

FOR UNIVERSITY STAFF

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Congratulations to Dr Matthias Thurner who successfully defended his thesis “The Role Of Novel Genetic And Epigenetic Mechanisms In The Development Of Type 2 Diabetes” Matthias was supervised by Professor Anna Gloyn and Professor Mark McCarthy. His examiners were Prof Marcelo Nobrega and Prof Chas Bountra



SEMINARS

The Wednesday and Friday Seminar Series is not running this week. The next seminars will be in the New Year.

MEDICAL GRAND ROUNDS

Friday 9th December from 08:00 am – 09:00

John Radcliffe Hospital, Lecture Theatre 1



Haematology: - “Go Bloodless” – Dr Sue Pavord and the Blood Transfusion Team
Chair: Prof Chris O’Callaghan

MAINTENANCE - SCHEDULED LIFT MAINTENANE



Lifts in the building are being maintained this week and will be out of action as per below:

Tuesday 6th December 08:00 – 12:00 lift 10 (DTU end) will be out of use

Wednesday 7th December 08:00 – 10:00 lift 9 will be out of use

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

WELLCOME TRUST FUNDING EVENT, 14 DECEMBER 2016

A Wellcome Trust funding event for academic and clinical researchers will take place on Wednesday 14 December, 10am–3.30pm, in the Richard Doll Lecture Theatre and Atrium. The event will include a funding information session, open town hall forum and one-to-one sessions. For more information or to book a place please contact [Phil Saunders](#).

Super Science Saturday 2016

On Saturday the 26th of November, almost 100 scientists from different areas of the University of Oxford gathered at the Natural History Museum to provide an insight into their research and give the public a taste of “science behind the headlines”. Thousands of visitors, mainly families with children, enjoyed stalls, posters and took part in a wide variety of activities. The OCDEM stall offered visitors the chance to explore the human body in search of the relatively unknown and underappreciated pancreas and then younger visitors had the opportunity to create their own islet cells complete with organelles and hormone granules.



With the help of an informative poster and a set of weighing scales, visitors were able to explore the amount of sugar present in everyday drinks and snacks: weighing the quantity of sugar found in a can of coke shocked the young and the old alike!

The visitors showed considerable interest in the recent guidelines about sugar intake and about the impact of obesity on diabetes risk, asking many questions about the influence of a healthy diet and regular exercise on lowering their risk of developing diabetes.

Kids were also invited to increase their activity for the day by doing some hula-hooping or star jumps, with the reward of a healthy (carrot sticks and grapes) or not-so healthy (chocolate sweet) snack at the end depending on how much energy they had burned off. Many children were surprised at how much activity they had to do to qualify for a chocolate!





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

INFO CAFÉ AREA DECORATIONS

Over the weekend elves appeared in the building and have decorated the Info Café Area with a Wizard of Oz Theme. The Wizard of Oz theme will be carried on at the OCDEM Family Event on Saturday at 2.30 – 5:00 and we believe that many of the characters will put in an appearance. The event is not just for staff with children and the Athena Swan team would love to see everyone there. Feel free to drop in for some food, mulled wine/soft drinks and Christmas cheer.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS



Remember the OCDEM Christmas Postbox is 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



You still have time to enter for the best decorated office. If you/or your team havent entered yet then please contact Karen Parish by Friday 9th December

Christmas Raffle



If you have not already bought your raffle ticket for the Annual OCDEM Raffle then please see Karen Parish. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 14th December and all proceeds will go to Sobell House.

WELLCOME TRUST CENTRE FOR HUMAN GENETICS

External Seminar

**"Connecting genetic risk to disease endpoints
through the human blood plasma proteome"**



Prof. Dr. Karsten Suhre

Professor of Physiology and Biophysics
Director of the Bioinformatics and Virtual Metabolomics Core

2-3pm, Thursday 1st December 2016

Rooms A & B, WTCHG



Horizon 2020 Future Calls - Tuesday 13 December 9.30-16.30
Manchester Institute Biotechnology Lecture Theatre

This information day is of interest to researchers who intend to participate in or lead a H2020 project and would like to know more about the forthcoming calls in 2017. The speakers are all National Contact Points (NCPs) for the different areas of the Horizon 2020 work programmes and will also be available for one to one meetings with potential applicants.

