



FOR UNIVERSITY STAFF

WEEK COMMENCING 21st NOVEMBER 2016

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3 members of the Thakker Group were successful at the British Endocrine Society Meeting in Brighton.

Vicky Stokes - Clinical Cases Poster Prize. Title of poster - Vitamin D-Dependent Rickets Type I caused by a Novel Frameshift Mutation of the 25-hydroxyvitamin D1-alpha-hydroxylase gene (*CYP27B1*)

Caroline Gorvin - Highly Commended Early Career Poster. Title of Poster - The prolactin receptor variant, Asn492Ile, results in activation of the Akt signalling pathway, and is found more frequently in patients with prolactinomas

Roeland van Nunes - Highly Commended Early Career Oral Communication. Title of talk - A time controlled β -cell specific mouse model *Men1^{L/L}/RIP2-CreER* for pancreatic neuroendocrine tumours (NETs)

SEMINARS

WEDNESDAY SEMINAR

This week's Wednesday seminar will be hosted by Professor Rury Holman and the speaker is Professor Matthias Tschöp of Helmholtz Zentrum München



The title of his talk is "**Progress toward precision therapeutics for obesity and type 2 diabetes.**" 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 be various talks from the European Association for the Study of Diabetes 2016 meeting.

The talk will begin promptly at 1pm in the Robert Turner Lecture Theatre and sandwiches for those attending will be available from 12:45

The OCDEM Friday Seminar Series is sponsored by an unrestricted educational grant from the Sanofi

MEDICAL GRAND ROUNDS

Thursday 24th November from 13:00 to 14:00

John Radcliffe Hospital, Lecture Theatre 1



Acute General Medicine Firm C "It's all in your head" Dr Abigail Ash

Radiology - "Oligometastases - in the spirit of Alexandre Dumas", Dr Jamie Franklin

Chair: Prof Chris Conlon

PERSONNEL INFORMATION



ANNUAL LEAVE:

All staff/students should have been issued their 2017 annual leave cards, if you haven't please contact Aleks Langos-Baker ocdem.personnel@ndm.ox.ac.uk and she can arrange for an annual leave card to be processed. Can we remind staff as per university policy, staff/students can carry up to five days of their annual entitlement from one year to the next in exceptional circumstances with the agreement of the **line manager and the Head of Department**.

The **Annual Leave Carry Forward Request** can be found on the OCDEM website:

<http://www.ocdem.ox.ac.uk/personnel-forms> .

If you would like to carry any of your leave over please **complete an 'annual leave carry forward request form' and return the completed/signed form to Aleks by 31st December 2016**. Aleks can then re issue your annual leave form.

Can we please reminder all staff and students to use the leave entitlement for your own health and wellbeing.



Awards For Excellence Scheme

The Awards for Excellence Scheme was introduced in 2013, it is an annual scheme that aims to recognise staff contributions to the work of the university and to re-ward exceptional individual contributions. All staff in grades 1-10 with more than six months service are eligible to be nominated. Staff must meet the following criteria:

Have performed well in all the key areas of their jobs

AND

have consistently demonstrated exceptional performance, significantly above that which might reasonably have been expected for their grade.

All eligible staff will be reviewed annually in the gathered field exercise. Awards for Excellence are limited to one increment in all cases. The 2016 gathered field exercise is now open and nominations must be submitted to the OCDEM Administrator (Lynne.scott@ocdem.xo.ac.uk) by Friday 27th January 2017. Schedules will be issued out to line managers this week.

Staff at the top discretionary point of any grade are eligible to be considered for the award of a non-pensionable lump sum to the value of one increment to reward exceptional performance only.

Nominations for the award will be made primarily by line managers. However individuals who believe they deserve an award can discuss with their line manager and if agreement cannot be made about a nomination the individual can nominate themselves using a self-nomination form. Note the self-referral form contains a mandatory field for manager's comments. Forms can be found on the OCDEM website <http://www.ocdem.ox.ac.uk/personnel-forms>

Nominations will be reviewed by a panel made up of members of the management board. If you have any queries regarding the scheme then please contact **Charlotte Kelly** or **Lynne Scott**.

