



## FOR UNIVERSITY STAFF

WEEK COMMENCING 21 JANUARY 2019

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### SEMINARS

This week's Wednesday seminar will be hosted by Dr Katharine Owen and the speaker is Dr Ramzi Ajjan of the University of Leeds.



The title of his talk is **"Glycaemia and thrombosis in diabetes: The role of the fibrin network"** The talk will begin promptly at 1pm in the Robert Turner Lecture Theatre, and sandwiches for those attending will be available from 12:45pm.

### Friday Seminar

There will be 2 talks at this week's Friday seminar organised by the OCDEM Senior Academic Faculty.

**"Tetraspanin-7 as a biomarker for the diagnosis and prediction of type 1 diabetes"** by Miss Juliets John.

**"The establishment of a knockdown system to test the function of the autoantigen tetraspanin-7 in beta cell"** by Mr Joseph Cutteridge.

The talks 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 24 January from 13:00 to 14:00

John Radcliffe Hospital, Lecture Theatre

**Horton Hospital:** "Stroke: The Heart of the Matter", Dr Alex Mentzer, Dr Ian Arnold and Dr Neil Stewart

**Rheumatology:** "A Wolf in Sheeps Clothing", Dr Lorraine O'Neill

Chair: Prof Chris Conlon

## TRAINING



### **GIVING AND RECEIVING FEEDBACK – 22<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY – SPACES STILL AVAILABLE**

**(9.30 – 12.00) in the Seminar Room, OCMR, Level 0 – JR**

This workshop enables individuals to practise the necessary skills to give and receive feedback in a clear, positive and constructive manner. This workshop forms part of the 'Working Relationships' and 'Communications' strand of the RDM Learning and Development Programme. [Register](#)

### **EXPLAIN ANYTHING USING VIDEO**

Learn how to quickly get started creating videos to explain anything. This 3 hour session will look at the benefits of using video to explain something and introduce you to a range of different tools to capture stills and videos using your computer, tablet or smartphone. Learn about screencasting and its potential uses.

We'll also learn tips and tricks to help you get started with video.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own tablet or smartphone along to the session and to ensure that they can connect to Eduroam in advance of the session.

#### Objectives

- Learn what screencasting is and how it can be used to support learning
- Introduce a range of different tools to capture video
- Capture a screencast using a computer
- Capture a video using a tablet or smartphone
- Edit a video using a tablet or smartphone
- Understand the steps needed to plan and prepare a successful video

**24/01/2019 14:00 - 17:00**

#### Cost

staff £30/ Students £15 [Book and pay](#)



## **SHAREPOINT: INTRODUCTION TO ITS USE AT OXFORD**

Learn how to use SharePoint 2013 for sharing information and working together in teams and communities.

Objectives

- Create sub sites and navigation
- Be able to change the look of the page
- Create lists and libraries and add custom columns
- Up and download documents to libraries
- Create Views
- Create/Edit Blog and Categories
- Access your "My Site" in SharePoint

**25/01/2019 09:15 - 12:15**

Cost

Staff £30/Students £15 [Book and pay](#)

## **SPREADSHEETS: START TO FINISH**

This "boot camp" is for those who need to quickly get up to speed working with spreadsheets. It brings together the same topics covered in our separate Spreadsheet courses into an immersive 2-day session including:

- Good practice with spreadsheets
- Charts
- Inheriting spreadsheets
- Designing robust spreadsheets
- Lookups
- PivotTables

Wednesday 23 & Thursday 24 January 09:15 -15:15 each day [Book and pay](#)

Wednesday 20 & Thursday 21 February 09:15 -15:15 each day [Book and pay](#)

Thursday 7 and Friday 8 March 09:15 -15:15 each day [Book and pay](#)

Cost:

Staff £100/Students £50



## **DOCUMENTS START TO FINISH**

Do you really want to get your word-processing skills up to scratch? Here is your opportunity to build a solid foundation, and see how Word can make a real difference when working with your formal documents, theses, essays and reports. “Start To Finish” is an immersive bootcamp, where you will discover how Word’s powerful tools work together to save you time. You will explore how to design and manage your documents for efficient, sustainable work in the University context. We want you to spend less time fighting with the word-processor and more time thinking about your content!

This workshop brings together the same topics covered in the separate Documents courses from this series, in an immersive 1½-day course. When you sign up to a Start to Finish, we expect you to attend for the full duration of the course.

