

# OCDEM BULLETIN



## FOR UNIVERSITY STAFF

WEEK COMMENCING 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Issue No 40

### MEDICAL GRAND ROUNDS

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June from 13:00 to 14:00

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

**MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE/STROKE MEDICINE**



Medical Directors Office - TBA

Stroke Medicine - TBA

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 Prof Anna Gloyn and the speaker is Prof Miekele Solimena (Dresden University of Technology)



The title of his talk is "**Insulin granule aging and turnover**". 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 include the following talks:

**Ms Rebecca Spiers:** "Investigating how the extent of Advanced Glycation End (AGE) products in the peri-islet ECM impacts its enzymatic digestibility during human islet isolation

**Dr Mahesh Umapathysivam:** "Physiological investigation of causal genetic variants in metabolic"

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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## CURRENT VACANCIES IN THE DEPARTMENT



### Clinical Trial Manager (123683)

**Grade 07S: £30,738 - £37,768 per annum**

Diabetes Trials Unit (DTU) has an exciting opportunity for an individual seeking to develop their existing knowledge and experience of clinical trials by making a significant contribution to global clinical outcome trials. This will involve working closely with one or more of our external collaborators, which include units in the USA, Canada and China. There may also be opportunities to help coordinate early phase trials being run by the DTU's Translational Research Group.

Reporting to the DTU's Head of Clinical Research, you will play a central role in planning and co-ordinating your assigned trial(s) throughout the life cycle to ensure successful delivery. Initially, your work will be focused on the Acarbose Cardiovascular Evaluation (ACE) trial. The primary purpose of this randomised, placebo-controlled, phase IV outcomes trial is to test whether a drug called acarbose can protect people with coronary heart disease and impaired glucose tolerance. Coordinated by DTU and sponsored by the University of Oxford, ACE is being conducted in around 150 hospitals in mainland China and Hong Kong. A total of 6526 patients were randomised and are currently being followed-up, with results expected by 2018. You will be based at the trial Co-ordinating Centre in Oxford, but would be expected to work closely with the Project Office in Beijing and all stakeholders.

Candidates must have proven clinical trial management experience and excellent organisation and communication skills. They will have experience of working collaboratively on complex projects and be able to work independently and think analytically. They will also need to be able to travel occasionally, including internationally.

This is a full time post, fixed term for 2 years the first instance. Requests for an informal discussion should be sent to [chris.bray@dtu.ox.ac.uk](mailto:chris.bray@dtu.ox.ac.uk). 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\\_details\\_form.jobspec?p\\_id=123683](https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk/pls/hrsliverecruit/erq_jobspec_details_form.jobspec?p_id=123683)

Only applications received before midday on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016 can be considered. Interviews are scheduled for the morning of Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016. Please quote vacancy number 123683 in all correspondence.

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

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## **PERSONNEL MATTERS**



### **2016 Salary increases for clinical academic and related staff**

The Personnel and Planning and Resource Allocation Committees have approved the implementation of the 2016 national pay uplift for clinical staff.

With effect from 1 April 2016 clinical academic and related salaries will increase by 1%, as will Clinical Excellence Awards, discretionary points, and distinction awards.

If a member of staff reached the top of their current salary scale on or before 31 March 2014, they will receive an additional 1% non-consolidated payment based on 2015/16 rates.

The uplift and non-consolidated payment will be implemented in the June 2016 payroll and backdated to 1 April 2016.

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## **TRAINING**



Places are still available on our one day Project 2013 course on Wednesday 8 June.

The course provides an introduction to Project 2013. It covers how the package can be used to help plan, monitor and control a project and you will learn how Project can be used to track project progress against a schedule and a budget.

Key topics

- Entering and linking tasks
- Creating and managing calendars
- Adding resources
- Printing and viewing project plans
- Tracking the project

For full details and to book a place : <http://courses.it.ox.ac.uk/detail/TPAF>



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## **Africa Oxford Platform for Collaborative Research in Health and Biomedical Sciences**

Do you have an existing collaboration with African colleagues/institutions? Would you be keen to get involved in a new collaboration initiative between Oxford and African Scholars?

