



FOR UNIVERSITY STAFF

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SEMINARS

WEDNESDAY SEMINAR

This week's Wednesday seminar will be hosted by Professor Mark McCarthy and the speaker is Professor Marcelo Nobrega of the University of Chicago



The title of his talk is "**Regulatory variants and human diseases – functionality dissecting GWAS.**" 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 a talk by Dr Pam Dyson on "What Does a Research Dietitian" 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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MEDICAL GRAND ROUNDS

Thursday 1st December from 13:00 to 14:00
John Radcliffe Hospital, Lecture Theatre 1



Medical Director's Office

Silver Start; "Vitamins and pregnancy: why bother?" – Dr Lucy Mant, Dr Charlotte Frise and Dr Lucy Mackillop
Chair: Prof Chris Conlon

MAINTENANCE – STAFF CAR PARK C -LIGHTING



Den Carter reported the following to estates last week “Staff car park C, next to the OCDEM building, is very poorly lit and the sleepers used to border the parking areas are a serious trip hazard in the dark. There is a high lighting pylon which, if operative, would provide sufficient lighting to illuminate the problem areas”. Estates have advised that the lighting column in the car park will be lowered and fixed tomorrow (Saturday) so fingers crossed those of you who were in work early this morning may have found the carpark lit!!!

CURRENT VACANCIES IN THE DEPARTMENT



POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSISTANT IN GENOMICS AND BIOINFORMATICS

Grade 7: £ 31,076-£ 38,183

We are seeking an enthusiastic post-doctoral research assistant in Genomics and Bioinformatics to work within a vibrant research team headed by Professors Mark McCarthy and Anna Gloyn at both the Oxford Centre for Diabetes Endocrinology and Metabolism (OCDEM) and the Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics (WTCHG) at the University of Oxford Churchill Hospital site.

The successful applicant will join an interdisciplinary team in the McCarthy and Gloyn groups with interests in the mechanistic basis of type 2 diabetes as revealed through the integration of genetic and genomic data. The post holder will have responsibility for the generation and ongoing analyses of these data with a particular emphasis on ATAC-Seq and whole genome bisulphite sequencing data, and on the integration of these data with genetic information emerging from large-scale GWAS and sequencing studies. The person in post will also be encouraged to take on additional research projects to make use of these unique data sets, and to capitalise on the broad range of collaborative opportunities afforded by the Oxford environment and the wider research network.

Candidates should hold a relevant PhD/DPhil or have completed theses submission, have demonstrable experience in some of the following areas: Generation and/or analysis of high-throughput genetic and genomic data, Bioinformatics, Mining of large, multidimensional data sets, particularly those including genomic and genetic data sets.

This is a full time fixed term post for 2 years in the first instance.

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=126420

Only applications received before midday on **28th November 2016** can be considered.

FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2-6PM - EYES ON DIABETES: RESEARCH & INNOVATION

At the end of a week which had been dedicated all over the world to raising awareness of diabetes and promoting its prevention, OCDEM opened its doors to over 200 members of the public who attended an Open Day showcasing the specialist services provided at the centre by doctors, nurses and allied healthcare professionals along with world-leading basic research performed by basic and clinical scientists. A variety of stalls displaying research projects and scientific activities kept the young and the not so young busy during the afternoon. Our visitors were able to have a go at extracting DNA from strawberries, challenging our scientist with the speed of their islet picking and guessing the amount of sugar in popular



beverages and foods. At 4pm the Lecture Theatre was packed for a talk given by OCDEM's Professor Fredrik Karpe on the implications of where we store our body fat for our health and risk of developing diabetes. The event, was widely publicized within the local community through the BBC Oxford, BBC Radio 4 and the Oxford Times, and gave the public the opportunity to ask questions directly to the scientists and clinicians involved in improving patient care, running trials of new treatments, and to see how the results of basic and translational research are adopted into clinical practice.

[Video of the event](#)

SUPER SCIENCE SATURDAY

On Saturday 26th November some OCDEM staff were at the Super Science Saturday event in the Oxford University Museum of Natural History. The event is a biannual family science fair. More details on this event will be included in next week's edition of the Bulletin.