Objectives

- Understand how and why to use styles to manage text formatting
- Control page layout of text and images
- Understand how to use section breaks, and work with automatic heading numbering
- Create templates and understand their significance
- Safely assemble a set of documents into a book, and manage tables of contents, indexes and lists of figures
- Understand how to work with field codes and bookmarks

Dates

**30/01/2019 09:15 - 31/01/2019 12:15**

Cost

Staff £90/ Students £45 [Book and pay](#)

## **DATABASES: CONCEPTS OF DATABASE DESIGN**

This course takes you through a good relational database design, from concept to application. Before even starting to build, it is essential to work out a design which properly models your project. The course includes plenty of worked examples and practice activities. The course does not use any particular software, so it will help you create a well-designed database structure which you can build later using the database software of your choice.

Objectives

- Understand what a database is
- Understand what is meant by a relational database
- Know the steps in designing a database
- Understand how joins work
- Explore a workflow for database design
- Practice devising workable designs for database scenarios

Date

**11/02/2019 09:15 - 12:15**

Cost

Staff £30/Students £15 [Book and pay](#)



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

Mixed berry jam  
Vanilla custard  
Chocolate  
Cinnamon and brown sugar  
Passion fruit curd  
Chocolate and hazelnut (like a giant Ferrero Rocher)  
Maple and pecan (ring doughnut)  
Apple, blackberry and custard

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 **10.00 am on Tuesday** along with the relevant money. Karen will take delivery of the doughnuts on the day.

### **INVITATION: FREE NHS PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT WORKSHOP (NIHR CRN)**

Would you like to attend a free one-day NHS workshop about how to involve people in healthcare, research and education?

The NIHR Clinical Research Network Thames Valley and South Midlands and its partners will hold the event at Didcot Civic Hall, Oxfordshire on Wednesday 27 February from 9.30am to 4pm.

The one-day workshop will explore the range of issues that help and hinder effective involvement in healthcare, research and education and will be attended by NHS staff and the public.

Lunch will be provided and there is free parking.

#### **The event will be facilitated by:**

Douglas Findlay – Lay partner Oxford Academic Health Science Network

Sian Rees – Director Patient and Public Involvement, Engagement and Experience Oxford AHSN

To register please [complete this online form](#) by **February 22**. Please tick that you have been invited by the NIHR Clinical Research Network Thames Valley and South Midlands.



**OMH Researchers'  
Association launch event**

**Tuesday 12 February 2019  
4-6pm**

**Sherrington Room  
Sherrington Building  
DPAG**

**Calling all postdocs,  
RAs and students  
working in any area  
related to  
metabolism!**

Join us for an afternoon of lightning talks to get a flavour of who is doing what in Oxford and, most importantly, share a few drinks. If you would like to participate by giving a 2 minute introduction to your work, let us know by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February (contact [fiona.bragg@ndph.ox.ac.uk](mailto:fiona.bragg@ndph.ox.ac.uk) )



# *Parent/Carers Group*

## *Next session*

***Thursday 24 January 2019 at 11.00am***

*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.*

**11:00am  
Large Seminar Room**

To sign up contact  
[ocdem.personnel@ndm.ox.ac.uk](mailto:ocdem.personnel@ndm.ox.ac.uk)



## Call for abstracts for poster presentations Radcliffe Department of Medicine Annual Symposium 2019

The RDM Annual Symposium will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019, at the Mathematical Institute (Radcliffe Observatory Quarter).

Part of the day will be devoted to a poster session where students and postdocs/fellows, based in research groups within RDM, can present their research in a poster format.

The call for poster abstracts is now open and an abstract template available [here](#).

Abstracts will be reviewed and the best abstracts selected for poster presentation at the symposium.



***The abstract submission deadline is noon on Monday 18 February 2019.  
Please email abstract templates to [communications@rdm.ox.ac.uk](mailto:communications@rdm.ox.ac.uk)***

### Guidelines for submitting an abstract

- Please use the [abstract template](#) and submit as a Word document (not PDF).
- Limit your abstract to one page only (with normal margins, including references and any images).
- Give the title of your abstract, followed by authors' names and affiliations.
- Give affiliations in the following format: <sup>1</sup> Division/Institute, Department, University, Country.
- Underline the presenting author.
- Indicate if the presenting author is a DPhil student or postdoc/fellow.
- Limit the main text of your abstract to approximately 250 words, Calibri font size 11.
- Include the rationale for the research (written for a non-specialist audience), methodology, results and conclusions in the main text.
- If necessary, you can include a figure or graphical abstract (but you must not exceed the one page limit).

