

Update from February Council meeting

Council met on Thursday 14 February. The President welcomed the new members of Council:

- Sir Alasdair Breckenridge CBE FRSE FMedSci, Chair, The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency
- Professor Edwin Chilvers FMedSci, Professor of Respiratory Medicine, Department of Medicine, University of Cambridge
- Professor Maria Fitzgerald FMedSci, Professor of Developmental Neurobiology, Department of Neuroscience, Physiology and Pharmacology, University College London
- Professor Jayne Franklyn FMedSci, William Withering Professor of Medicine and Head, School of Clinical and Experimental Medicine, School of Clinical and Experimental Medicine, University of Birmingham
- Professor Fiona Karet FMedSci, Professor of Nephrology and Honorary Consultant in Renal Medicine, Department of Medical Genetics, University of Cambridge
- Professor Andrew Lees FMedSci, Professor of Neurology, Reta Lila Weston Institute of Neurological Studies, Institute of Neurology, University College London

The meeting began with a presentation from Fiona Fox, Director of the [Science Media Centre \(SMC\)](#). Fiona highlighted how the SMC works with journalists to provide information about science and its related disciplines, making it easier for journalists to access the best scientists when science stories are making the headlines. Her presentation included [a call to all Fellows to join the SMC's database of experts willing to talk to journalists](#)

The Registrar reviewed plans to establish the [Fellowship Committee](#), drawing attention to its first meeting on 8 May 2013.

Council welcomed the Academy's work regarding the forthcoming 'mini' spending review and the President reported that over 120 case studies based on the REF impact statements had already been received, and highlighted the support for this approach that had been expressed by NIHR, MRC, CST and senior government figures.

A proposal was accepted for the Academy to use Researchfish, an online system that allows researchers to track and report the outcomes of all of their research in a single format. Council members agreed that Researchfish could help funders to answer long-term questions about the impact of research, and also allow more effective attribution of research outputs between multiple funders.

Progress in establishing a new Careers Committee was noted, in particular the agreement of Professor Peter Mathieson FMedSci and Professor Anne Ridley FMedSci to become the co-chairs. Two areas for the Committee to consider were identified: a follow up to the 2010 report 'Redressing the balance: the status and valuation of teaching in academic careers'; and support for the non-clinical career path.

The President thanked the many Fellows, including several Council members, who had contributed to a detailed response to [the review of the shape of clinical training](#). Council particularly welcomed the [additional joint response](#), which had brought together 33 other organisations with an interest in biomedical research.

The Academy's draft response to the House of Commons Science & Technology Committee inquiry into clinical trials and disclosure of data was welcomed, noting the strength and quality of input from the Fellows. With regard to the 'All Trials' petition, Council agreed that the Academy's position is consistent with the sentiments expressed, but reaffirmed the general policy of not signing up to petitions as an organisation; instead they hoped Fellows would consider signing as individuals.



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Fellowship elections 2013

Many thanks to all Fellows who have returned their referee reports. We are extremely grateful for your time and input into the election process - your reports really do help the sectional committees in their deliberations. All seven sectional committees will be meeting up in early March to discuss the 118 short listed candidates. The 44 new elected Fellows will be announced in May.

The Academy has produced a short video explaining how newly Fellows are elected and what being elected has meant to them. You can view the video below



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Academy to elect first Royal Fellow

Following agreement at the AGM, the President wrote to invite HRH The Princess Royal to become the Academy's first Royal Fellow.

We are delighted to announce that HRH will be accepting her Royal Fellowship at a dinner to be held as part of the Annual Fellows Day on 21 November this year.



HRH The Princess Royal and Professor Bob Souhami CBE FMedSci at the opening of 41 Portland Place, March 2011.

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Report on women in the Fellowship

In 2012 the Academy's Council asked Professor Ros Smyth FMedSci to establish a task force to examine the representation of women in the Academy's Fellowship. The [report of the task force](#) was originally designed to inform the internal working processes of the Academy. However, we believe that an integral aspect of improving diversity is through sharing examples of success, and importantly, openly acknowledging where there is still crucial work to be done. As such, the Academy has decided to publish this report on the data of our Fellowship in the hope that it will contribute to wider debate around what can be done to improve diversity and the representation of women in the biomedical workforce.

We encourage Fellows to share the report with their networks.

