast on a bike and am thinking of buying a helmet. Many, many thanks to all those who contributed. I'm thinking that multiple retirements or leavings might not be a bad move.

There are many people who have helped me over the years to whom I would like to thank, be it for employing me (Geoff and Patrik here in OCDEM) or helping with day to day tasks or just chatting at coffee. I've been able to collaborate with most people in OCDEM over the years in some way or other which has made work that little more rewarding. Everybody in the Rorsman group; past and present, who have put up with me over the years, hopefully I've been of some use to their careers. The now slimmer but no less bright star in the admin. office, Karen, who tolerated my never ending moaning but still came back smiling; somebody who helps solve problems (Hallelujah). The histology queen Anne Clark, a very bright and gifted scientist with whom a days banter has always fun. I have also been lucky enough to choose the right person to collaborate with over the years and so have been able to contribute to some very nice projects. Even here in OCDEM today, one of the most exciting projects is looking at the effects of bariatric surgery on diabetes with the possibility of finding a non-invasive way to mimic this, Reshma looks to have a bright future in science.

Now I'm a fair weather cyclist I'm always grateful to Barbie and now Marje for saving me from the elements and giving me a lift in their cars. There is only one person left to thank. A person I've known for ever and who I've worked with for most of my working life. She has put up with so much from me over the years (I've know idea why) but her support and help has made every day that much brighter and more fun, she still, with her cheeky smile, always gets her own way. I love her to bits, fortunately as she lives near I'll be able to meet up for the odd pub lunch, so hopefully will not miss her too much. There may a slight ripple in the pond with me leaving but when she retires it will be more like a tsunami from which OCDEM might never recover.

David Wiggins