An inter-divisional group of Oxford researchers have recently received an ISSF award to establish an Africa Oxford Platform for Collaborative Research in Health and Biomedical Sciences, from basic biology to social sciences. The award will facilitate a number of activities including making travel awards to allow African researchers and Oxford colleagues to visit each other with the aim of exploring new collaborations.

*If you currently have existing African collaborations and /or you'd like to get involved in this exciting Initiative [please let us know on this link.](#)*

For any queries and further information, please contact Anne Makena on [afox@ndm.ox.ac.uk](mailto:afox@ndm.ox.ac.uk)

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## **Oxford Academic Industry Meeting (AIM) day**

Academic Industry Meeting day, or AIMday, is centred around workshops whereby companies submit questions within the event topic. Academics from across the University with knowledge on how to address the specific challenges presented by the companies can self-select those questions most of interest to them. Then, on the day, the academics attend a one hour workshop face to face with the company to discuss possible pathways to a solution.

Oxford's first AIMday will be on 20th June at the University's Mathematical Institute. This AIMday is focussed at engaging with industry to learn about how we can help solve problems in eHealthcare and Big Data. We are particularly keen to hear from you about issues related to:

- Patient Engagement
- Analytics
- Population Health & Epidemiology
- Genomics & Personalised medicine
- M-health & Self-Monitoring
- Image Analysis
- Biobanking
- Meaningful Data
- Linking Data
- Social Care

<http://aimday.se/digital-health-oxford-2016/>

## **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

At the [Headington Festival](#) yesterday OCDEM SAF had a stall informing the public about Health, Diet, Hidden Calories, Lifestyle and the [Oxford Biobank](#)



The next public engagement event which OCDEM staff will be attending is the [Oxford Science Festival](#) on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June. **Sugar, Energy and Diabetes** will be the theme for the OCDEM stall. Find out where your pancreas is and what it does. How does sugar affect the body? Hear how diabetes research in Oxford is helping tackle one of our biggest health problems. Lots of fun activities on offer: guess the sugar content in common food and drink items and how much exercise/activity is needed to burn off the calories; children (and grown-ups) get to dress up in lab coats and experience laboratory activities such as weighing out teaspoons of sugar and picking coloured beads under a microscope; familiarise yourself with the human body and find out where your pancreas is and why this organ is important for processing your food; a volunteer team member will demonstrate continuous glucose monitoring and how it changes with different food consumption.

If you would like to know more about these public engagement events or to get involved then please contact either Matt Neville or Reshma Ramracheya

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## **RDM SURVEY 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>

## EJRA

Details of the review and the committee can be found at

<http://www.ox.ac.uk/gazette/2014-2015/2july2015-no5103/notices/#210772>

The EJRA was established following changes in national legislation which removed the default retirement age. Council agreed to maintain a retirement age for University academic and academic-related staff, including (in respect of their University appointments) the holders of joint appointments, primarily to support the University's mission to sustain excellence in teaching, research and administration.

The EJRA resolution, as debated in Congregation on May 17<sup>th</sup>, comprises four elements. The first proposes suspending the EJRA. The second and third concern the EJRA Review Committee and timescale of the review. The fourth proposes disclosing to the whole of Congregation all legal advice relating to the EJRA.

The proposers of the resolution argue that the EJRA should be suspended because of criticisms of the EJRA scheme made by Dame Janet Smith in the University's internal Appeal Court in 2014. They say that good governance and fairness require that the scheme be suspended pending the review. We disagree.

We believe that some colleagues in Congregation have misunderstood the nature of the Appeal Court. Although it is presided over by a judge, it is an internal review body, not a court of law. As such, its decisions do not have the status of a judgment of a court of law. The University implemented the decision of the internal Appeal Court in full in relation to the individual case that had been referred to it. Alongside the decision Dame Janet made other comments which are for the University to use in the course of its review, with the benefit of legal guidance and in light of all the relevant data, which is still being gathered. The existence of the Appeal Court's decision does not make it improper for the University to continue to apply the scheme pending the planned review.

