



FOR UNIVERSITY STAFF

WEEK COMMENCING 28/09/15

RESEARCH NEWS

EXSCEL RANDOMISATION TARGET ACHIEVED

Professor Rury Holman was delighted to announce that the Exscel team had met the randomisation target for the trial. 14,774 patients have been randomised. The aim of The **EX**enatide **St**udy of **C**ardiovascular **E**vent **L**owering (EXSCEL) clinical trial is to establish if giving people with type 2 diabetes a drug called Exenatide alongside their usual diabetes care regime can reduce their risk of heart disease. It is a [phase IIIb/IV](#) multinational trial, being conducted in around 30 countries across Australasia, Asia, Europe, North America and Latin America.

RDM NEWS

FLEXIBLE WORKING SURVEY – REMINDER

Last week all OCDEM staff and students received the following email from Professor Hugh Watkins

Dear All

Many RDM staff and students benefit from working flexibly to foster a good work-life balance, and we aim to accommodate flexible working wherever possible. Following the staff and student survey at the end of 2014, we are interested in gathering your views to get a full picture of current flexible working practices across RDM, with the aim of learning from experience and sharing best practice. We hope that you are able to find the short amount of time required to complete a survey on flexible working. The survey can be found at the following address:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RDM_FlexibleWorking

We are interested in capturing all flexible working arrangements, both formal and informal. Flexible working can include a wide variety of working arrangements, in terms of working time, working location, or the pattern of working. Examples include staggered hours (varying start, end and break times and / or total hours worked during a day), working from home, part-time working, compressed hours (e.g. working full-time hours over 4 days), term-time only working, job-sharing.

The survey takes around 10 minutes to complete and will be available for completion until noon on 21 October 2015. It is completely anonymous and the results will be aggregated and reviewed by the RDM Athena SWAN Steering Group and local Self-Assessment Teams.

Your views are important to us and we really hope you will be able to find the time required to give us your views and feedback, so that we can use it to take further steps to ensure that RDM is a truly excellent place to work.

Best wishes

Hugh Watkins

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

The OCDEM Family Christmas event will be held on Saturday 12th December. Details of the event will be published nearer the time. A lot of preparation is required for this event and if anyone would like to help then please contact a member of the A Team.

PUBLIC SEMINARS

The Learning Institute runs a regular seminar programme on **weeks 1, 3, 5 and 7** of each term. Seminars take place on Thursdays from 3.30pm to 4.30pm on level 2 of Littlegate House on St Ebbe's Street. <http://www.learning.ox.ac.uk/contact/map/> They are open to anyone interested in research into higher education, and no booking is required.

Week 1: 15 October 2015

Prof Helen Small (University of Oxford)

'In Praise of Idleness?: The Work of the Humanities Now'

Week 3: 29 October 2015

Dr Montserrat Castelló (Universitat Ramon Llull)

'Why is it so difficult to write an article? Or how to deal with contradictions in developing an identity as researchers and academic writers'

Week 5: 12 November 2015

Prof Michelle Ryan (University of Exeter)

'Understanding the opt-out revolution: How it fuels ambition and defines work-life balance'

Week 7: 26 November 2015

Dr Liz Elvidge (Imperial College London)

'We have built it, why don't they come?'

Everyone is welcome to join us for a drink after the seminars.

Further information can be found at <http://www.learning.ox.ac.uk/public/>

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IT COURSES OCTOBER - DECEMBER

The schedule of IT courses for Michaelmas term (October-December) is available online.