[You can download the report here](#)

[View information on how you can get involved in further work on equality and diversity in biomedicine.](#)



Women Fellows elected in 2012

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Fellowship Committee

One of the key recommendations of the [report on women in the Fellowship](#) was that the Academy should establish a new proactive nominations committee to support the Academy's Fellowship elections and to encourage nomination of candidates from underrepresented areas.

In November 2012, Council approved the formation of the Fellowship Committee, to ensure that the pool of candidates proposed for election to the Academy is drawn from the breadth of medical science, and is as diverse as possible with regard to gender, ethnicity, age and geography. We are delighted that this new Committee will be chaired by the Registrar, Professor Moira Whyte FMedSci, and include the following Fellows:

- Sir Cyril Chantler FMedSci
- Dr Richard Horton FMedSci
- Professor Ron Laskey FRS FMedSci
- Professor Ros Smyth FMedSci
- Professor Caroline Savage FMedSci

[Further information on the remit and process of this Committee is available here](#)



New Fellows elected in 2012

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Equality and diversity in biomedicine

There are a number of exciting activities underway in this area, but we really need your help if we are to make a difference!

The Academy is considering ways in which we might increase our support for women in biomedical research, especially in academic medicine. We'd like to build up a network of Fellows to get involved and help us to develop our activities in this area.

The Royal Society is also currently engaged in a programme of work aimed at increasing diversity in the scientific workforce. An important part of this programme is to showcase role models from diverse backgrounds who make up the workforce in the UK, and who are contributing to cutting edge scientific research. In 2013 the Royal Society will be starting a new Oral History project focused on scientists from ethnic backgrounds who are working in the UK across all fields, from industry as well as academia. Oral History is a personal way of exploring and celebrating an individual's life and experiences, as well as illuminating social and historical events from a unique, personal perspective. The aim of the project is to interview scientists about their lives and backgrounds, as well as their wider reflections on science and society. These interviews will be used as case studies in a number of media, including online videos and they will also be holding an exhibition to highlight the participant's lives and stories at an event at the Royal Society in 2013. The Royal Society is currently looking for participants from ethnic backgrounds who are working in the UK, in any field of science.



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Sign up as a media expert

Following a presentation by Fiona Fox, Director of the Science Media Centre (SMC) at the February Council Meeting, the Academy is calling for all Fellows to sign up to the SMCs media database.

The SMC's ultimate goal is to improve the quality of science reporting by facilitating more of the best scientists to engage with the media. To ensure that journalists in the national news media have access to accurate, evidence-based and peer-reviewed scientific information in the rapid timeframe they require, the SMC needs as many excellent researchers and clinicians as possible on its database.

Being on the database means the SMC can get in touch if they are looking for reactions to an upcoming or breaking news story. However, they are aware Academy Fellows are busy people so are always prepared to take no for an answer.

Like the SMC the Academy believes that scientists can have a huge impact on the way the media cover science, by engaging more often, more quickly and more effectively with the stories that are influencing public debate and attitudes to



science.

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[Download further information on the Science Media Centre](#)

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Clinical trials and data disclosure

The Academy has responded to the [House of Commons Science and Technology Committee's inquiry into clinical trials and disclosure of data](#). The inquiry includes questions about the proposed European Clinical Trials Regulation, the role of the new Health Research Authority (HRA) and clinical trials transparency.

Our response reinforces our support for mechanisms to make the occurrence, methods and results of clinical research available for the benefits of patients subject to appropriate safeguards of confidentiality of participants and of course assuming that the research is scientifically sound. The response will be available online once the House of Commons has published the evidence.

In January the President submitted a [response on the topic of clinical trials and data disclosure to Research Fortnight](#) which was used in an [article published on 16 January 2013](#).

All trials petition

A collaboration led by Sense About Science has organised a [petition that calls for all clinical trials both past and present to be registered](#), and the full methods and results reported.

[You can read more about the campaign here.](#)

At the time of writing over [100 organisations have signed the petition](#), including the MRC, Wellcome Trust, GlaxoSmithKline, Association of Medical Research Charities, and Cancer Research UK. Over 30,000 individuals have also signed up.