**Please note that as we are limited in the number of posters we can display, we would suggest that no more than 2-3 abstracts are submitted per research group.**

Any questions should be directed to Kathleen Dolan ([kathleen.dolan@rdm.ox.ac.uk](mailto:kathleen.dolan@rdm.ox.ac.uk) or (2)31458).  
You will be notified if your abstract has been selected, two weeks before the symposium.

There will be a prize for the best student poster and the best postdoc/fellow (non-student) poster.

Please note that the RDM logo can be downloaded from <https://www.rdm.ox.ac.uk/intranet/communications-and-public-engagement/branding-stationery-design-and-print>

## How it works:

During a one-week Summer Camp, 30 selected postgraduate students will attend in-depth presentations about the pharmaceutical industry. Participants will work in small teams to generate an innovative idea that addresses a scientific challenge and develop the idea into a business plan. Teams will receive coaching and guidance from Merck managers and scientists, and experienced retirees. The teams will present their business plans to a grand jury composed of Merck top management plus external experts. The jury will select the best business plan and present the winning team with the Innovation Cup award and a cash prize of EUR 20,000 plus EUR 5,000 for the runner-up. Options to implement the best business plans will be evaluated. At the last day of the Summer Camp, a conference with alumni from previous editions of the Innovation Cup will be organized.

## Further information:

Further information about the program and how to apply are available online:

[innovationcup.merckgroup.com](http://innovationcup.merckgroup.com)

If selected, you will be invited to sign the participants' agreement and attend the Innovation Summer Camp near Frankfurt, Germany on June 23-29 2019. Travel, accommodation, and food expenses will be paid by Merck.

## About Merck

Merck is a leading science and technology company in healthcare, life science, and performance materials. Around 50,000 employees work to further develop technologies that improve and enhance life – from biopharmaceutical therapies to treat cancer or multiple sclerosis, via cutting-edge systems for scientific research and production, to liquid crystals for smartphones and LCD televisions. In 2017, Merck generated sales of EUR 15.3 billion in 66 countries.

Founded in 1668, Merck is the world's oldest pharmaceutical and chemical company. The founding family remains the majority owner of the publicly listed corporate group. The company holds the global rights to the Merck name and brand. The only exceptions are the United States and Canada, where the company operates as EMD Serono, MilliporeSigma, and EMD Performance Materials.



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The Innovation Cup is bringing together a promising new generation of academic talents from the natural sciences, computer sciences, and business administration with Merck senior management, active researchers, and accomplished retirees. This meeting of the minds is a creative and innovative platform aimed at advancing science and technology. The 2019 Biopharma Innovation Cup will comprise teams working on these topics: oncology, immuno-oncology, autoimmunity, small molecule drug discovery, protein engineering and screening, digitization.

## Apply now!

**Online application:**  
1 November 2018 through 31 January 2019

**Summer Camp:**  
23–29 June 2019

[innovationcup.merckgroup.com](http://innovationcup.merckgroup.com)

## What's in it for me?

If you are a postgraduate student with an interest in the pharmaceutical industry, the Innovation Cup will be your chance to gain in-depth knowledge about research and development, to network with top students from around the world, and to build a business case together with experienced professionals. At the last day of the Summer Camp, a conference with alumni from previous editions of the Innovation Cup will be organized.

A EUR 20,000 prize will be awarded to the team that presents the most convincing business plan, plus EUR 5,000 for the runner-up. The Innovation Cup 2019 will take place near Frankfurt, Germany (23–29 June 2019). Travel, accommodation, and food expenses will be paid by Merck.



## Who can apply:

Merck invites advanced students in natural sciences, computer sciences, and business administration from all over the world to apply for participation in the Innovation Cup. 30 students will be selected:

- **Sciences:** Postgraduate students in natural sciences on their way towards a PhD or working as a postdoc in biology, chemistry, physics, medicine, biotech, bioinformatics, biochemistry, pharmacy, informatics, computer science, data science, engineering, or related fields
- **Business:** Advanced MBA students or recent MBA graduates with an interest in the pharmaceutical business

## What to expect:

During the one-week Summer Camp, participants will work together in small teams to:

- Learn the essentials about R&D within the pharmaceutical industry
- Understand how products are successfully discovered, developed, and brought to market
- Get to know Merck and learn about career options
- Work as part of a team to generate new ideas in the fields of: oncology, immuno-oncology, autoimmunity, small molecule drug discovery, protein engineering and screening, digitization
- Evaluate your ideas from a technical and business perspective and build a convincing business plan