

## **FOR UNIVERSITY STAFF**

**WEEK COMMENCING 05 OCTOBER 2015**

### **RESEARCH NEWS**

#### **Elsevier/OCDEM Annual Research Prizes in Diabetes, Endocrinology & Metabolism 2015**

Just to remind graduate students and early career post docs actively involved in research in diabetes, endocrinology or metabolism that the deadline for submission of abstracts for the annual Elsevier/OCDEM competition is 12.30 p.m. on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2015. For further information on this competition see <http://www.ocdem.ox.ac.uk/elsevier-ocdem-annual-research-prizes>

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### **FUNDING SUCCESS**

Professor Rajesh Thakker has received additional funding from the MSS Research Funding Foundation for Developing Mouse Models for Studying Pathogenesis and Pharmacological Clues in Marshal Smith Syndrome

Dr Foteini Kavvoura has received funding from the Oxford University Clinical Academic Graduate School (OUCAGS) Career Develop Fund.

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### **Diabetes Across the Lifespan**

On September 30<sup>th</sup> Professor Rury Holman gave the WA Alexander Lecture at the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh. The title of his talk was "What have we learned from UKPDS and is still relevant to management of diabetes in 2015. Professor Holman was presented a medal by the President Professor Derek Bell.

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### **GENERAL DEPARTMENT NEWS**

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September was Professor Steve Goughs last day as the Head of OCDEM. Steve has been carrying out this role since February 2011 and is making a career move to join the pharmaceutical company Novo Nordisk. He will be keeping his links with OCDEM as he has been conferred the title of Visiting Professor of Diabetes. Professor Fredrik Karpe has been appointed as the new Head of OCDEM.

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### **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **ERC 2016 STARTING GRANT**

ERC Starting Grant call is now open. The deadline is **17 November 2015** (and the Research Services European Team deadline is **4 November**).

#### **WHAT IS AN ERC GRANT?**

ERC grants provide funding to support excellent investigators and their research teams to pursue ground-breaking, high-gain/ high-risk research. Projects can be up to five years in length. The research project is decided by the applicant and can be in any field of research.

#### **How much are the grants?**

Starting Grants are normally for a maximum of €1.5m for a period of up to five years. Maximum grants are pro-rated for shorter project durations. An additional €0.5m can be requested if the application involves: - The purchase of major equipment - Access to large facilities - Eligible start-up costs for a PI moving from outside Europe to take up their ERC grant.

**Who can apply?**

ERC Starting Grants are highly competitive. They are open to post-doctoral PIs of any nationality and any age, residing in any country in the world at the time of the application, subject to eligibility criteria based on research experience since award of PhD.

The PI must spend at least 50% of their total working time on the ERC grant. This time commitment is the average commitment over the length of the award.

All ERC grant holders must spend at least 50% of their working time in Europe (excluding fieldwork on the grant).

**Eligibility criteria** The PhD must have been awarded at least two and no more than seven years before 1 January 2016 - ie between 01/01/09 and 31/12/13 Part-time years are not pro-rata (eg two years' part-time work will count as two years' full-time experience) Extensions to the eligibility period are possible only in the case of eligible career breaks such as maternity leave. Details are in the ERC Work Programme and the ERC Information for Applicants

If you intend to apply to this call then please contact Lynne Scott

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**The Vice Chancellor's Diversity Fund and Returning Carers' Fund**

Applications are invited to the Vice Chancellor's Diversity Fund and the Returning Carers' Fund, with deadlines for applications on Friday 20 November and Wednesday 11 November respectively. Full details and application forms are available on the Equality and Diversity Unit's website:

VC's Diversity Fund: [www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop/inpractice/vc-fund/](http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop/inpractice/vc-fund/)

Returning Carers' Fund: [www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop/inpractice/vc-fund/returning-carers/](http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop/inpractice/vc-fund/returning-carers/)

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**FUNDING WORKSHOPS**

**Marie Curie ITN proposal writing workshop - 13th October in Oxford**

The Research Services (RS) European Team will be holding a workshop on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October for anyone planning to take part in a 2016 Marie Curie ITN application in Oxford – whether as coordinator or as a partner beneficiary.

The detail of the 2016 Innovative Training Network (ITN) call is not currently in the public domain. It will be published in the autumn with the whole of the 2016/17 Horizon 2020 work programme. (Oxford staff can see the draft work programmes now on the Oxford Gateway to Europe website: <http://www.europegateway.ox.ac.uk/horizon-2020-funding>). The 2016 ITN call is expected to be very similar to the ITN calls in 2014 and 2015. The deadline for the 2016 ITN call is expected to be 14 January 2016.

The Oxford workshop will focus particularly on practical issues related to running and being part of an ITN. It will provide the Oxford context for these grants and highlight the particular issues to consider when leading or participating in an ITN consortium. An overview of the application process and feedback points from an analysis of evaluation reports from previous application rounds will also be given at the workshop.