Following the decision, and after proper consultation, the extensions procedure (a part of the EJRA scheme) has already been comprehensively reviewed; the resulting changes make it fairer and more objective. The EJRA scheme which was criticised by Dame Janet Smith has been substantially changed. At the debate it was argued that these changes have made the extension process more unfair because they require candidates to bring in all of their salary and overhead costs and that this creates unfairness across disciplines. That argument is not well-founded. Adequate funding in respect of an extension is cast in the form of an expectation, and how an extension is funded is not prescribed.

The proposers of the resolution urge that they are only seeking the suspension of the EJRA scheme, not its abolition. They argue that the issue is about good governance and treating employees fairly, not about whether or not the University should have an EJRA. We understand that. However, suspending the EJRA would have a number of serious consequences. In the first place, due to the periods of notice required, suspension would effectively mean that there will be no compulsory retirements until at least 2018. This would have a corresponding impact on the aims, which speakers on both sides of the debate agree are legitimate and laudable. It would also lead to severe administrative and financial difficulties for departments.

Proposers of the resolution argued that suspension would restore good governance. We would argue that to withdraw from an agreed process at this stage would be the opposite of that. It was always intended that there would be a comprehensive and unbiased review of the scheme after 5 years'. This will take into account all the data on the effect that the EJRA is having, Dame Janet Smith's comments, and expert advice. The Vice-Chancellor, in her recent communication, has indicated that the committee will engage with Congregation broadly as it completes the review. The Review Committee should be allowed to do its job and complete the review without prejudging the outcome.

As to fairness, suspension of the EJRA at this stage would mean that employees who are due to retire in the next two or three years would be treated differently from those who have been required to retire in the past and those who may be required to retire after the review. That is not fair.

The resolution demands that all legal advice taken by Council and University Committees on this matter be promptly disclosed to Congregation. The legal advice relating to the EJRA was provided on the basis that it would remain confidential. As the trustee body of the University, Council must be able to take confidential legal advice in order to make the best decisions about its policies and practices. The decision of the University Appeal Court and legal advice on it will be made available to the Review Committee, all of whom are members of Congregation, so that it can conduct a thorough and detailed review. The group will have the appropriate specialist legal support and the staffing data that are essential for assessing the material. To make it more widely available would be unnecessary, irresponsible and damaging to the reputation and good governance of the University.

**The postal ballot is counted separately from the vote that was taken in Congregation.  
Please use your ballot and vote against the resolution.**

Signatories:

Dr Kate Blackmon, Merton  
Professor Donal Bradley, Jesus  
Professor Alastair Buchan, Corpus Christi  
Professor Matthew Freeman, Lincoln  
Professor Roger Goodman, St Antony's  
Professor Neil MacFarlane, St Anne's  
Professor Paul Madden, Provost of Queen's  
Professor Sally Mapstone, St Hilda's  
Professor Helen McShane, Clinical Medicine  
Professor Jonathan Michie, President of Kellogg  
Professor Teresa Morgan, Oriel  
Professor Lionel Tarassenko, St John's  
Professor Anne Trefethen, St Cross  
Professor Chris Wickham, All Souls  
Professor Henry Woudhuysen, Rector of Lincoln

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<sup>1</sup> Details of the review and the committee can be found at [www.ox.ac.uk/gazette/2014-2015//14may2015-no5096/notices/](http://www.ox.ac.uk/gazette/2014-2015//14may2015-no5096/notices/)

## **IMPACT – THE BETTER SCIENCE INITIATIVE – OXFORD**

**What:** Panel Discussion on Impact in Science

**Date:** Tuesday, June 7, 2016 from 18.00 to 21.00

**Where:** Seminar Room, Biochemistry Building South Park Road, Oxford, OX1 3QU

**Register for free** [HERE](#).

What is research impact? How do we currently measure it? How *should* we measure it? Should scientists be measured in the same way that we measure scientific output? How do we effectively compare different kinds of impact?

