

FOR UNIVERSITY STAFF

WEEK COMMENCING 21/09/15

EVENTS HAPPENING IN THE DEPARTMENT – WEEK COMMENCING 21st September

THURSDAY SEMINAR

Staff are invited to attend Ms Natasha Ng's presentation on "*The role of glucose-6-phosphatase catalytic domain in glucose homeostasis*"

The presentation will commence at 1 pm in the Robert Turner Lecture Theatre. Lunch will be provided from 12:45pm for those attending the seminar

A full list of the other Friday Seminar speakers for Michaelmas Term 2015 is available on the OCDEM website: <http://www.ocdem.ox.ac.uk/ocdem-friday-seminar-series>

GENERAL UNIVERSITY NOTICES

IT Outage Week Commencing 14/09/15

Dear Colleagues,

On Monday at 08:20 during a routine maintenance operation in our JR Data Centre, one of our main disk storage arrays suffered a failure which according to the manufacturer "should not have happened". They are still unable to explain the problem but are now engaged in swapping out parts in an attempt to diagnose the problem. The nature of the failure meant that the disk array hosting many of our data volumes went down. In these cases it is best to await the supplier's advice as if they are able to fix the problem then the solution can be a quick restoration of service. When the manufacturer advised us that recovery was impossible we started the process of switching over to our mirrored copy of the data on another site. This is a complicated process and took our staff until 4am to get 80% of the systems back online. By this time they were exhausted and the remaining 20% had to wait until later the following day (Tuesday) when the final restoration of service was achieved by 15:00.

We are still working to re-establish full data mirroring again which will take some time. However, because we did not need to recover data from backup, we were able to recover service within 32 hours. Had we needed to recover from backup, this process would have continued well into next week. It is disappointing to have experienced such a failure of the storage hardware - but very occasionally this does happen and the commitment of our systems staff in working through the night meant that the inconvenience to our users, although serious, was minimised.

We will continue to work with our supplier to ensure the underlying problem is identified and fixed and we will take the opportunity to examine our disaster recovery procedure to see how we can improve and streamline it for the future. We can only apologise for the extended downtime and unavailability of our systems on Monday and Tuesday which appear to have occurred due to a defect in supplied hardware.

Best wishes,

Nigel

Dr Nigel Rudgewick-Brown
Director
MSD IT Services (IMSU)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

John Fell Fund

Currently there is a call open for the John Fell Fund. Full details on the JFF and how to apply can be found at: <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/pras/jff/>

Although the closing date for the call is Wednesday 7th October RDM have an internal deadline of Monday 28th September to enable all applications to be reviewed and ranked within RDM. To allow us to meet the RDM deadline any OCDEM applications to this call must be with Lynne Scott by close of play Wednesday 23rd of September. If anyone has any queries in relation to the John Fell Fund then please contact Fredrik Karpe

TRAINING

Safety Training Syllabus - Michaelmas Term 2015

COURSE TITLE	WEEK	DATE	TIME	VENUE
Introduction to Laser Safety	0	Thursday 8 October	15.00-16.30	Martin Wood Lecture Theatre, Clarendon Laboratory, Parks Road
Fire Safety	2	Monday 19 October	10.00-12.00	Blackwood Seminar Room, Pitt Rivers Museum (off Robinson Close), South Parks Road
Introduction to Biological Safety & Genetic Modification	3	Tuesday 27 October	14.30-16.30	Seminar Room, Nuffield Department of Medicine Research Building, Old Road Campus, Roosevelt
Safe Use of Abrasive Wheels	3	Tuesday 27 October	09.00-12.30	Blackwood Seminar Room, Pitt Rivers Museum, Robinson Close (off South Parks Road)

Working at Height	3	Wednesday 28 October	09.00-12.30	Blackwood Seminar Room, Pitt Rivers Museum, Robinson Close (off South Parks Road)
Display Screen Equipment (DSE) Assessors' training	4	Tuesday 3 November	14.30-16.30	Wolfson Seminar Room, Chemistry Research Laboratory, Mansfield Road
Introduction to Biological Safety & Genetic Modification	4	Tuesday 3 November	14.30-16.30	Seminar Meeting Room, Weatherall Institute of Molecular Medicine, John Radcliffe Hospital, Headley Way
Compressed Gas Safety	4	Wednesday 4 November	09.30-12.30	Seminar Room A, Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics, Roosevelt Drive
Safe Use of Cryogenic Liquids	4	Wednesday 4 November	14.00-16.30	Seminar Room A, Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics, Roosevelt Drive
Radiation Safety for Laboratory Workers	4	Wednesday 4 November	14.00-16.00	Lecture Theatre, Medical Sciences Teaching Centre, South Parks Road
Fieldwork Planning & Supervision	5	Tuesday 10 November	14.00-16.30	Wolfson Seminar Room, Chemistry Research Laboratory, Mansfield Road
Fieldwork Safety Overseas	5	Wednesday 11 November	09.30-15.00	Seminar Room 1, Oxford Martin School, 34 Broad Street
Introduction to Biological Safety & Genetic Modification	5	Wednesday 11 November	10.30-12.30	Centenary Seminar Room, Careers Service, 56 Banbury Road
Safe Use of X-ray Generators, Sealed	5	Wednesday 11 November	14.00-16.00	Lecture Theatre, Medical Sciences Teaching Centre, South Parks Road