The petition was discussed at the Academy's Council meeting in February when it was agreed that, although the Academy is supportive of the initiative, as a Fellowship organisation we are unable to sign up to campaigns or petitions on behalf all Fellows. Instead we encourage Fellows to visit the site and to sign the petition in a personal capacity. [Click here to sign the petition](#)



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Public health research

Reflections from the CDC

Last year the Academy hosted a high-level roundtable on public health research involving some of the world's foremost experts in public health, including Dr Tom Frieden, Director of the US Centers for Disease Control. The meeting was particularly timely given the ongoing changes to the UK's public health system.

A major theme of discussion was the need to improve the interfaces between public health research and other areas, particularly public health service delivery. Other important messages concerned standardisation and scale up of interventions using a wider range of health professionals, harnessing high quality data, working with the public and the food and beverage industry, the value of laboratories and the rewards of embedding public health experts from richer countries in poorer countries.

[The report is available to download from the Academy website](#). Please contact the office with suggestions of any other areas that you think the Academy should be addressing within the broad area of public health, or if you would like to get involved in our work.



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Independent review of HFEA and HTA

In December, we reported that the Academy had [responded to the Department of Health \(DH\) consultation on the future of the independent regulators the Human](#)

Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA) and Human Tissue Authority (HTA) and supported retaining both the HFEA and the HTA, on the condition that they work closely with the other regulators to streamline the regulation, inspection and governance process for patient and public benefit.

In January 2013 the DH published its response to the consultation, which reported that in line with the Academy's response, the majority of respondents (nearly three quarters) including most of the leading bodies, disagreed with the option of transferring the HFEA and HTA functions to the Care Quality Commission and Health Research Authority. The DH is now proposing to maintain the HFEA and HTA as statutory bodies for the time being. However, in recognition of the broader policy objectives of the Public Bodies Reform programme, DH is committed to continuing to deliver the statutory duties of the two bodies in a significantly more efficient and cost effective manner. To achieve this, it has commissioned an independent review of the way in which the HFEA and HTA undertake their functions and operations, with a view to delivering greater efficiencies and giving serious consideration to a merger of the two bodies.

The review is being led by Justin McCracken, the Chief Executive of the Health Protection Agency, who has been tasked with assessing and making recommendations on the scope to:

- Streamline the way in which the two bodies undertake their regulatory and statutory functions, including through joint working, sharing resources and information and working more closely with other health sector regulators;
- Reduce and rationalise the burden of inspection, information collection and process of research approvals that falls on the regulated sector, without compromising the safeguards in the respective Acts;
- Share Authority membership and leadership, and of a merger of the two bodies.

The Academy is contributing to the review and further updates will be available shortly.



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Open Access in the UK

The Academy recently co-hosted a meeting on open access with the Royal Society, the Royal Society of Chemistry, the Society of Biology and the Institute of Physics. The one-day meeting, chaired by Dame Judy Finch, took place on 25 February 2013 and focussed on the consequences of open access for UK research.

The aim of the meeting was to inform the UK scientific community about the implications of the Government's new policy, which requires the outputs of publicly-funded research to be made open access, and to highlight any issues in implementation plans and consider potential solutions to them.

The presentations will be available on the Academy's website shortly. The Academy and other organising bodies will also be publishing a short joint statement outlining the key messages identified in the workshop, which will be disseminated to UK researchers and administrators working in Higher Education Institutes involved in the implementation of these policies.

One of the speakers, David Sweeney, Director of Research, Innovation and Skills at the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) announced that HEFCE were issuing a letter 'Open Access and Submission of Outputs to a post-2014 REF', as the first step of its planned two-stage consultation process on implementing open access. The letter seeks broad advice from the sector to inform the development of HEFCE's implementation proposals. The deadline for responses is 25 March 2013 and anyone with an interest in open-access publishing may respond.

You can view tweets from the event via [#OAintheUK](#) or a [Storify summary](#).



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Medical devices regulation

Debate on the regulation of medical devices has been sharpened recently due to the widely publicised failures of breast and hip implants, as well as proposed new European legislation for their approval and monitoring. The Academy has been working with the Royal Academy of Engineering on a number of activities.

Joint workshop on medical devices

The two Academies held a successful joint workshop on 16 January to explore new ways to establish medical device safety and efficacy. The workshop brought regulators together with medics and engineers from academia and industry to

foster discussion and cross-disciplinary learning. Professor Duncan (Gus) McGrouther FMedSci chaired a session on the nature of medical evidence and Professor Sir Alasdair Breckenridge CBE FRSE FMedSci provided the concluding remarks.

