

# OCDEM BULLETIN



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### RESEARCH NEWS

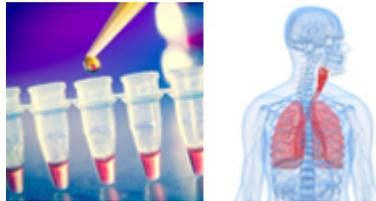


Professor Jeremy Tomlinson has received funding from the MRC for “**Tackling iatrogenic Cushing's syndrome through 11beta-HSD1 inhibition**”

### MEDICAL GRAND ROUNDS

Thursday 28th April from 13:00 to 14:00

John Radcliffe Academic (Lecture Theatre 1), Headington OX3 9DU



#### **Clinical Immunology/ Respiratory Medicine**

Clinical Immunology: “Pathogen evolution in the immunocompromised host: from primary immunodeficiency to global health” - Prof Cal Maclennan

Respiratory Medicine: “Irn-bur – good for your breathing?” – Dr Annabel Nickol

Chair: Prof Chris Conlon

Booking: Not required

Audience: Members of the University and NHS clinical staff

## **SEMINARS**

### **Wednesday Seminar**

This week's Wednesday seminar will be hosted by Professor Rury Holman and the speaker is Professor Roy Taylor from Newcastle University.



The title of his talk is "**Aetiology of type 2 diabetes revealed by studying reversal to normal**". The talk will begin promptly at 1pm in the Robert Turner Lecture Theatre, and sandwiches for those attending will be available from 12:45pm.

The OCDEM Wednesday Seminar Series is sponsored by an unrestricted educational grant from the Boehringer-Ingelheim and Eli Lilly alliance

### **Friday Seminar**

This week's Friday seminar organised by the OCDEM Senior Academic Faculty will be a talk by Ms Mahdieh Godazgar "Properties of voltage-gated sodium channels in the pancreatic beta-cell"

The talk will begin promptly at 1pm in the Robert Turner Lecture Theatre and sandwiches for those attending will be available from 12:45

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**Karolinska  
Institutet**

# Novo Nordisk Postdoctoral Fellowships at Karolinska Institutet



We are currently recruiting four Postdoctoral Research Fellows. Applications are invited from basic and clinical scientists wishing to undertake research with focus on diabetes and its comorbidities, endocrinology and metabolism. Each fellowship is fully funded for three years. These prestigious fellowships are open to outstanding candidates of any nationality.

The following ten projects are available:

Principal Investigator	Project Title
Olov Andersson	Drug discovery in zebrafish for promotion of transdifferentiation to $\beta$ -cells - and thereby potentiation of $\beta$ -cell regeneration.
Christina Bark	Can diet-induced metabolic disease trigger neurodegeneration when combined with impaired SNARE protein function?
Niklas Björkström	Characterization of an immunological rheostat responding to obesity-induced adipocyte stress during development of insulin resistance in humans.
Christian Broberger	The central control of growth hormone release - electrophysiology and functional role of neuroendocrine somatostatin neurons.
Mattias Carlström	Modulation of adenosine receptor signalling provides novel therapeutic strategies in Type 2 diabetes.
Ingrid Dahlman	Impact of fat cells expressed long non-coding RNAs on human insulin resistance.
Tibor Harkany and Tomas Hökfelt	Endocannabinoid and endovanilloid control of cell diversity and functional competence during development of pancreatic islets.
Anna Krook and Juleen Zierath	Immuno-metabolic modulation of skeletal muscle insulin sensitivity.
Stephen Malin and Göran K Hansson	The molecular and cellular consequences of acute hypercholesterolemia.
Paolo Parini	Diodothyronines as a tool to discover new therapeutic approaches for the therapy of metabolic diseases.

