



## FOR UNIVERSITY STAFF

WEEK COMMENCING 6 MARCH 2017

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Congratulations to Dr Natasha Ng who successfully defended her thesis “The Role of Glucose-6-Phosphatase Catalytic Domain in Glucose Homeostasis”. The examiners were Prof Guy Rutter & Prof Roger Cox. Natasha was supervised by Prof Anna Gloyn and Prof Patrik Rorsman and will be taking up a Post-doctoral position at A star in Singapore with Dr Adrian Teo working on IPS cell derived models of beta-cell function



## SEMINARS

### WEDNESDAY SEMINAR

This week’s Wednesday seminar will be hosted by Dr Anne Clark and the speaker is Dr Michael Christie of the University of Lincoln



The title of his talk is “**Targeting auto antigen-specific B-cells for immunotherapy of Type 1 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

There is no Friday seminar this week due to DUK conference

## **MEDICAL GRAND ROUNDS**

Thursday 9 March from 13:00 to 14:00

John Radcliffe Hospital, Lecture Theatre 1



**Emergency Medicine** – “PEM – the catchers in the rye” Dr Moya Dawson and Dr Chris Bird

**Clinical Biochemistry** – “Metabolic Emergencies” – Dr Nishan Guha

Chair: Prof Chris Conlon

Audience: Public

## **OCDEM HEALTH AND SAFETY INDUCTION COURSE**



All new visitors/staff in the department **MUST** attend a Health and Safety Induction course run by Mrs Sandy Humphreys.

The March course will be held on Wednesday 8th at 10:00 – 11:00 in the Lecture Theatre North End.



### **£5 notes and £1 coins**

Please note that the old £5 notes (non polymer) will cease to be legal tender on 5 May 2017.

The new £1 coin (12 sided) launches on 28 March 2017. The coin will weigh differently to the old round £1, the old round £1 coin will no longer be legal tender on 15 October 2017.

## **CURRENT VACANCIES IN THE DEPARTMENT**



### **Oxford Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) Diabetes & Metabolism Theme Lab Manager (127678)**

**Grade 7: £31,076 - £38183 p.a.**

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a Diabetes & Metabolism Theme Lab Manager, within the NIHR Oxford Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) Diabetes and Metabolism Theme, led by Professor Anna Gloyn in the Oxford Centre for Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism (OCDEM).

The Diabetes & Metabolism Theme oversees a complex portfolio of translational diabetes and metabolism research programmes which are underpinned by core BRC funded infrastructure. BRC-funded core laboratory personnel support bio-sample and tissue analysis, human islet isolation and processing for translational science across the theme. The research theme consists of four subthemes: Translational Physiology, Therapeutics & Medical Innovation, Translational Islet & Metabolic Tissue Biology, Pancreas & Islet-Cell Transplantation and Service Innovation & Evaluation.

The successful applicant will provide effective management of core laboratory work to support the Theme, including financial and technical advice. You will convene and chair meetings for the OCDEM Laboratory Managers, and manage shared laboratory facilities within OCDEM. You will also take on the role of Safety Officer within OCDEM.

Candidates should hold a degree in biochemistry and have relevant laboratory experience. In-depth knowledge of laboratory health and safety regulations will also be required. Some flexibility with respect to working hours will be needed, including occasional responsibility for out-of-hours work.

The position is fixed term for three years in the first instance and funded by the NIHR Oxford BRC.

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=127678](https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk/pls/hrsliverecruit/erq_jobspec_version_4.jobspec?p_id=127678)

Only applications received before midday on **23 March 2017** can be considered. Interviews are scheduled for the afternoon of 6 April 2017.

Please quote ref. 127678 on all correspondence. You will be required to upload a CV and supporting statement as part of your online application.

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**Grade 7 £31,076 -£38,183 per annum**

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Candidates should have a first degree in an area of specialism and a MD or PhD, degree (or be close to obtaining one) in a relevant research field. Experience of generation and / or phenotyping or rodent models is essential for this post. Candidates are also required to demonstrate a high level of analytical skills as well as excellent communication skills.

The post is full time for 3 years in the first instance, with the possibility of extension.

Only applications received before midday on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 can be considered. Interviews will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Please quote vacancy number 127417 in all correspondence.

To apply for this role and any further details, including a job description and person specification, please visit:

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## **RETIREMENT AT OXFORD AND YOU**

### **Vice-Chancellor's Question Time - 7 March**

**How do we ensure that we have a retirement system which is fair to established academics but makes opportunities for the next generations of talented scholars?**

**Come along to join the discussion:**

**Tuesday 7 March, 12:15-13:30**

**Oxford Martin School, Lecture Theatre, 34 Broad Street**

*Tea and coffee will be available from 11:45. Please feel free to bring your lunch with you.*

[Click here to register](#)

### **Employer Justified Retirement Age**

The Government abolished the compulsory retirement age in 2011 but it remained possible for employers to have their own retirement age, provided that it could be justified. This is referred to as an Employer Justified Retirement Age (EJRA).

For full details of the EJRA introduced by the University in October 2011 and to view the current proposals put forward by the working group, which will be considered by Council on 13 March, please visit the [EJRA website](#).



## INVITATION TO A WELCOME EVENT FOR RESEARCH STAFF

**Wednesday 15 March, 9.15am-1.00pm, Medical Sciences Teaching Centre, South Parks Road**

Booking is now open for this term's Welcome Event for Research Staff. Whilst the event is primarily aimed at new starters, they would also like to encourage researchers to come along who have been here a while but who may not be aware of the support available across the University

The Welcome Event starts at 9.15am and will be finished by 1.00pm, including a lunch and information fair at 12.00pm.