A meeting report is currently under development and will be published shortly by both Academies.

European legislation on medical devices

The two Academies submitted a joint response to a [consultation undertaken by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency](#), which will be used to inform the UK's negotiating position as proposed new medical device legislation progresses in Europe. [The response](#) highlighted key discussion points from the workshop on medical devices, as well as the points raised in relation to regulation of *in vitro* diagnostic devices at the Academy's Stratified Medicine symposium in October 2012.



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Animal research regulation

In December, we highlighted that the UK law governing the use of animals in scientific research was in the final stages of being revised to ensure its consistency with the European Directive 2010/63/EU. The Home Office Minister, Lord Taylor of Holbeach, signed the regulations into law in December, and most of the provisions in the regulations came into force from 1 January 2013.

The Home Office is now holding a public consultation on the draft Guidance on the operation of the Act, and the Code of Practice relating to the care and accommodation of laboratory animals.

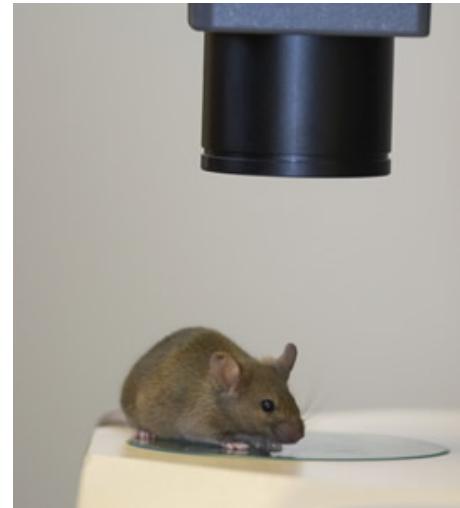
[The draft Guidance](#) explains what the [amended Animals in Scientific Procedures Act](#) requires and provides detailed guidance to holders of establishment licences, project licences and personal licences and new licence applicants. It also provides guidance on severity classification, humane killing and the accommodation and care of animals, including the status of Annex III to the Directive and current UK Codes of Practice. This guidance replaces the "Guidance on the Operation of the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 (HC321)" published on 23 March 2000.

The closing date for responses is 15 March 2013.

[The draft Code of Practice](#) on the care and accommodation of laboratory animals sets out the standards which must be applied by all users, breeders and suppliers from 1 January 2013 until 31 December 2016. **The closing date for responses is 29 March 2013.**

The Academy will be responding to both consultations as part of the UK Bioscience Coalition, which represents the perspectives of academia, industry, small and medium enterprises, learned societies, charities and other research funders.

The Academy is also continuing to work alongside organisations including Understanding Animal Research, Wellcome Trust, MRC and the AMRC to establish a Concordat that will develop principles of openness, practical steps and measurable objectives that will underpin a more transparent approach to the use of animals in research. The membership of the Steering Group, chaired by Dr Geoff Watts FMedSci, has now been agreed and will meet for the first time in February 2013. The Working Group will be established shortly afterwards.



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EU Data Protection

The Academy in collaboration with the Federation of European Academies of Medicine (FEAM) and the Wellcome Trust is briefing MEPs on our concerns about recent proposed amendments to the European Data Protection Regulation that could have major negative consequences for medical research. If passed, the amendments could inhibit vital research into important topics such as the link between smoking and lung cancer, the treatment of infection in unborn babies

and screening for ovarian cancer. The amendments have been proposed by a key MEP, Jan Philip Albrecht, who is responsible for leading scrutiny of the Regulation in the European Parliament. Specifically the amendments would mean that:

- Data concerning health could only be processed for research with the consent of the data subject.
- Member States could pass a law permitting the use of pseudonymised (key coded) data concerning health without consent, but only in cases of 'exceptionally high public interest' and with authorisation of the competent supervisory authority.
- Pseudonymised data would be considered within the scope of the Regulation, even where the person or organisation handling the data does not have the key enabling re-identification.

In addition this issue has been raised with the UK Government, European researchers and European policymakers. The Academy has been closely involved with advocacy around the Regulation since proposals were published by the European Commission in January 2012. [Click here for further information](#)



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Tier 1 Visas: Are you exceptionally talented?