**The Better Science Initiative** is delighted to be hosting the first panel discussion on **Impact in Science** bringing together leaders from different aspects of science. This event aims to bring all players to the table: students, researchers, academics, editors and entrepreneurs who want to make science better.

### **PANELLISTS**

**Mr Euan Adie**

Founder & CEO at Altmetric

**Dr Caroline Bucklow**

Senior Knowledge Exchange Officer at Knowledge Exchange & Impact Team, Oxford University

**Mr Richard Van Noorden**

Senior News Editor at Nature Publishing Group

**Professor Stephen Curry**

Group Leader at Imperial College London and science blogger

**Dr Beverley Sherbon**

Impact & Evaluation Advisor at Researchfish

In the modern world, "impact" appears to be the fulcrum around which the entire research universe revolves. Not intellectual curiosity, not technical robustness and certainly not reproducibility. Impact. First and foremost: ***What impact has this research had? What impact will this research have?*** Acceptor of papers. Giver of grants. Maker of careers. Impact is king.

In a highly competitive world of limited funding and limited time, evaluations of impact appear unavoidable. But what exactly is "impact" and how well do the current frameworks of evaluating research impact live up to the task? How could they be improved?

**Register** [here](#) **for free**. During the event, we will be seeking questions and contributions from the audience. For more information, contact: [lea.sefer@wolfson.ox.ac.uk](mailto:lea.sefer@wolfson.ox.ac.uk)

### **What is The Better Science Initiative?**

We are a newly founded organisation that aims to improve the systems around science. The systems that support and surround scientific research are often far from ideal and the conversations that are required to change them far from all-inclusive. We invite contributions from **researchers at every level** and **all those in associated industries** to address the shortcomings of our current systems and to seek strategies for improvement. Ultimately, we are concerned with facilitating better outcomes both for science and for scientists.

Find out more at <https://thebetterscience.wordpress.com/>

## Vacancy: Research Nurse – Paediatrics Grade 6 Job Ref 123516

**Closing date: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

The Oxford Vaccine Group (OVG) is seeking an enthusiastic, motivated and organised research nurse to join their team of paediatric doctors, nurses and play assistants. This is a great opportunity for a registered nurse, experienced in paediatric nursing, to make a move into research. The role of the paediatric research nurse is essential in the conduct of our research studies. You will be visiting the participant and their family at their home, discussing the study, obtaining blood or swab samples, and administering study and routine vaccines. Whilst experience of venepuncture and/or immunisation would be an advantage, training will be provided. Previous experience in research is not required as full training will be given.

[https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk/pls/hrsliverecruit/erq\\_jobspec\\_version\\_4.display\\_form](https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk/pls/hrsliverecruit/erq_jobspec_version_4.display_form)

## **Cancer Research UK post-doctoral research travel awards**

**Closing date: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016**

Research Travel Awards offer you a chance to develop your own independent researcher career; introduce new techniques or skills to your current research group; and promote future collaborations between institutions. The proposed work should fit within our Research Strategy. We particularly welcome applications for research into cancers of unmet need, and early diagnosis. In this case applicants can either already work in those areas, or can use the award to explore and develop skills in those areas.

Funding can be provided for researchers who wish to attend a skills-based training course. Applications are judged on the basis of scientific excellence, innovation and the importance to furthering the academic career of the applicant.

<http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/funding-for-researchers/our-funding-schemes/research-travel-award>

## **Cancer Research UK pre-doctoral research bursaries**

**Closing date: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

The Research Bursary provides short-term funding to allow clinicians, nurses, healthcare scientists, and those working in another profession allied to medicine to get involved in research projects early in their career. Applications are welcome from a wide range of health professions, for instance physiotherapists, radiographers, medical physicists or pharmacists. Applications for Research Bursaries will be considered from any area of Cancer Research UK's funding remit, and should be used to give you a greater understanding of research before deciding whether to undertake a PhD or MD, and/or give you the time and resources to obtain preliminary data before applying for a PhD or MD.