You can view the A-Z list at: <http://courses.it.ox.ac.uk/atoz>

or

Courses by date at: <http://courses.it.ox.ac.uk/summary>

News for this term

This term we will be delivering our Office courses using Office 2013. If you are looking for training using Office 2010 you can find resources in our ITLP Portfolio <http://portfolio.it.ox.ac.uk/>

New courses for this term include:

ProjectLibre - an open source equivalent to Microsoft Project

Java - new one-day and two-day courses

Our digital media courses have been reorganised to better reflect the changing needs of staff, postgraduates and researchers and our programme now includes:

- Digital media: Editing and post-production for short videos
- Digital media: Lecture capture
- Digital media: Making movies on your mobile phone
- Digital media: Managing media interviews
- Digital media: Planning, producing and filming a short video
- Digital media: Podcasting - an introduction
- Digital media: Podcasting at Oxford - an overview
- Digital media: Producing, filming and editing a mini documentary

Reference Management courses. The ITLP and Bodleian ISkills programme now offer courses in Zotero, Mendeley, RefWorks and EndNote. All of these courses are grouped together in the course catalogue under "Referencing"

The IT Learning Programme

IT Services

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SAFE CYCLING IN OXFORD

1) Near Miss Project

16 October, 12pm to 12.50pm

Room L6, Andrew Wiles Building, Mathematical Institute, Radcliffe Observatory Quarter

(<http://maps.ox.ac.uk/#/places/oxpoints:23232627>)

Dr. Rachel Aldred will talk about the Near Miss Project (www.nearmiss.bike) which studies cyclists' experiences of near misses, and has been the first study to calculate a per-mile non-injury incident rate for people cycling in the UK. She will discuss factors affecting incident rates, and the impact of incidents (e.g. how frightening they are).

Booking required via <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/near-miss-project-tickets-4857108743>

2) Efficient Cycling in Oxford

21 October, 1pm - 2pm

Lecture Theatre, Medical Sciences Teaching Centre, University Science Area

(<http://maps.ox.ac.uk/#/places/oxpoints:52839131>)

and

28 October, 12.00pm – 12.50pm

Lecture Theatre, Richard Doll Building, Old Road Campus

(<http://maps.ox.ac.uk/#/places/oxpoints:23232572>)

Whether you're an experienced cycle commuter or have never ridden on two wheels, there's something for everyone in this engaging talk. Sam Chappell, an experienced cyclist and trainer of Bikeability (<http://bikeability.dft.gov.uk/the-three-levels/cycling-skills-for-adults/>), will be giving two presentations on effective, safe, and enjoyable cycling. He will explain how to efficiently negotiate bus, car, and pedestrian traffic, how to position yourself on the road, how to work around other cyclists, and how to cycle more easily anywhere in the world. Afterwards, you will have the opportunity to sign up for practical sessions where an experienced cycle training instructor from Broken Spoke (<http://bsbcoop.org/>) will review your road skills one-on-one or teach you how to balance for the first time.

Booking not required, just turn up on the day.

3) Bike lights

With the evenings becoming shorter, now is a good time to buy a set of discounted lights available from University Security Services at <http://www.ox.ac.uk/staff/news-listing/2015-09-17-safe-cycling-night>

SOBELL DAY CENTRE PAMPERING EVENING

Date and Time:

Tuesday 13th October 2015, 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm

Location:

Sobell Day Centre

You are invited to a relaxing evening of pampering at The Sobell Day Centre.

From 6pm - 9pm on Tuesday the 13th October the Sobell Day Centre will be open for all to come and be pampered.

Come along and indulge in one of the many pamper sessions on offer. There will be Indian head massages, Foot massages, Manicures, a variety of stalls and much more to be confirmed.

Tickets are £7 and can be bought directly from the charity office or by calling 01865 857007.

THE VARSITY MATCHES

Special Offer for Oxford College and Faculty Staff

Oxford v Cambridge

Twickenham Stadium, Thursday 10 December 2015, kick offs at 11.30 and 2.30

The Varsity Match at Twickenham in December has been the focus of Oxford and Cambridge rivalry since 1972.

This year is particularly special as The Women's Varsity Match will be played at Twickenham for the very first time, kicking off at 11.30.

As a member of staff you can book a top-price £40 ticket for the special rate of £31.

Alternatively if you wish to mix with the students in the special student zones then you can buy tickets for just £10.

Also for just £15 you can book a return trip on a private coach – subject to availability.

On booking you will be advised of departure times

This offer closes on November 9th.

Booking forms can be found in the Info Café