

# OCDEM BULLETIN



## FOR UNIVERSITY STAFF

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### RESEARCH NEWS



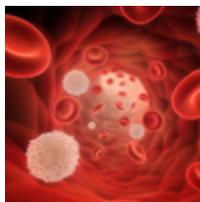
Congratulations to Dr Reshma Ramracheya who was awarded a Certificate of Recognition for her scientific accomplishment as an Early Stage Investigator at the Digestive Disease Week (DDW) Conference in San Diego on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. DDW is the world's largest gathering of medical professionals on digestive diseases and weight-loss surgery.

### MEDICAL GRAND ROUNDS

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June from 13:00 to 14:00

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

**HAEMATOLOGY/CARDIOLOGY**



Haematology - TBA

Cardiology - TBA

Chair: Prof Hugh Watkins

Booking: Not required

Audience: Members of the University and NHS clinical staff

## **SEMINARS**

### **Wednesday Seminar**

This week's Wednesday seminar will be hosted by Prof Anna Gloyn and the speaker is Prof Ewan Pearson (University of Dundee)



The title of his talk is “ **How does metformin work? Insights from genetics**”. 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

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### **Friday Seminar**

This week's Friday seminar organised by the OCDEM Senior Academic Faculty will include the following talks:

**Mr Nikolaos Nikolaou:** “Unravelling the role of AKR1D1 (5 $\beta$ -reductase) in human hepatocytes”

**Ms Katia Mattis:** “Assessing the impact of diabetes risk variants on beta-cell development and function”

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Dear Colleagues

**Re: Triangle Nursery, Old Road Campus, Headington**

I am delighted to share with you that work is progressing well to prepare for the opening of the fifth University nursery on Old Road Campus. Construction work is now nearly complete and the nursery provider is preparing the building ready for Ofsted approval. The scheduled opening date is July 2016.

Childcare Services is now in a position to accept new applications for the nursery. Colleagues can submit an application via our online application portal:

<http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/childcare/nurseryinformation/>

We have developed a FAQs section on our Website which we hope will cover questions that colleagues may have about the nursery:

<http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/childcare/currentdevelopments/>

With best wishes, Jane

Jane Maharry

Head of Childcare Services

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## OCDEM HEALTH AND SAFETY

### OUT OF HOURS WORK



Dear All

As many of you are aware there was a power cut last Thursday night/Friday morning. It became apparent during the power cut that the phones didn't work since the transfer to network phones. We have been told that there was a fault with the UPS and that it shouldn't happen again but there is no guarantee this will be the case.

With this in mind can all staff who are working out of hours ensure they have a means of communication with them (mobile phone) that does not rely on an electrical supply. It is also important that you ensure that someone knows that you are in the building, whether it is a parent, partner, spouse, flat mate or your supervisor.

If the power goes down while you are in the building out of hours it would be appreciated if you could contact the shift engineer via the switchboard. The telephone number for switchboard is 0300 304 7777.

Sandy Humphreys

Lab Manager/Safety Officer

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## QUESTION TIME EVENT



You are warmly invited to a Question Time on the topic of capital projects on Friday 17 June. The event will take place from 12.15pm to 1.30pm in the Andrew Wiles Building on the Radcliffe Observatory Quarter.

These termly Q&A sessions are open to all members of University and College staff, and offer the opportunity to hear about some of the major issues facing the University and ask a panel of senior officers about the issues that matter to you.

Further information and online registration is available at [www.ox.ac.uk/questiontime](http://www.ox.ac.uk/questiontime).

## **CURRENT VACANCIES IN THE DEPARTMENT**



### **SCIENTIFIC PROJECT MANAGER**

**Grade 7: £30,738 - £37,768 PA**

OCDEM has an exciting opportunity for a Scientific Project Manager to join the Oxford NIHR Biomedical Research Centre Diabetes Theme. The Diabetes Theme Leader (currently Professor Rury Holman and from June 2016 Professor Anna Gloyn) oversees a complex portfolio of world leading translational diabetes and metabolism research programs across the University of Oxford and Oxford University Hospitals which are underpinned by core BRC funded infrastructure. The research theme currently consists of three subthemes: Translational Genetics & Genomics, Translational Physiology and Translational Trials each directed by a sub-theme leader.