<http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/funding-for-researchers/our-funding-schemes/pre-doctoral-research-bursary>

## **Winston Churchill Memorial Trust 2017 Travelling Fellowships**

**Closing date: 5pm, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

We fund British citizens to investigate ground-breaking practice in other countries and return with innovative ideas for the benefit of people in the UK. Whatever your background, we can help you bring positive change to your community, sector, or profession. Grants cover return and internal travel, daily living and insurance within the countries visited. No qualifications are required.

**Categories include:**

[Medical Practice & Education](#)

[Nursing & Allied Health Professions](#)

For more details please see: <http://www.wcmt.org.uk/apply>

## **Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy & Practice**

**UK application deadline for 2017-18 Fellowships: November 14th 2016**

Harkness Fellowships enable mid-career health services researchers to spend up to 12 months in the United States, conducting original research and working with leading U.S. health policy experts. The Fellowships are targeted at professionals who are committed to advancing health policy and practice in The Commonwealth Fund's principal areas of interest: improving health insurance coverage and access to care; and improving the quality and efficiency of health care services. The Fellowships Projects may include comparisons between the United States and the applicant's home country. Fellowships are not awarded to support study for academic degrees.

<http://www.commonwealthfund.org/grants-and-fellowships/fellowships/harkness-fellowships>

## **Online resource: #WeCATS Critical Appraisal Twitter Sessions**

**Next session: Thursday 7th July 2016 8pm GMT Standard Time**

#WeCATS developed as a collaboration between [Cochrane UK](#), [CASP UK](#), [The Mental Elf](#) and [WeCommunities](#), and by bringing heads together and through working together they aim to hold Critical Appraisal Twitter Sessions, or WeCATS, every 6 weeks using the hashtag [#WeCATS](#). Every six weeks We Communities will share an open access journal article that will be appraised by/with the participants of a Tweet Chat. They will Tweet you a link to it and let you know when they will be discussing it. It's important that you read the article before the #WeCATS session. There will be a speedy analysis of the article (see infographic below) with [questions developed by CASP UK](#). To join in the appraisal simply search and follow [#WeCATS](#)

## **Forthcoming events:**

**OCTRU Clinical Trials Course – Successfully designing and getting your clinical trial funded** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016, 9.15am – 4pm, Botnar Research Centre, Oxford

<http://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/professional/education-and-training/other-conferences-and-forthcoming-events-for-research-staff/>

**Free half-day NIHR Fellowship Session to introduce the NIHR Fellowship Programme** 10.00am – 12.30pm, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016, Richard Doll Lecture Theatre, Old Road Campus, Oxford

<http://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/professional/education-and-training/other-conferences-and-forthcoming-events-for-research-staff/>

**New! 3 Minute Thesis (Oxford Final)** 5pm – 7pm Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016, Mathematical Institute, Woodstock Road, Oxford

<http://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/professional/education-and-training/other-conferences-and-forthcoming-events-for-research-staff/>

**Running Randomized Clinical Trials course** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016, Keele University, Staffordshire

<http://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/professional/education-and-training/other-conferences-and-forthcoming-events-for-research-staff/>

**Nottingham Cochrane Systematic Review Course** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016, Nottingham UK.

<http://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/professional/education-and-training/other-conferences-and-forthcoming-events-for-research-staff/>

**Research Café - Student Nurse Research Placements (Speakers: Gail Lang, Research Manager, & Jenny O'Donohue, Lead Student Mentor)**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016, 3pm – 4.30pm, Margaret Davidson Room, Postgrad Centre, John Radcliffe Hospital level 3

<http://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/professional/education-and-training/meet-other-researchers/research-cafes/>