Further information on the projects, the fellowship program and details on how to apply can be found at:  
[www.ki.se/en/srp-diabetes/novo-nordisk-fellowships](http://www.ki.se/en/srp-diabetes/novo-nordisk-fellowships)

Enquiries should be directed to: [NovoNordiskFellowship@mmk.ki.se](mailto:NovoNordiskFellowship@mmk.ki.se). The closing date for receipt of applications is:  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

## TRAVEL INSURANCE CHANGES

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### Process Changes

#### **Areas Requiring Insurance Referral:**

New areas requiring insurance referral due to trade restrictions have been added as well as areas requiring insurance referral due to risk. In addition I can advise that insurance referral is no longer required for Sierra Leone and Liberia whilst they remain Ebola free. Referral is required for any other territory where there are current cases of Ebola. The World Health Organisation can be used as a source of information with regards to the Ebola Pandemic (<http://www.who.int/en/>)

A number of activities requiring insurance referral are also now listed.

#### **EHIC Cards**

Travellers should obtain an EHIC Card where appropriate when travelling within Europe. In the event of a claim Insurers will request EHIC card details.

#### **Pre-existing medical conditions:**

The policy wording has been slightly enhanced. The policy now states that cover is included for emergency medical expenses resulting from a pre-existing medical condition, but that cover will not operate in respect of journeys taken against the advice of a Qualified Medical Practitioner or where any existing medical condition is not under control and it is foreseeable that medical assistance may be needed on a journey.

As a result of this there will no longer be a need to provide a letter from an appropriate medical practitioner to confirm fitness to travel prior to undertaking such travel. Of course travellers should still ensure they are fit to travel and it is strongly recommended that if a traveller suffers from a pre-existing medical condition they visit their GP or an appropriate medical practitioner prior to travelling in order to check that they are fit to travel and undertake the duties intended. This will also ensure that in the event of a claim, evidence is available to confirm they were not travelling against medical advice and that any existing medical conditions were considered under control at the start of the Journey.

In the event of a claim Insurers will seek confirmation from the individual's medical practitioner that they were not travelling against medical advice or suffering from a medical condition not under control.

#### **Information and Documentation**

1. The design of the website has been updated to make the information clearer and more user friendly
2. There is now a page of FAQs that will hopefully provide answers to queries you may have about cover
3. The Travel Insurance Application Form has been updated
4. Documentation - a detailed cover booklet is in the process of being produced which will provide full details of the cover under the policy including policy terms, conditions and exclusions. This booklet will be made available on the website as soon as possible.

Please visit the website for full details of the changes.

<http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/finance/insurance/travel/>

Due to the ever increasing demands on the travel insurance policy, and a number of significant claims for personal belongings, with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016 renewal it is likely that lower limits will be implemented in relation to personal belongings, jewellery and cash. Full details of the alterations will be sent prior to the renewal date.

## TRAINING



Hello,

Welcome to the Trinity schedule of the IT Learning Programme – it is now on line at <http://courses.it.ox.ac.uk>. Printed copies of the course planner are also available.

There are many of our established courses plus some new ones. So have a browse and book early to avoid disappointment!

Here is some further news:

- You will notice that as well as our usual collection of courses, we are now including links to key courses in Lynda.com (and many more are available at <http://courses.it.ox.ac.uk/lynda>)
- A major change this term is that we are no longer accepting payment for courses by cash. All the other payment methods are still valid see our webpage at <http://courses.it.ox.ac.uk/itlp/payment.xml>.
- We are having substantial building work carried out (the addition of training rooms for another team to make use of) and so there will inevitably be some disruption. We will try and keep this to a minimum.
- We are running another series of lunchtime talks under our make: theme, where we showcase the creative use of technology in teaching, learning and research from around the University. More details will be on the make blog at <http://blogs.it.ox.ac.uk/make/> very soon.

We look forward to welcoming you on an ITLP course soon.

The ITLP Team

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Dear colleagues,

I would like to share with you the University IT architecture principles that have been developed as a set of guidelines to help get the best from our IT investments. It is hoped that they will assist decision-making by the University IT community in technical design, delivery and maintenance. The full version of the principles is available to all members of the University via SharePoint (<https://sharepoint.nexus.ox.ac.uk/ITArchitecturePrinciples>, requires Single Sign On).