**Workshop details:**

Date: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Time: 9.30 am to 11.30 am

Venue: Department of Plant Sciences, South Parks Road, Oxford [map](#)

Registration: Please register for the workshop by completing this [doodle poll](#)

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**Horizon 2020: Funding opportunities in the Health arena in 2016/17 Workshop**

**Wednesday 14 October, 2.00 – 4.00 pm**

**Room B, Welcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics on the Old Road Campus, Headington [map](#)**

This workshop will:

- Introduce the 2016 call topics for Horizon 2020's Societal Challenge 1: Health, demographic change and well-being
- Provide an early indication of topics for 2017
- Reference other topics in the 2016 Horizon 2020 work programme relevant to health and related disciplines
- Share feedback on the 2014/15 application and award experience
- Cover other European grant funding opportunities in the Health field

Registration for this event is by doodlepoll: [here](#)

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**GENDERED RESEARCH AND INNOVATION TALK**

A talk by Professor Simone Buitendijk, Vice Rector, Leiden University, and Professor and Chair of Women's and Family Health, Leiden University Medical Centre.

The League of European Research Universities (LERU) has launched a new [advice paper on gendered research and innovation](#). The paper explains why sex and gender analysis in research matters, considers the extent to which potential sex and gender differences are addressed in the way that research is designed, implemented and reported, and makes recommendations to LERU members on how to integrate gender in research and innovation.

Professor Buitendijk, the lead author of the report and a steering group member of the LERU gender working group, will present the main findings at this talk. The event is free and all are welcome, but registration is required: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gendered-research-and-innovation-a-talk-by-professor-simone-buitendijk-leiden-university-tickets-18557578216](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gendered-research-and-innovation-a-talk-by-professor-simone-buitendijk-leiden-university-tickets-18557578216)

**Date: Friday 9 October**

**Time: 12-15-1.15pm**

**Venue: Earth Sciences Seminar Room, South Parks Road**

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## MEDICAL GRAND ROUNDS

Thu 08 Oct 2015 from 13:00 to 14:00

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



### Neurology / Respiratory

Neurology: "Uncommon cases of neurological hyponatraemia", Dr Alastair Webb, Dr Allyson Parry and Dr Michele Hu.

Respiratory:

Chair: Prof Sir Peter J Ratcliffe FRS

Booking: Not required

Audience: Members of the University and NHS clinical staff

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**Course title**            **Balancing family with a research career**

**Course code**           **MAN/RES/N**

### Description



*A Research Connections event*

Are you considering starting a family in the near future but aren't sure when is the right time to fit it around your research contract, or wondering how you will sort out your leave entitlements? Or do you already have children and are juggling work with childcare?

This *Researcher Connections* event is an informal session for research staff that will allow you the space to explore issues about balancing a family with a research career, whether you want to consider what might be involved in future, already have a child and are thinking of more, or want to consider ways that you can best combine working and childcare. Using outcomes of research from the Department of Primary Care Health Sciences to spark discussion, in the form of video clips of female and male researchers at the University, you'll have the chance to talk to other researchers about the issues and challenges, and benefit from others' experiences. There will also be the opportunity to ask questions about leave entitlements and other University policies.

Partners are very welcome to attend, whether or not they are not affiliated with the University - but please make sure you both book a place so that we can keep track of numbers.

Please note that in coming to this event you are agreeing that you will keep all discussions confidential.

We are running two sessions, both on Thursday 22 October 2015 - please choose whether you would

like to attend:

12.15pm-2.00pm, Seminar Room 3, George Pickering Education Centre, JR Hospital. To book this session, please [book here](#).

7.15pm-9.15pm, St Aldate's Tavern, 108 St Aldate's, City Centre. To book this session, please [book here](#).

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### **PUBLIC SPEAKING AND RESEARCH COMMUNICATION MASTERCLASS FOR WOMEN IN SCIENCE**

Last week 3 female researchers in the department attended a NDM run Public Speaking and Research Communication Masterclass for Women in Science with BBC Sky at Night's Dr Maggie Aderin –Pocock. All 3 agreed the course was extremely worthwhile. The course covered writing a 3 paragraph press release or similar, tips on breathing, body position, managing the room when speaking, standing with no props etc.

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### **SANTAS ON THE RUN**



Registration has opened for this years "Santas on the Run" which takes places on Sunday 13 December. Some OCDEM staff and family have already registered for this event. If you would like to join "The Little Cheeses" team for this fun event then please email [oracle@ocdem.ox.ac.uk](mailto:oracle@ocdem.ox.ac.uk)

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### **Job Opportunity**

Elsevier are recruiting a new Editor

The position is for an Editor, due to team growth, and will be responsible for working across a broad range of publication types including abstracts, posters, manuscripts, newsletters, professional education materials and multicomponent digital training programmes. This will be working on content in the final stages before it goes to press. The package on offer is £30-45,000 + profit share bonus + benefits and the office is located in Tubney in picturesque converted barns. Ideally the suitable person will have a strong scientific educational background (MSc or PhD preferred, BSc should be fine) as well as a strong editorial skillset and previous experience of working with scientific materials. The content they will be working with will be heavy scientific documents so an understanding of the material is highly beneficial. For more details email [andrew.miller@elsevier.com](mailto:andrew.miller@elsevier.com)