The event is an opportunity for you to find out about career and professional development opportunities, the services and support available for you throughout your time as a researcher here at Oxford, and to meet other new researchers over lunch.

The day will comprise:

- Welcome and introduction
- Brief sessions on employment matters, library facilities, IT support, and personal and professional development
- Refreshment break
- Networks at Oxford, research excellence and impact, developing your career
- Lunch and information fair

Advance booking is required; please [register via the Oxford Learning Institute](#) by midday on Monday 6 March.

As a member of research staff you are automatically a member of OxRSS, the Oxford Research Staff Society, and we have added you to the Research Staff Mailing List, via which you will receive occasional updates on OxRSS and other support and opportunities around the University. You can unsubscribe from this list at any time by sending a blank email to [researchstaff-  
unsubscribe@maillist.ox.ac.uk](mailto:researchstaff-unsubscribe@maillist.ox.ac.uk).

If you are unable to attend, please note that we run the event termly and you are welcome to attend in the future. In the meantime, if you would like information or have any queries about support for research staff at Oxford, [visit the research staff page on the University's website](#), get involved with the [Oxford Research Staff Society](#), [follow OxRSS on Twitter](#), or please feel free to contact me directly.



## **TRAINING**

### **Supervisors' Responsibilities**

#### **Who should attend?**

This seminar is aimed at any individual who has day-to-day responsibility for managing or directing the work activities of others.

#### **Course Details**

Although the term 'supervisor' is often used in the context of research and teaching in the University, for the purposes of health and safety law many other members of staff may also have a supervisory function. An employee of the University may be considered to be a supervisor if he/she has the power and authority to give instructions and/or orders to subordinates, and be held responsible for the work and actions of other employees, or persons under their day-to-day control.

This seminar outlines the safety responsibilities of such supervisors, and the following themes will be discussed:

- Risk assessment
- Competence
- Training and record keeping
- Supervision
- Accident reporting and investigation
- Inspections and equipment maintenance
- Housekeeping, waste disposal, decontamination and decommissioning
- Deputising arrangements

#### **Dates**

##### **March**

Tuesday 7th March, 10:00 - 12:00, *Rescheduled Training - Garden Room, Careers Service, 56 Banbury Road, [book a place](#)*

For further information contact [Safety Office](#).



### **Video: Producing a mini documentary**

*13-15 March 2017, 9.15-16.15 each day*

Cost: Staff £180/Students £90

A comprehensive 3-day introduction to all the core skills needed to make a short documentary. You will have the opportunity to work on a project that reflects your interests with full support in filming and editing. We will go through all the stages of creating a mini-documentary and you will have the opportunity to obtain extensive hands-on experience.

- Plan a video project
- Learn techniques of filming
- Practice front of camera skills
- Equipment orientation and practice
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- Importing digital video
- Edit and export finished projects

All equipment is provided. The course is taught using Macs and the iMovie software.

No prior video experience is necessary

[Read the full description](#)

[Book and pay](#)

## **BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM (BI) - AUDIT OF DTU 7TH MARCH**

Dear All

Just to inform you that DTU will be hosting a qualification visit/audit on Tuesday 7th March in relation to a new clinical trial BI would like us to perform.

During the visit, we will be showing our visitors around the public areas of OCDEM.

Best wishes

Lynne Tucker  
University of Oxford,  
Business Development Manager  
Diabetes Trials Unit, OCDEM Building,

## **OXTALENT AWARDS 2017**

The OxTALENT Awards recognise and reward the innovative use of digital technologies in support of University strategy, including teaching and learning, widening participation, and public engagement.

Staff and students are invited to enter any of the following categories for this year's awards:

- Innovative teaching and learning with technology
- Outreach and widening participation
- Public engagement
- Digital media
- Data visualisation
- Research posters.

For further information or to enter the competition [visit the website](#). Entries close on Friday 28 April 2017.

And if you're in search of inspiration or just curious about OxTALENT, read about the [2016 winners](#).



Spring 2017



### Enter the 2017 Daffodil Walk!

If you love daffodils, beautiful gardens and a lovely day out, then come along for a pleasant walk through the grounds of Adwell House, Thame on Sunday 2nd April.

Entry is £5 per person with all monies going to Sobell House.

[Visit our website to find out more](#)

### Moonlight Stroll 2017

Save the Date: 19th August



### Race to the stones!

Want to challenge yourself this year and raise money for Sobell House? Sign up to 'Race to the Stones' and walk or run the oldest path in Britain.

50km or 50km a day for two days or, if you're feeling really tough attempt the full 100km route in one go!

Taking place on 15 & 16 July 2017.

### Meet our first Sobell Ambassador

Natalia is our first ambassador helping to spread the word about Sobell House across Oxfordshire.

Natalia is really looking forward to raising awareness about the importance of hospice care and the good work that Sobell House does among groups she belongs to and her local community.



[Click here to find out more and to sign up today!](#)

[Find out how you can become a Sobell House Ambassador](#)



### Introducing Libby Aley

Hi, I'm Libby! I started working here in the fundraising team at the end of 2016, after working in private banking.

I'm really looking forward to working with the community and I'll be on the look out for Sobell Ambassadors to help me in my mission of raising awareness and funds for the amazing work that continually goes on at Sobell House.

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### Introducing Tim Wraith

I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Corporate Partnerships Manager for Sobell House.

I'm delighted to join the team and have a wealth of experience in the corporate world! Please do get in touch if you would like to support the care taking place here, I would love to hear from you.

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