As Project Manager, you will be required to support the Diabetes theme and its subtheme leaders in the day-to-day management of BRC funded projects, tracking their progress against objectives, coordinating and compiling project reports. You will work closely with the Diabetes theme leader to shape the research plan for the next round of NIHR funding. An important component of your role will be the supporting public engagement through the development of social media platforms, preparation of newsletters and press releases for various websites.

The post-holder must have a University degree in a relevant Biological Sciences subject and previous experience in project management. It is essential that the successful candidate has demonstrable project management experience and excellent communication skills. Knowledge of biomedical research and diabetes and experience in preparing grant applications would be an advantage.

To apply for this role and for further details, including a job description and person specification, please click on the link below:

[https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk/pls/hrsliverecruit/erq\\_jobspec\\_version\\_4.jobspec?p\\_id=123309](https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk/pls/hrsliverecruit/erq_jobspec_version_4.jobspec?p_id=123309)

Only applications received before midday on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016 can be considered.

Please quote ref.123309 on all correspondence. You will be required to upload a CV and supporting statement as part of your online application.

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## **Clinical Research Fellow - Clinical Trials in Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease (123273)**

**Grade E64: £31,301 - £50,167 per annum**

The DTU forms a key part of the Oxford Centre for Diabetes, Endocrinology & Metabolism within the Radcliffe Department of Medicine. The Unit designs, runs and analyses both large-scale multinational interventional outcome trials and early-phase translational research studies.

Diabetes Trials Unit has an exciting role for a clinician experienced in diabetes who is interested in making a significant contribution to one or more global cardiovascular outcome trials in people with type 2 diabetes. This role offers the post holder the opportunity to develop their understanding of clinical trial design, methodology, and conduct within an academic research organisation conducting important research to ICH/GCP standards.

Initially, your work will be focused on the EXenatide Study of Cardiovascular Event Lowering (EXSCEL) trial, an international cardiovascular outcome trial examining the utility of a once-weekly GLP-1 receptor agonist for primary and secondary cardiovascular risk reduction in 14,000 people with type 2 diabetes. The post-holder will provide oversight of clinical activity in our mega-trials programme for those countries supervised by the Diabetes Trials Unit (East & West Europe, South Africa, Israel, Peoples Republic of China and Hong Kong) and you will have the opportunity to work closely with one or more of our collaborative international trial teams, which include Units in the USA, Canada, and China. Opportunities may also exist to assist with early phase trials run by the Diabetes Trials Unit Translational Trials Group.

This post would suit trainees in diabetes and endocrinology interested in pursuing an academic or a clinical career with an academic interest. The post includes opportunities for study for a higher degree and the opportunity to help in the development of future studies. The ideal candidate will have previous experience in the design and conduct of clinical trials, including ethics, GCP and documentation skills. They will have excellent verbal and written communication skills, a keen eye for detail, and experience of working within a team. They will be able to deal effectively with conflicting priorities, meet tight deadlines, and remain calm under pressure.

The post is offered for 1 year in the first instance, with opportunity for extension. This position is full-time, however part-time will be considered (minimum 70% FTE). Requests for an informal discussion should be sent to [angelyn.bethel@dtu.ox.ac.uk](mailto:angelyn.bethel@dtu.ox.ac.uk).

Only applications received before 12.00 midday on Thursday 23 June 2016 can be considered. Please quote vacancy number 123273 in all correspondence.

To apply for this role and for further details, including a job description and person specification, please visit:

[https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk/pls/hrisliverecruit/erq\\_jobspec\\_version\\_4.jobspec?p\\_id=123273](https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk/pls/hrisliverecruit/erq_jobspec_version_4.jobspec?p_id=123273)

## **Women in Science in the Archives**

*Weston Library, 8 September 2016, 9:00 – 13:00*

This event will link female scientists' life and work experiences in the past – as represented through the archives – with female scientists' career experiences today; looking at how these experiences have changed over the centuries, but also discussing how women in science work in the early 21<sup>st</sup> century.