WELLCOME TRUST CENTRE FOR HUMAN GENETICS

External Seminar

**'Elucidation and manipulation of non-coding variant circuitry
underlying the risk of obesity and type 2 diabetes in humans'**



Dr. Melina Claussnitzer

Instructor in Medicine, Harvard Medical School; Visiting Junior
Professor, MIT, Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard

2-3pm, Thursday 1st December 2016
Rooms A & B, WTCHG



Joint Meeting of
**The EASD Islet Study Group &
Beta Cell Workshop**

May 7-10th, 2017, Westin Bellevue Hotel, Dresden, Germany
(Chair: M. Solimena)

Speakers & Chairs

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| <i>D. Accili (New York, NY)</i> | <i>O. Madsen (Copenhagen, Denmark)</i> |
| <i>F. Ashcroft (Oxford, UK)</i> | <i>P. Maechler (Geneve, Switzerland)</i> |
| <i>A. Bhushan (San Francisco, CA)</i> | <i>P. Marchetti (Pisa, Italy)</i> |
| <i>E. Bonifacio (Dresden, Germany)</i> | <i>C. Mathews (Gainesville, FL)</i> |
| <i>S. Bornstein (Dresden, Germany)</i> | <i>E. Montanya (Barcelona, Spain)</i> |
| <i>P. Butler (Los Angeles, CA)</i> | <i>H. Mulder (Malmö, Sweden)</i> |
| <i>A. Caicedo (Miami, FL)</i> | <i>S. Persaud (London, UK)</i> |
| <i>E. Cerasi (Jerusalem, Israel)</i> | <i>S. Richardson (Exeter, UK)</i> |
| <i>M. Cnop (Bruessels, Belgium)</i> | <i>P. Rorsman (Oxford, UK)</i> |
| <i>C. Dibner (Geneve, Switzerland)</i> | <i>G. Rutter (London, UK)</i> |
| <i>Y. Dor (Jerusalem, Israel)</i> | <i>R. Scharfmann (Paris, France)</i> |
| <i>L. Eliasson (Malmö, Sweden)</i> | <i>A. Schulte (Frankfurt, Germany)</i> |
| <i>M. Gannon (Nashville, TN)</i> | <i>S. Seino (Kobe, Japan)</i> |
| <i>A. Gavalas (Dresden, Germany)</i> | <i>K. Simons (Dresden, Germany)</i> |
| <i>A. Gloyn (Oxford, UK)</i> | <i>M. Solimena (Dresden, Germany)</i> |
| <i>L. Groop (Malmö, Sweden)</i> | <i>S. Speier (Dresden, Germany)</i> |
| <i>G. Gu (Nashville, TN)</i> | <i>A. Stewart (New York, NY)</i> |
| <i>M. Hebrok (San Francisco, CA)</i> | <i>L. Sussel (Denver, CO)</i> |
| <i>P. Herrera (Geneve, Switzerland)</i> | <i>A. Tengholm (Uppsala, Sweden)</i> |
| <i>A. Hyman (Dresden, Germany)</i> | <i>A. Thomas (Cambridge, UK)</i> |
| <i>J. Johnson (Vancouver, BC)</i> | <i>B. Thorens (Lausanne, Switzerland)</i> |
| <i>T. Kieffer (Vancouver, BC)</i> | <i>D. Thurmond (Los Angeles, CA)</i> |
| <i>E. Lammert (Düsseldorf, Germany)</i> | <i>E. Unanue (St. Louis, MO)</i> |
| <i>B. Ludwig (Dresden, Germany)</i> | |

ATHENA SWAN



INCLUSIVE WORKPLACE

At the University of Oxford we are committed to establishing an inclusive culture, where everyone can contribute and flourish regardless of visible and invisible differences. With over 11,000 staff from around the world, we must all contribute to creating a supportive culture. Often we can do that by talking together. In our daily lives we have opportunities to create high-quality relationships across difference to further our common endeavours. Below are some suggestions with regard to Meeting arrangements to help you think about your personal share in creating an inclusive culture

Meeting arrangements

Efforts can be made to ensure that meetings are arranged and conducted in an inclusive way:

- Try to arrange a meeting within core hours: meeting before 9 or late afternoon may be impossible for staff with childcare or other caring responsibilities, people with travel constraints or people working off-site.
- Arrange the meeting at a time that maximises the attendance of part-time staff. Where there is no overlap time, vary meeting time and dates to ensure that all have the chance to attend occasional meetings.
- Can people participate remotely via conference phones?
- If a meeting participant requires a British Sign Language Interpreter or Speech to Text Reporter, the meeting may need to be arranged for when the communication support is available.
- Working lunches may be difficult for people for disability-related reasons. They may also conflict with religious observance.
- Circulate the agenda and papers in advance, so that people who cannot attend in person can contribute. Some disabled people find it difficult to read papers on the spot.
- The Chair is responsible for ensuring that the agenda is followed, for timekeeping, and for ensuring that decisions are reached and recorded. They should ensure that all meeting participants have an opportunity to contribute. It may be helpful for the Chair to give very brief summaries of the discussion and clarify the action that has been decided.
- Agree for someone to make brief minutes of action points, and circulate these afterwards. Check in private that an individual is happy to take minutes: this requires multitasking which some individuals may find very difficult for a disability-related reason.
- Ensure that those who were not able to attend are informed what happened.
- Very long meetings are often difficult for disabled people. Scheduling a 5 minute comfort break mid-meeting allows people to move around to relieve stiffness, use toilet facilities and relax concentration.