09.45-10.00	Registration and tea & coffee	
10.00-10.05	Welcome	
10.05-10.15	Finding European partners: Introduction to Vision 2020	
10.20-11.05	Session 1: <i>Research Infrastructures</i>	Katie Ward, STFC
11.10-11.55	Session 2: <i>Health, demographic change & well being</i>	Sandhu Sandeep, MRC
12.00-12.45	Session 3: <i>Secure, clean and efficient energy</i>	Helen Fairclough, EU Energy Focus
12.45-13.30	Lunch	
13.30-14.15	Session 4: <i>Leadership in Enabling and Industrial Technologies - Advanced Manufacturing and Processing</i>	Craig Sharp, Innovate UK
14.20-15.05	Session 5: <i>Embedding Social Sciences and Humanities across H2020 and Europe in a changing world – inclusive, innovative and reflective societies</i>	Ben Sharman, ESRC
15.10-15.55	Session 6: <i>Food Security sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine and maritime and inland water research and the bioeconomy</i>	Ian Holmes, Innovate UK

You can attend any of the sessions and book a meeting with an NCP by completing the survey [here](#).

STAFF BENEFITS



2 FOR 1 TICKET OFFER – MICHELANGELO PISTOLETTO EXHIBITION

Blenheim Palace is offering University staff a 2 for 1 offer on tickets to the [Michelangelo Pistoletto exhibition](#), running until 31 December.

The exhibition, the [artist's](#) largest show in the UK to date, explores the diverse range of his fifty-year career from painting and sculpture to large-scale installation.

New works, made specifically for Blenheim Palace, are also showcased and integrated into the fabric of the Palace's eighteenth-century interiors and surrounding grounds.

To receive the 2 for 1 ticket offer, valid any Monday to Friday until 31 December, buy your tickets on arrival and present your University Card. Details of ticket prices are available [here](#). Terms and conditions do apply – please see the voucher on the right hand side of this page.

Win free tickets

We have a pair of free tickets, valid for any day of the exhibition, to give away. To enter the prize draw email internal.communications@admin.ox.ac.uk by 12 noon on Monday 12 December, stating the name of the British prime minister who was born at Blenheim Palace.

In the run-up to Christmas, why not make the most of the seasonal staff discounts on offer at the University shops?

DOUBLE DISCOUNT THURSDAYS

On Thursdays in December (1, 8, 15 and 22) the two Bodleian Library shops, the Bate Collection on St Aldate's and the University of Oxford shop located on the High Street are all offering staff a double discount of 20% off their goods.

The wide range of discounted items includes CDs and publications at the Bate (open 2pm to 5pm), homewares and accessories at the Bodleian shops located in the Weston Library and at the Old Bodleian (open 10am to 5.30pm) and official merchandise and gifts from the University Shop (open 9am to 7pm).

If you can't make it into town on those days, you can still enjoy the same double discount online from the [University Shop](#) (use code OUstaff20) and from the [Bodleian's online shop](#) by calling 01865 277001.

Festive Fridays

Visit the shop at the Museum of the History of Science on any Friday in December, open 12pm to 5pm, and claim 20% off the wide range of items on offer. Many of the items are inspired by the museum's collections and have a scientific theme.

25% off week

Both gift shops located in the Ashmolean Museum (open 10am to 5pm) are offering staff a 25% discount off their goods from Monday 5 December to Sunday 11 December. You can also call 01865 288185 during this week to claim the same discount on goods available from their online shop.

Don't forget...

If you're looking for books for gifts, University staff can claim 15% off all books at the Oxford University Press bookshop on the High Street. The shop has a diverse range of books for all ages and is open 11am to 5pm on Sundays, 10am to 5.30pm on Mondays and 9am to 5.30pm on all other days.

Simply present your staff ID card at the till to receive these discounts. Please note that no other offers may be used alongside these special discounts.