As part of the event, we are planning a panel of early career female scientists discussing their work, challenges and opportunities they see for women in science today, and exploring – together with archivists and curators – how their life and work experiences as women in science might be represented in the archives of the future.

For this panel, we are looking for:

- 4-5 young/early career scientist - postdocs or similar,
- from across all disciplines (medical sciences, MPLS),
- who are involved with research and/or teaching at Oxford,
- and who ideally have an interest in the history of women in science.

The panel discussion, approx. 40 minutes, will start at around 12:20. The event will be aimed at the history of science/ history of medicine community, but will be open for all to book.

There may be a short meeting of the panellist discuss questions etc. in August, date tbc, at the Weston Library, but for those who are not in Oxford over the summer, we can of course arrange email communication.

Please contact for details:

Svenja Kunze, Project Archivist

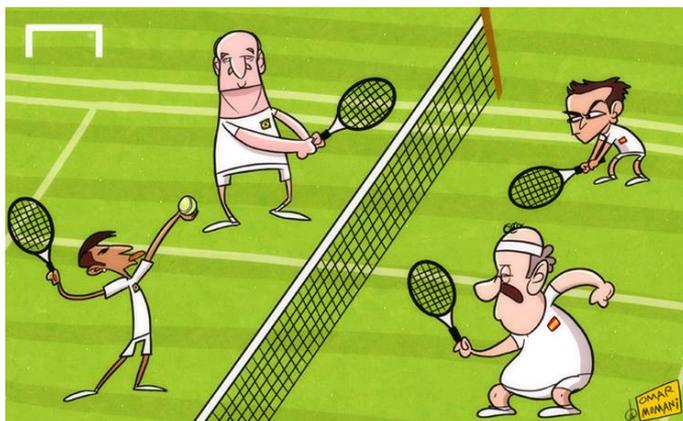
Bodleian Library Special Collections - Archives & Modern Manuscripts

## OCDEM Health Champions

**Come and play table tennis – a knockabout for 2 or a table tennis relay for 3 + players !**

Amy Barrett will be setting up in the North End of the lecture theatre table tennis! There will be 'walking' table tennis for 4 players or if only 2 standard game! No head bands required! If the room is not being used for meeting just drop in and have a knock around!

Appeal: we have two table tennis bats but need some more does anyone have any spare which we could have for the month of June?? If you do please could you let [amy.barrett@drl.ox.ac.uk](mailto:amy.barrett@drl.ox.ac.uk) know.



**Workshop 5: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 5.00-5.30 pm Robert Turner**

**Lecture Theatre: 'Belly Dancing'!!** Many thanks to Jo Milton who has organised for a friend who teaches belly dancing to come and give us a demonstration! If you fancy learning how to Belly dance and have a fun end to the day please join us and let us know you are attending:  
[louise.dennis@ocdem.ox.ac.uk](mailto:louise.dennis@ocdem.ox.ac.uk)



### **BENEFITS OF DANCING**

- Reduces your risk of dementia
- Reduces stress and depression
- Increases energy and serotonin
- Improves flexibility, strength, balance and endurance
- Strengthens bones and boosts cardiovascular health
- Increases mental capacity by exercising our cognitive processes
- Dynamic and rapid-fire decision making, creates new neural paths

~Get Dancing!

OCDEM Health Mile walk: Sis well and truly here! With foot paths drying out we are now able to enjoying some lovely walks in nature and get a good dose of Vitamin N along with the Vitamin D! Please do try and join us one lunchtime and discover some hidden gems on the door step of OCDEM! Appropriate foot wear required. Leave main reception OCDEM at 12.30 promptly.

<http://everybodywalk.org/walking-in-nature-prescription-for-better-health/>

Laughter workshop: there were tears!!! Thanks to all those who attended to make it an excellent and fun event and remember to say 'I'm Awesome ' and the occasional 'very good very good Yeah!'.

### **REMINDER**

Remember to complete the RDM Staff/Student Survey

**The survey takes on average about 15 minutes to complete and can be accessed here:**

<https://oxford.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/university-of-oxford-staff-experience-survey-radcliffe-de-5>