WELLCOME TRUST FUNDING EVENT

- **Date:** Wednesday, 14th December, 2016
- **Location:** Richard Doll Lecture Theatre & Atrium
- **Time:**
 - Funding Information Session: 10.00-13.00
 - Open Town Hall Forum: 13.45-14.30
 - One-to-one sessions with Wellcome and RDS staff: 13.00-13.45;
14.30-15.30.
- **Details:**
 - **The Funding Information Session** will include presentations from The Wellcome Trust on their Fellowship Schemes, Seed Awards in Science and Collaborative Awards in Science; presentations from current award holders and a Q&A session with speakers.
 - **The Open Town Hall Forum:** This session has been requested by The Wellcome Trust Population, Environment and Health Science Team who are keen to find out about researchers' perceptions and experiences of Wellcome Trust funding for population health research.
 - **'One-to-Ones'** There will also be an opportunity for researchers currently holding Wellcome Awards and those considering applying to The Wellcome Trust to have 'one-to-one' discussions with Wellcome Trust representatives during lunch and after the main sessions. RDS staff will also be available for advice.
 - **You are welcome to attend any or all of these sessions. Lunch will be available between 13.00-13.45.**
- This is a **free** event, primarily targeted at academic and clinical researchers within Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Hampshire. However, if you come from outside this area, you can also attend, places permitting.
- **To book a place, please contact Phil Saunders on 01865-289442 or phillip.saunders@dph.ox.ac.uk, specifying whether you wish to attend the whole or part of the event.**

RESOURCES TO SUPPORT PATIENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN RESEARCH

As you may already be aware, researchers across the NIHR Oxford Biomedical Research Centre, Musculoskeletal Biomedical Research Unit and OUH FT have access to a range of resources to help with patient and public involvement (PPI) across the research cycle.

If you click here, you will find links to those resources:

http://oxfordbrc.nihr.ac.uk/working_groups/patients-active-in-research/patients-active-in-research-pair-resources-for-researchers/

They include:

- a. Guidance on writing lay summaries for clinical trials;
- b. A payment policy for public involvement;
- c. Briefing notes with links to resources provided by the Research Design Service and INVOLVE;
- d. A Researchers' PPI Network with one or two workshops each year;
- e. Opportunities to discuss designing PPI into research studies;
- f. A website where you can advertise involvement opportunities to people in the Thames Valley <http://patientsactiveinresearch.org.uk/>

If you would like to discuss designing PPI into your study, I aim to be available at the following places/ times over the next few weeks – please e-mail me to book a time to chat:

Churchill Restaurant – 10:30, November 22nd; 14:00 December 14th;

Botnar Research Centre Coffee Lounge – 10:30 November 29th; 14:00 December 20th;

George Pickering Cafe, John Radcliffe – 10:30, December 8th; 14:00 January 9th.

You may also be interested to know that the RDS now has a PPI Officer in Oxford:

Dr Paul Hewitson

Senior Research Officer

Health Services Research Unit,

New Richards Building

Old Road, Headington

University of Oxford

OX3 7LF



Hello bakers and tasters,

*****FINAL ROUND***** of the *Great OCDEM Bake-off*

The BBC version may be over but the real competition is only 66.67% done.

Join us on **Monday 21st November at 10:30** in the Info Café area for the third and final round of the *Great OCDEM Bake-off*.

The last round: savoury (anything baked and unsweetened).

Thanks!

Linford



Santas on the Run 2016



Helen & Douglas House's Santas on the Run is back! This year will mark the 10th anniversary of the event and we want to make it even more festive and even more fun!

Run, walk or jog 3.5km through the centre of Oxford. The event will start on Broad Street in the heart of the city. From here you will make your way to University Parks, which looks enchanting on a crisp winter's morning! You will then wind your way back through the Oxford colleges and back on to Broad Street where you will be greeted with mince pies and lots of festive cheer! This warm and friendly event is great for the whole family or as a festive team event for colleagues and friends. It is a brilliant way to kick-off Christmas!

Location: Broad Street, Oxford

Time: 9am

Date: 11th December

Distance: 3.5km

Cost: £18 for adults, £12 for 5 - 11 years, under 5s free

Dress code: Festive fun. Adults and children over 5 will be sent a free Santa suit with their event pack. Suits are not provided for under 5s but dressing up is encouraged!

