

FOR UNIVERSITY STAFF

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CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Dr Reshma Ramracheya who has received funding from the Medical Sciences Internal fund for her project **“Exploring NPY4 receptor activation as a target for beta-cell proliferation and investigating the effects of gastric bypass surgery on islet function”**

SEMINARS

WEDNESDAY SEMINAR

This week’s Wednesday seminar will be hosted by Professor Fredrik Karpe and the speaker is Professor Caroline Fall of the University of Southampton.



The title of her talk is **“Dohad And Diabetes In India”**. 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.

FRIDAY SEMINAR

This week’s Friday seminar organised by the OCDEM Senior Academic Faculty will be a talk on **“The Autoantigen Tetraspanin-7 In Type 1 Diabetes ”** by Dr Kerry McLaughlin. 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 30th November from 13:00 to 14:00

John Radcliffe Hospital, Lecture Theatre

Acute Medicine Firm A: **"Psychotic fatigue"** - Dr Aparna Pal

Silver Star: **"Should This Be Viewed As A Vascular Risk Factor?"** - Dr Meena Bhatia, Dr

Charlotte Frise and Dr Lucy Mackillop

Chair: Prof Chris Conlon



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 2017 gathered field exercise is now open and nominations must be submitted to the OCDEM Administrator (Lynne.whay@ocdem.ox.ac.uk) by Friday 19th January 2018. 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 **Lynne Whay or Karla Taylor**



CHRISTMAS DEADLINES 2017- THIS WEEKS DEADLINE

In order to meet the dates set by the University Finance Division the following are the internal OCDEM deadlines for Christmas

THURSDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

Any **expense claims and payment requests** must be with Karen Parish by lunchtime on Thursday 30th November in order to make the final payment run for 2017 which will be on Monday 11th December.



It's Pippin Doughnuts time again. They will be delivered on Thursday and the flavours this month are as follows:

- Mixed berry jam
- Chocolate
- Vanilla custard
- Cinnamon and brown sugar
- Lemon curd
- Chocolate and orange
- Mulled plum jam
- Pear, port and cream
- Xmas doughnut (cinnamon ring, orange glaze, cranberries and ginger topping)

The price is £1.10 per doughnut. If you/your group wants to put in an order can you please provide Karen Parish with the details by 10 am tomorrow (Tuesday) along with the relevant money. Admin will take delivery of the doughnuts on the day.

BEST DECORATED OFFICE – WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER - REMINDER



Get your thinking caps on and enter for the best decorated office 2017. 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 1st of December.

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 year and therefore letters to Santa must be received by Monday 11th December to allow Santa time to reply.

OCDEM RAFFLE

Prizes include:-

Viglen Chromebook 360

£20 Amazon voucher

Cuddly toys

Champagne

Umbrellas

Whisky

Clock

Mugs

Xmas towels

Pen & pencil set

Wine

... and more ...

Tickets 50p each or £2 for a strip of 5 tickets

Please see Karen Parish for tickets

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO SOBELL HOUSE HOSPICE

Industrial Collaborations: Friend or Foe?

DATE AND TIME:

Tuesday 5th December 2017
15:30–17:00 GMT
EVENT COSTS—FREE

LOCATION:

Richard Doll Lecture Theatre, Old Road Campus,
Headington, Roosevelt Drive, Oxford, OX3 7LF

The **Oxford Research Network** are hosting an interactive debate. A panel of experts lined up split between representatives passionate about collaborations with private entities and others with a more sceptical view. Followed by refreshments and networking opportunities.

Panellists:

Dr Ben Goldacre

*Senior Clinical Research Fellow, Writer, Broadcaster
Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences, Oxford University*

Professor David Kerr

*Professor of Cancer Medicine
Radcliffe Department of Medicine, Oxford University*

Dr Pavel Ovseiko

*Senior Research Fellow
The Oxford Biomedical Research Centre Partnerships for Health, Wealth and Innovation*

Dr Nick De Pennington

*Specialist Registrar (Neurosurgery)/Digital Health Innovation Lead,
Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*

Dr Ketan Shah

*Consultant Oncologist & Chair of the OUH Clinical Ethics Advisory Group
Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*

Dr Matthew Snape

*Consultant in Paediatrics and Vaccinology/Senior Clinical Lecturer
Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust/Oxford Vaccine Group, Oxford University*

Chaired by:

Dr Karen Melham

*Senior Clinical Research Support Manager
Clinical Trials & Research Governance (CTRG), University of Oxford*

Register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/oxford-research-network-christmas-debate-2017-industrial-collaborations-friend-or-foe-tickets-39445440374>

Dru Yoga Class

**Tuesday 28th November
13.00-14.00**

Robert Turner Lecture Theatre, OCDEM



Volunteers needed to test out a class being developed as part of a programme for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome/ME

To book a mat please contact Louise

Email louise.dennis@ocdem.ox.ac.uk