

OCDEM BULLETIN



FOR UNIVERSITY STAFF

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SEMINARS

WEDNESDAY SEMINAR

No Seminar this week

FRIDAY SEMINAR

This week's Friday seminar organised by the OCDEM Senior Academic Faculty will be "Peripheral inflammation rewires liver circadian metabolism" by Dr Fabio Sanna.

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

MEDICAL GRAND ROUNDS

Thursday 20 February from 13:00 to 14:00

John Radcliffe Hospital, Lecture Theatre

Infection/Microbiology: "Sepsis - Old themes, new developments", Dr Andrew Brent and Prof Julian Knight

Renal: "A flutter of the heart & a flush of the skin: the nephrologist's dilemma", Dr Matt Bottomley and Dr Udaya Udayraj surgery for neuropathic pain", Mr Martin Gillies

Chair: Prof Richard Cornall

MASTERCLASS ON USING COMEDY TECHNIQUES TO BE A BETTER SPEAKER

If you've ever enjoyed a scientific talk which was lifted by a bit of well-placed humour, here is your chance to learn how to do this: come along to our friendly and informal taster workshop on **Thursday 5 March at 3.30-5 pm the JR hospital**, to learn about basic stagecraft and joke writing techniques, and how you can use these for any material.

If you want to use the techniques you learn to see how funny and creative you can be about communicating your science, we also have slots open for researchers who want to try performing a ten minute stand-up set to the very friendly crowd at the Pint of Science launch event on Monday 30 March, but there is no obligation to sign up for the Pint of Science event.

For those who do want to try their hand at stand-up comedy on the night, we have lots more support: the taster workshop is followed by short a 'set surgery' workshop on Thursday 12 March evening, where you'll get 1:1 feedback on your set from your trainer (a professional comedian who will also be compering on the night), and then all of the performers will meet up on Thursday 26 March to hear each other's set and go through a dry run, before the performance on Monday 30 March evening.

Email the RDM communications and engagement manager charvy.narain@rdm.ox.ac.uk as soon as possible to book your place, or get in touch if you have questions.



Emily and Emma, two PhD students from the University of Oxford, invite inspirational scientists to take a seat in the 'Academic Armchair' to chat about their journeys through academia. Episode 4 is an interview with **Professor Leanne Hodson**. It is available on [Apple](#), [Spotify](#) and Google podcast .

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SCIENCE EDUCATION PRIZE

First prize: £500
Second Prize: £250

**Abstract deadline:
Monday 15th March 2020**

- Do you have a fresh and original way of translating your research on the mechanisms of disease into teaching for the Medical Sciences Division's undergraduate students?
- The Radcliffe Department of Medicine invites entries for the 2020 RDM Science Education Prize from DPhil students, post-doctoral fellows, and non-consultant clinical fellows.
- Tell us about what and how you want to teach, and the authors of selected abstracts will be supported to develop online teaching for Oxford's Bachelor of Medicine degree course.



For more information, visit: www.rdm.ox.ac.uk/teaching



SPREADSHEETS: WORKING OUT YOUR SUMS AND CALCULATIONS (EXCEL)

A hands-on activity session to grow your confidence in devising and checking simple formulae in a spreadsheet. In “problem class” format: you will work on a variety of situations, devising different kinds of formulae to carry out realistic calculations. Our experienced teachers will be on hand to assist and discuss your work. Taught using Excel, but the principles transfer to use with other spreadsheet software. (Note that this course does not discuss the range of functions provided by Excel – teachers will give pointers to further courses on this and other spreadsheet topics.)

Wednesday 11/03/2020 09:15 - 12:15 Book and pay

Staff £30/ Students £15

SPREADSHEETS: GOOD PRACTICE IN SPREADSHEET DESIGN (EXCEL)

Learn to create workbooks that are clear and easy to work on, both for manipulating data accurately and for reviewing and understanding what the data means. This workshop will take you through the process of setting out a workbook so that it is well structured and efficient to work with, especially if you are collaborating or sharing with colleagues. We will provide you with key skills to master Excel (or similar software) beyond the everyday level. A range of time-saving techniques are covered, for creating a well-structured workbook that is easy to revise and manage.

Thursday 19/03/2020 09:15 - 12:15 Book and pay

Staff £30/ Students £15

Tuesday 18 February 2020

Staff £20/ Students £10

9.00-11.00 Spreadsheets: Good practice with charts (Excel)

Book and pay

11.15-13.15 Spreadsheets: Good practice with lookups (Excel)

Book and pay

14.00-16.00 Spreadsheets: Good practice with pivot tables (Excel)

Book and pay

Thursday 26 March 2020

Staff £20/ Students £10

9.00-11.00 Spreadsheets: Good practice with charts (Excel)

Book and pay

11.15-13.15 Spreadsheets: Good practice with lookups (Excel)

Book and pay

14.00-16.00 Spreadsheets: Good practice with pivot tables (Excel)

[Book and pay](#)

SPREADSHEETS: DEALING WITH THAT DIFFICULT SPREADSHEET (EXCEL)

Have you ever been using a spreadsheet that somehow got out of control or started producing unexpected errors? This session provides an introduction to effective tools and techniques for planning, creating and maintaining spreadsheets. It shows you how to find and solve existing errors as well as introducing procedures that prevent new errors arising. The session also explains how to evaluate and “tame” a spreadsheet that you inherit so that you can deploy it effectively.

[Thursday 20/02/2020 09:15 - 12:15 Book and pay](#)

[Tuesday 24/03/2020 09:15 - 12:15 Book and pay](#)

Staff £30/ Students £15

RESEARCH DATA: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Taking good care of your data is an essential part of doing good research. This course gives an overview of some key areas to think about, tips for avoiding common pitfalls, and information about the tools and support services that are available to help.

[Wednesday 19/02/2020 12:30 - 13:30 Book and pay](#)

Staff £15 / Students £7.50

Research data management plans: how to write one

Data management plans (DMPs) are becoming an increasingly important aspect of research - many funding bodies now require one as part of a grant application. This course provides an overview of the basics of data management planning, plus a chance to try some online tools for building your own DMP.

[Monday 24/02/2020 14:00 - 15:30 Book and pay](#)

Staff £15 / Students £7.50