At the finish: You will receive a customised Santas on the Run medal. Alongside a delicious mince pie, water and whole lot of festive cheer!



THANK YOU! BONE MARROW DRIVE!

Dear all,

Thank you to everyone who came down for screening, and to those who stopped by to say they're already on the registry.

To those who would like to join the registry but couldn't make it, you can request a check swab kit to arrive at your house by visiting <https://www.dkms.org.uk/en>

If you are not normally resident in the UK and would still like to join a registry, you can check where your country's registry is by looking at <https://share.wmda.info/display/WMDAREG/Database>

We were able to register 153 people in total, which is absolutely fantastic.

Thank you again!!

Cathy



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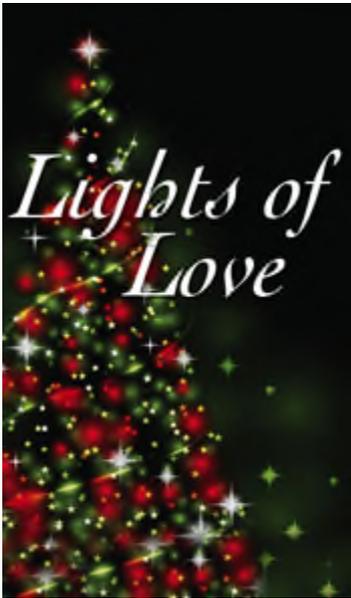


Thank you for your support!

The first year of the Sobell House £4 million campaign is drawing to a close. The people of Oxfordshire continue to be amazing for Sobell House!

We set out to raise £4 million over 4 years to grow Sobell House and, thanks to you, we have already achieved £2.3 million in the first year!

We still have a way to go so let's keep fundraising!



Lights of Love

We would like to invite you to take part in our annual Lights of Love event. From Saturday 10th December 2016, a Christmas Tree will glow with hundreds of tiny lights shining in memory of loved ones everywhere. Messages will be attached to the lights and the tree will be lit at a short service, and will shine all over the Christmas period.

This year we have also launched a digital Lights of Love, where you can place a message, and up-load a photo if you wish. You can use the digital tree in addition to, or instead of, the traditional tree. Your digital message can then be shared with families and friends, who might also like to get involved.

[Discover all the details on the Lights of Love event by clicking here.](#)

Any excuse for a party?

If you like a party then why not make your party a Come 4T fundraising event for Sobell House Hospice?

Perhaps you are thinking about organising something in the run up to Christmas. Invite your friends round for lunch, afternoon tea, an evening meal or anything else you can think of.

Simply ask those who come along to make a donation to Sobell House Hospice Charity. You can collect the money at your party. Don't forget because your friends are making donations they can add value by completing a gift aid form. Come 4T is one of the fundraising ideas we are using for our 40th anniversary celebrations. All of the money raised goes towards end of life care and helping people with life limiting conditions.



[Click here to find out more details, and get some fundraising ideas!](#)



London - Paris Bike Ride

19th - 23rd July 2017

Next year we're offering our supporters an opportunity to take part in not only an epic adventure of their own but also to see one of the world's biggest sporting spectacles live!

This spectacular long weekend challenge covers 420km in 4 days. The adventure begins in Crystal Palace and finishes at the foot of the Eiffel Tower. You'll have a day to explore Paris and see the grand finale of the greatest bike ride of them all, the Tour de France, as it reaches its climax along the Champs Elysées!

The ride will be supported throughout, with food and accommodation taken care of so all you need to worry about is riding your bike, and wondering whether you should shave your legs.

[All the information can be found on our website, just click here!](#)

Eileen Doherty Ironwoman

Our favourite Ironwoman Eileen Doherty did us all really proud at the Maastricht Ironman where she completed the 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike ride and 26.2 mile run in under 14-hours.

It was her first Ironman and on top of being a little bit awesome in the race she also raised well over £1,000 for Sobell in the process.



**You helped raise
£10,000 by running the
Oxford Half Marathon!**

Michelle Jones ran the Oxford Half and the Great South Run in the space of two weeks.

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Sobell House by clicking here!**

**You can click here to view all of
our upcoming events.**

Support Sobell House by clicking here