Are you looking to recruit the best international researchers to your university? They may be able to come to the UK with an Exceptional Talent Tier 1 visa.

Each year, the UK Borders Agency (UKBA) welcomes up to 1000 people who are internationally recognised as world leaders in the fields of science and the arts, and who wish to work in the UK. The UKBA works with The Royal Society, The Royal Academy of Engineering, the Arts Council and the British Academy to carry out peer review on the applications in their fields. The Academies help to identify the very best applicants, and also those with exceptional promise. The Academy of Medical Sciences helps the Royal Society with applications for clinical researchers.

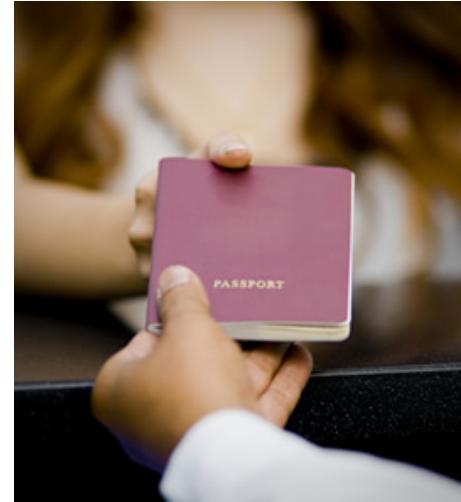
Most universities are used to recruiting staff using Tier 2 visas. **So far the uptake of the Tier 1 exceptional talent route has been low, and the UKBA and the academies are keen to increase the number of people making use of this.** The UKBA has just announced some small changes to the process, which they hope will speed things up and make it easier to apply.

Why use the Tier 1 route?

Tier 1 visas are linked to the person, not to a post. This gives both the university and the applicant more flexibility. For instance, if you have a visiting lecturer that comes regularly, perhaps to teach the same lecture course each year, then it may be more convenient to apply for a single exceptional talent Tier 1 visa than a series of Tier 2 visas. In addition, you do not need to complete a resident labour market test for the job.

And of course, there is the distinction to the department and the university in having your international researchers recognised as being amongst the very best in their field.

For more information see the [UKBA website](#)



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Funding open for Starter Grants for Clinical Lecturers

This scheme, for research active Clinical Lecturers, is a collaboration between the Academy, Wellcome Trust, MRC, the British Heart Foundation, Arthritis Research UK and Prostate Cancer UK.

It provides modest 'starter' funds to enable research-active Clinical Lecturers to

pursue their research work, gather preliminary data and so further strengthen their applications for longer-term fellowships and funding. Awards of up to £30,000 over two years are available to contribute towards research costs such as consumables and equipment.

Since it began in 2009 the scheme has delivered eight rounds of funding and supported 178 Clinical Lecturers with grants totalling just over £5 million.

The deadline for the ninth round of applications is **Monday 4 March 2013**. Decisions on these applications will be made by the Selection Panel in June.

[View further details of the scheme and eligibility criteria](#)



Starter grant awardee - Dr Kate Baker,
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Cambridge Institute for Medical Research

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INSPIRE scheme awards £300,000

The Academy has awarded all 32 UK medical schools funds for innovative activities to foster a research culture in all clinicians entering the NHS. [Click here to view a full list of INSPIRE awardees](#)

These awards are part of the £1M, five year scheme called INSPIRE which is supported by the Wellcome Trust and aims to stimulate medical and dental undergraduates to pursue scientific research. The awards are the first of two rounds, with an additional special project fund of £100,000 available to enable any high impact activities to be rolled out across the UK.

On the awarding of the grants, Professor Sir John Tooke PMedSci said: 'Inspiring students to pursue research is crucial for the future of medicine in the UK. By nurturing talent from an early stage, we can ensure that future patients will benefit from the latest breakthroughs in medical science.'

A wide range of activities and schemes were submitted, from a careers fair at [Hull York Medical School](#) to a matchmaking service that connects undergraduates and academics to plan research collaborations.

INSURE, a project run by the [University of Edinburgh](#), will harness two currently unconnected in-house electronic portals to establish a dynamic, online, searchable database of project opportunities, which could later be rolled out nationally.