**New! CAHPR Oxfordshire Journal Club** 5.30pm – 7pm, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2016, West Wing Level 6, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford

<http://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/professional/education-and-training/other-conferences-and-forthcoming-events-for-research-staff/>

**International Health Conference 2016: Improving health and health services through research**  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2016, Kings College London

<http://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/professional/education-and-training/other-conferences-and-forthcoming-events-for-research-staff/>

**Evidence Live Conference 2016** Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016, University of Oxford

<http://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/professional/education-and-training/other-conferences-and-forthcoming-events-for-research-staff/>

**Remixing Research - Methods for Increasing and Measuring your Scholarly Output on the Web**  
Wednesday 29th June 2016, Halifax Hall Hotel & Conference Centre, Endcliffe Vale Road, Sheffield, S10 3ER

<http://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/professional/education-and-training/other-conferences-and-forthcoming-events-for-research-staff/>

**New! Safer Care Conference 2016: Promoting Research on Safer Care, by health professionals, centred on patients** Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016, 8.30am – 4.30pm, Seacole Building, City South Campus, Birmingham City University

<http://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/professional/education-and-training/other-conferences-and-forthcoming-events-for-research-staff/>

**New! 3<sup>rd</sup> Course on Network Meta-Analysis** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016, Wolfson College, Oxford

<http://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/professional/education-and-training/other-conferences-and-forthcoming-events-for-research-staff/>

**Big Challenges need Big Ideas** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016, 12pm – 6pm, Said Business School, Oxford

<http://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/professional/education-and-training/other-conferences-and-forthcoming-events-for-research-staff/>

**EDS EM 'Turning Research Ideas into Proposals' free workshop** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July, The Orchard Hotel, East Midlands Conference Centre, University of Nottingham Campus

<http://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/professional/education-and-training/other-conferences-and-forthcoming-events-for-research-staff/>

**Free Public Talk – Digital health devices: how mobile computing and communication are shaping the future of health care** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July from 6.15pm, Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre Lecture Theatre (Level 1), Windmill Road, Oxford

<http://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/event/free-public-talk-digital-health-devices-how-mobile-computing-and-communication-are-shaping-the-future-of-health-care/>

**All Together Better Health: The 8th International Conference on Interprofessional Practice and Education** Tuesday 6th – Friday 9th September 2016, Oxford, UK

<http://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/professional/education-and-training/other-conferences-and-forthcoming-events-for-research-staff/>

**First National Conference for Occupational Therapists Working in Diverse Settings** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016, University of Brighton, Darley Road, Eastbourne

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**Public Health England Annual Conference 2016** Tuesday 13th – Wednesday 14th September 2016,  
Conference Reception, Students' Union Building atrium, University of Warwick, Gibbet Hill Road,  
Coventry CV4 7AL

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## OCDEM HEALTH CHAMPIONS UPDATE

### OCDEM Water Babies!

Ever fancied open water or wild swimming??? Why not come along and try it out in a safe environment with the growing number of OCDEM Water Babies.

Open water swimming for all abilities and takes place at Queensford Lake, Berinsfield on Mondays 18.00-20.00, Wednesdays 06.00-08.45 and Sundays 07.00-09.45 until September. Full safety is place with safety officers watching from land and on the lake in kayaks or on paddle boards. Changing rooms, hot showers and lakeside sauna are also available. There are circuits of 300 m, 750m or 1000 m marked by large inflatable buoys. You can swim with or without a wet suit, current water temperatures are at 18.3 degrees and you are asked to wear a brightly coloured swim hat: yellow, orange, pink! Please visit the website and let us know if you would like to join us some time! [http://www.owsc.co.uk/OWSC/Open\\_Water\\_Swimming.html](http://www.owsc.co.uk/OWSC/Open_Water_Swimming.html)

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Congratuations to Jon Hazlehurst, Leanne Hodson and Lynne Scott who all completed the Liverpool Half Marathon on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May