The principles are applicable to IT across the University and, as such, it is expected that they will be used:

- by those responsible for IT projects to ensure the principles are applied during the design and delivery of projects;
- to inform IT decision-making within faculties and departments of the University;
- as guidelines to inform good practice.

The principles have been developed by, and are owned by, the IT Architecture Group (ITAG <http://www.it.ox.ac.uk/governance#ITAG>) and will be kept under review. IT Services has established a Solution Design Authority (SDA) to ensure that central IT projects funded through the capital IT envelope are

incorporating the architecture principles as part of process at all stages. The ITAG welcomes feedback on any aspect of the principles; please contact [shirin.tahzib@it.ox.ac.uk](mailto:shirin.tahzib@it.ox.ac.uk).

I would be grateful if you could disseminate this information locally.

Best regards,

**Professor Anne Trefethen**  
Pro-Vice-Chancellor (ASUC)

& Chief Information Officer

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## **Westminster Health Forum Keynote Seminar**

### **Improving diabetes outcomes: personalisation, innovation and rolling out the Diabetes Prevention Programme**

*with*

**Dr Jim O'Brien**, National Programme Director, NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme, Public Health England;  
**Professor Jonathan Valabhji**, National Clinical Director for Obesity and Diabetes, NHS England and **Professor Stephanie Amiel**, Chair, NICE Guideline Development Group for Diabetes in Adults and Professor of Diabetic Medicine, King's College London

*and*

**Simon Doble**, Birmingham South Central Demonstrator Site; **Dr Rupert Dunbar-Rees**, Outcomes Based Healthcare; **Robin Hewings**, Diabetes UK; **Dr Richard Mendelsohn**, Birmingham South Central Demonstrator Site; **Robert White**, National Audit Office and **Dr Emma Wilmot**, Derby Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation

*Trust*

*Chaired by:*

**Jamie Reed MP** and **Rt Hon Keith Vaz MP**, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Diabetes  
**AstraZeneca** has provided a sponsorship grant towards this independent programme

**This event is [CPD certified](#)**

*Morning, Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016*

*Central London*

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# OCDEM Health Champions

**Yoga Class: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April** 13.00 Robert Turner Lecture Theatre. We still have places so do come along and join in! For more information email [louise.dennis@ocdem.ox.ac.uk](mailto:louise.dennis@ocdem.ox.ac.uk) or just turn up on Monday.

**Tour D'OCDEM:** We are on our way back to Windsor Castle!!! Only another 42 miles to cycle next week to arrive by the 29<sup>th</sup>! Feel free to hop on the bike and cycle a mile or more! The bike is next to the Fellows Room and don't forget to stick your sticker on the map!

**World Laughter Day 1<sup>st</sup> May!** Date for your diary: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 13.00-13.45 we have Caroline coming from the Cotswold Laughter Club to run a laughter session, we hope you will put the date in your diary and come along all you need to bring is a smile and the laughter will follow!



**Osteoporosis:** Leaflets are now available around the information Café area on Level 2

## MAY MORNING IN OXFORD



May Morning is celebrated on 1 May every year. May Morning in Oxford is a traditional celebration of the coming of Spring and brings together Oxford's communities to enjoy dancing, singing and revelry from around the city.

The celebrations in 2016 will start at 6am on Sunday 1 May 2016 with the choristers of Magdalen College choir singing Hymnus Eucharisticus from the Great Tower. Hymnus Eucharisticus was composed in the 17th century by a Fellow of Magdalen and has been sung every year from the Great Tower on May Morning.

This will be followed by the bells ringing out over the city for approximately 20 minutes.

## **Events and Breakfast**

May Morning events and activities will take place across the city including Morris Men dancing in Radcliffe Square, Cattle Street and Broad Street. Many bars and restaurants across the city will be open for breakfasts including eateries in the city centre and East Oxford.