Sources & Accelerators				
Display Screen Equipment (DSE) Coordinators'	5	Friday 13 November	09.30-12.30	Evenlode Training Room, IT Services, 13 Banbury Road
Introduction to Manual Handling	6	Monday 16 November	09.00-12.00	Centenary Seminar Room, Careers Service, 56 Banbury Road
Introduction to Manual Handling (Repeated)	6	Monday 16 November	13.00-16.00	Centenary Seminar Room, Careers Service, 56 Banbury Road
Departmental Safety Officers' Module 1	6	Tuesday 17 November	09.30-13.00	Centenary Seminar Room, Careers Service, 56 Banbury Road
Radiation Safety for Laboratory Workers	6	Wednesday 18 November	14.00-16.00	Lecture Theatre One, Academic Centre, John Radcliffe Hospital, Headley Way
Facilities Manager Safety Essentials	6	Tuesday 24 November	14.00-17.00	Wolfson Seminar Room, Chemistry Research Laboratory, Mansfield Road
Introduction to Biological Safety & Genetic Modification	6	Tuesday 24 November	14.30-16.30	Seminar Meeting Room, Weatherall Institute of Molecular Medicine, John Radcliffe Hospital, Headley Way
Compressed Gas Safety	6	Tuesday 24 November	09.30-12.30	Centenary Seminar Room, Careers Service, 56 Banbury Road
Safe Use of Cryogenic Liquids	6	Tuesday 24 November	14.00-16.30	Centenary Seminar Room, Careers Service, 56 Banbury Road
Departmental Safety Officers' Module 2	6	Wednesday 25 November	09.00-13.00	Seminar Room 1, Oxford Martin School, 34 Broad Street (on corner of Holywell & Catte Streets)

Introduction to Laser Safety	7	Thursday 26 November	14.30-15.30	Wolfson Seminar Room, Chemistry Research Laboratory, Mansfield Road
Coping with Challenging Behaviour	7	Thursday 26 November	09.00-13.00	Centenary Seminar Room, Careers Service, 56 Banbury Road
Risk Assessment	8	Monday 30 November	09.30-12.00	Centenary Seminar Room, Careers Service, 56 Banbury Road
Introduction to Biological Safety & Genetic Modification	8	Tuesday 1 December	10.30-12.30	Centenary Seminar Room, Careers Service, 56 Banbury Road
Chemical Safety & COSHH	8	Wednesday 2 December	14.00-16.30	Wolfson Seminar Room, Chemistry Research Laboratory, Mansfield Road
Departmental Safety Officers' Module 3	8	Thursday 3 December	09.00-13.00	Seminar Room 1, Oxford Martin School, 34 Broad Street (on corner of Holywell & Catte Streets)
Supervisors' Responsibilities	9	Tuesday 8 December	14.00-16.00	Wolfson Seminar Room, Chemistry Research Laboratory, Mansfield Road
Introduction to Biological Safety & Genetic Modification	9	Tuesday 8 December	14.30-16.30	Seminar Room, Nuffield Department of Medicine Research Building, Old Road Campus, Roosevelt Drive
Departmental Safety Officers' Module 4	9	Thursday 10 December	09.30-13.00	Centenary Seminar Room, Careers Service, 56 Banbury Road

PURCHASING INFORMATION

Services from Preferred Suppliers: can they be improved?

We want to improve the service that you receive from [University preferred suppliers](#), and your input is really valuable in helping us to do so. The [Preferred Supplier](#) survey takes only a few minutes to complete and results are used to provide feedback to preferred suppliers to benefit the University.

Purchasing from preferred suppliers

From early September we are simplifying the process for requesting competitive tenders from [preferred suppliers](#) up to £100,000 (ex-VAT). Full details can be found on our [Tender Process](#) pages.

NHS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Get in and Go farApprenticeship announcement.....

Please join us for an Apprenticeship recruitment event for Business Administration and Clinical Apprenticeships on

Wednesday 30 September from 6-8pm in the OCDEM building atrium, Churchill Hospital.

On offer will be:

- Tours of various departments
- Apprenticeship specialists on hand to ask questions about the programmes
- Practical advice, guidance and details on how to apply

Successful applicants will study an Apprenticeship in Business Administration **or** Clinical Healthcare Support while developing skills and knowledge, and be able to earn a salary at the same time. In conjunction with the Trust's Support Worker Academy, apprentices will be supported in their education and development, and they will become valued members of teams within the Trust. There are a number of vacancies within Surgery and Oncology, Medicine and Neurosciences, Orthopaedics, Trauma and Specialist Surgery, based at the John Radcliffe, Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre or Churchill Hospital. The Trust welcomes applications from people aged 16-18, but recruitment will be based on merit. The employment is a fixed term contract for 13 months, for the duration of the training period, and at the end of the placement we will assist individuals in finding jobs within the Trust. We are looking for people who can demonstrate enthusiasm for learning and development and who can be flexible in their daily work.

Please pass this invitation on to anyone you think may be interested in attending and we hope to see you there.

If you have any questions about the recruitment event, or are interested in employing an apprentice, please do get in touch with the Academy team on: apprenticeships@ouh.nhs.uk

Many Thanks

Claire

Claire Wardle

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