The University of [Newcastle Medical Science Week](#) will increase awareness of ongoing research activity amongst students, using state-of-the-art lectures, visits to laboratories and special events. It will be open to all medical students, but targets them in their first couple of years as an undergraduate, at a time when career decisions are being made.

The [University of Southampton](#) are launching a mentoring scheme, where academics introduce their mentees to activities and workshops on academic medicine, and the [Plymouth University Peninsula Schools of Medicine and Dentistry](#) and the [University of Exeter Medical School](#) will be teaming up with the [University of Bristol](#) and [Cardiff University](#) to host "research taster days".

[King's College London](#) will be offering students a 'Day in the Lab', providing valuable hands-on research experience, as well as a journal club, a lecture series and an annual research conference.

The Academy will also run a series of conferences to enable medical schools to showcase activities and share learning.

Dr John Williams, Head of Clinical Activities at the Wellcome Trust, said: 'If we are to drive forward the translation of research findings into patient benefit, we need to attract more medical and dental students into research. INSPIRE offers this crucial group a series of creative programmes that we hope will inspire them to develop a research interest and go on to make use of research findings in their



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clinical practice.'

The second round of INSPIRE small grants will be awarded in 2014.

Academy leads strong research voice on the Shape of Training

The Academy has responded to the [Shape of Training review](#), led by Professor David Greenaway. The review will consider how postgraduate medical training can meet future patient and health service needs.

The [Academy submitted a detailed independent response](#) chaired by Professor Chris Day FMedSci. It called for future training to equip all trainees with the professional judgement to interpret, apply, embed and evaluate innovation and research across the NHS. We also want to see the training programmes develop and maintain a strong group of clinical academic leaders. The response particularly stresses the importance of:

- Delivering academic flexibility and protected research time.
- Nurturing future research leaders and providing sufficient training opportunities.
- Developing research awareness throughout the workforce.
- Moving towards more competency-based progression.
- Consulting with research funders as conclusions and recommendations emerge.
- Not inadvertently creating barriers to research training.

It is important that the medical research community responds to this review with a strong voice. To this end, we also coordinated a [joint response from 33 supporters and funders of health research](#). Signatories include the Association of Medical Research Charities, British Heart Foundation, Cancer Research UK, MRC Council, Medical Schools Council and the Wellcome Trust.



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Mentoring and outreach events

8 May 2013 – Mentor/mentee development workshop

41 Portland Place, London

A chance for Academy Fellows, whether currently mentors or not, to discuss mentoring, develop mentoring skills and share experiences.

6 June 2013 – Fostering industry collaborations

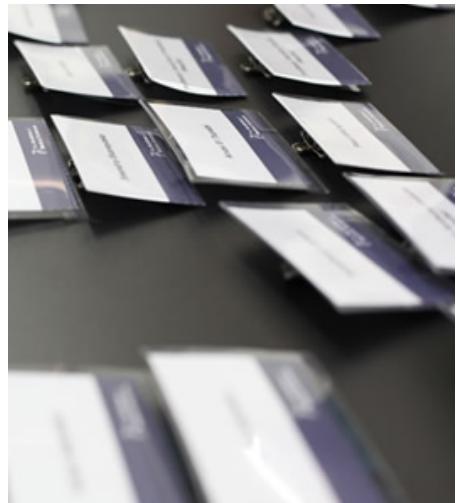
IBM, London

Keynote: Professor Ed Bullmore FMedSci, Professor of Psychiatry, University of Cambridge. An event to bring together medical researchers at all career stages to share discuss developing links with industry. Academy Fellows are encouraged to attend.

4 July 2013 - Mentor/mentee development workshop

Location TBD

A chance for Academy Fellows, whether currently mentors or not, to discuss mentoring, develop mentoring skills and share experiences.



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Annual FORUM Lecture

The Academy's annual FORUM lecture, now in its tenth year, recognises a key individual working at the interface of academia, industry and healthcare and provides an opportunity to promote discussion amongst FORUM members, Academy Fellows and invited guests. The 2013 lecture will be given by [Dr Ruth McKernan: Senior Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer, Pfizer Neusentis](#) on *The changing pharmaceutical industry and the opportunity for precision medicine*. It will be followed by a panel session chaired by the Academy's President.

The lecture will take place on 20 March 2013, 2:00pm at the Academy Medical Sciences, 41 Portland Place, London W1B 1QH.