Parent/Carers Group

Next session

Tuesday 29 November 2016 at 10.00am

Do you have questions or want to share information/experiences with fellow parents/carers?

The parent/carers group is a useful way for staff to share tips and advice. All staff are welcome to attend.

10:00am
North End Lecture Theatre

To sign up contact
charlotte.kelly@ocdem.ox.ac.uk





OCDEM Christmas Festivities
Wednesday 14th December 2016

10.00-11.00 Judging 'Best Dressed Office'

12.00 'Bring a Plate' lunch

13.00 Quiz Hosted by Chris Groves and Katharine Owen

Food List available in the kitchen. Please give generously

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS



The OCDEM Christmas Postbox is now situated in the Info Café Area. Santa and his elves are very busy this time of the years and therefore letters to Santa must be received by Monday 12th December to allow Santa time to reply.

BEST DECORATED OFFICE



Get your thinking caps on and enter for the best decorated office 2016. Last year the standard of entry was extremely high and we are looking forward to another bumper year this year. Entries should be notified to Karen Parish know by Friday 9th of December.



Christmas Raffle



The Annual OCDEM Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 14th of December and all proceeds will go to Sobell House. Various prizes have already been donated including a Nespresso Coffee Machine, Bottle of Champagne, Wine etc. Any further donations would be most appreciated. If you would like tickets then please contact Karen Parish.



Last Monday saw the final round of The Great OCDEM Bakeoff organised by Lindford Briant of the Rorsman Group. There were 9 entries in this round and again the standard was extremely high. The judges Professor Jeremy Tomlinson, Dr Anne Clark and Dr Linford Briant agreed that Rachel Mullins entry was the winner for this round. Scoring 79 out of a possible 90. John Spiliotis was placed second just beating Dennis Carter by 1 point.



The overall winner of the OCDEM Bakeoff was Rachel Mullins of the admin team who was the clear winner with an overall score of 213. Second place went to Jane Cheeseman of CRU and John Spiliotis was placed third.



Thank you to everyone who entered the completion and we are delighted that £365 was raised for Sobell House.

WIN FREE TICKETS TO LIT FEST PREVIEW EVENT

The Oxford Literary Festival is offering University staff a 20% discount for tickets to the [preview event](#) for next year's festival, taking place at 7pm on Friday 16 December at the Sheldonian Theatre. To claim the discount simply use code OUBEATTY when [purchasing tickets](#).

At the preview event, 20016 Man Booker prize winner [Paul Beatty](#) will talk to [Jon Day](#) about his latest novel *The Sellout* – described by the judges as ‘a novel of our times . . . a tirelessly inventive modern satire’.

The Oxford Literary Festival, celebrating its 21st anniversary in 2017, will bring a wealth of speakers from the literacy world to Oxford between 25 March and 2 April next year, including the special guest of Lord Patten for the Chancellor's Lecture.

Staff discounts for the festival, which also includes the Bodley lecture and the presentation of the [Bodley Medal](#), will be made available when booking goes live.

Win tickets

We have a pair of free tickets to give away for the Paul Beatty interview on 16 December.

To enter the prize draw email the name of Paul Beatty's first novel, published in 1996, to internal.communications@admin.ox.ac.uk by noon on Thursday 8 December.

JOIN THE CLUB

Did you know that all staff members can [join the University Club](#) free of charge?

Located on Mansfield Road, the University Club is a sports and social club which also offers accommodation.

Membership entitles you to make use of the club's café and bar, sign up for gym membership (annual fee £65) and hire the all-weather sports pitch. The club also offers a friendly space ideal for socialising and hosting events and is a great venue for Christmas parties – this year's [festive menu](#) starts at just £15.

Membership of the club is free for all current University and College staff, retired staff, graduate students and visiting scholars. Family and friends can join as associate members for £25 per year.

For more details, visit www.club.ox.ac.uk or email reception@club.ox.ac.uk.