This event is by invitation only, please contact the Office if you would like to

attend.



Dr Ruth McKernan: Senior Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer, Pfizer Neusentis

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Fellows Discussion Dinners

We are delighted to announce a further series of discussion dinners here at 41 Portland Place.

The evenings provide an opportunity for you to hear talks given by Academy Fellows and enjoy a three course meal cooked by the Academy's resident Chef.

All Fellows are warmly invited to attend one or more of the following discussion dinners:

11 March

The objectivity of subjective truths

Professor Semir Zeki FRS FMedSci,
 Professor of Neuroesthetics, University College London

29 April

Cholesterol modification and risk: past, present and future

Professor Rory Collins FMedSci,
 Professor Medicine and Epidemiology, University of Oxford

13 May

Unusual mice to understand Down Syndrome and other disorders

Professor Elizabeth Fisher FMedSci, Professor of Neurogenetics, University College London and Dr Victor Tybulewicz FMedSci, Head of Immune Cell Biology, National Institute for Medical Research

Events begin with drinks in the Fellows Room from 17.30. The talk will commence at 18.00 and discussion will take place over dinner, served at 19.00 in the Laurie Landeau Room.

Tickets cost £60 per person and include a three course meal with drinks. Fellow may book one additional place for a guest. Attendance is limited to 20 places so early booking is advised.



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Sackler Lecture

We are delighted to announce that the Raymond and Beverly Sackler Distinguished Lecture in the Medical Sciences 2013 will be given by Professor Richard Lifton MD PhD.

Professor Lifton is Chair and Sterling Professor of Genetics at Yale University and Investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

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Professor Lifton's lecture will take place on Monday 1st July at the Clinical School in Cambridge and will be repeated at the Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics in Oxford on Tuesday 2nd July.

Further details on timing and venues will follow. Please mark the dates in your diaries.

2013 Dates for your diary

New Fellows Admissions Day and Fellows Summer Soiree

The new Fellows admission ceremony will take place on 26 June 2013 at The Royal Society. Further information will be sent later in the year.

Annual Fellows Meeting

The Annual General Meeting, Jean Shanks Lecture, Honorary Fellows Admission and Fellows' Dinner will take place on Thursday 21 November 2013 at the Royal Academy of Engineering and The Royal Society.

We are delighted that Professor Michael Stratton FRS FMedSci, has accepted our invitation to give the 2013 Jean Shanks Lecture. Professor Stratton is Director of the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute, Cambridge, where he is joint head of the Cancer Genome Project, which aims to elucidate the genetic causes of human cancers. He is also Professor of Cancer Genetics at the Institute of Cancer Research.

The ceremony to admit our first Royal Fellow, as well as the 2013 Honorary Fellows will take place at a gala dinner at The Royal Society.

Places at the Dinner will be limited. Further information will be circulated closer to the time, but please put the date in your diary.



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Symposium supper package

The Academy's headquarters at 41 Portland Place provides a variety of spaces that combine traditional period features and contemporary facilities for Fellows to hold meetings and events. All fellows receive 20% off room hire and our in-house events team have designed a range of Fellows packages to ensure the booking process is simple, as well as affordable.

As the evenings begin to get lighter there has been a rise in requests for working dinner meetings to ensure your guests are well-fed and focused on the task in hand late into the evening. Our Symposium Supper package is exclusive to Fellows

Symposium Supper Package - £35pp +VAT

Includes room hire of the Ann Rylands or Laurie Landau from 4pm – late
Chef's choice hot fork buffet (seated)

Two servings or tea, coffee and biscuits

Still and Sparkling Water

Upgrade to half a bottle of wine per guest for an additional £9 +VAT

Minimum numbers of 6

Subject to availability

Fellows packages are only available to Academy Fellows and a Fellow must attend the meeting

To take advantage of this offer, please contact our Sales and Marketing Manager Ali on 0203 176 2177 or ali.blows@acmedsci.ac.uk

Profits generated through venue hire of 41 Portland Place are used to fund activities run by the Academy of Medical Science to ensure research is rapidly translated into benefits for patients.



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New venue brochure

The team at 41 Portland Place have developed a new brochure that showcases the rooms available for hire. You can [download a copy of the brochure](#) or contact

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