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NCRI newsletter

Greetings!

Welcome to our latest newsletter. [Abstract submission for the NCRI Cancer Conference](#) is now open so be sure to submit your research, the Conference is a great opportunity to showcase your work to the wider research community. We also have some exciting updates for you - we're pleased to [welcome four new Trustees to our Board](#), and we have recently become a [supporter member of the Association of Medical Research Charities \(AMRC\)](#), plus we have some announcements from our [Consumer Forum](#) and our [Cellular Molecular Pathology initiative](#). Read on to find out more and for other research-related news from the NCRI Partnership and beyond.

Best wishes
The NCRI Team

This issue's features

Showcase your research at the 2016 NCRI Cancer Conference

Join us to share ideas, develop collaborations and be inspired by the latest UK and international research. Play your part in helping to showcase the ground-breaking research at the UK's largest cancer research meeting. The NCRI Cancer Conference is the platform for cancer research in the UK, featuring research of international calibre. Submit your abstract today and gain recognition from your peers.

[Find out more](#)

Welcome to our new Trustees

We're pleased to announce the appointment of four new Trustees to NCRI's Board of Trustees to help strengthen our core purpose of promoting coordination and collaboration in cancer research. Welcome to Mary Basterfield, Alan Chant, Angus McNair and Cathy Scivier.

[Find out more about our Trustees](#)

NCRI is now a supporter of AMRC

NCRI is now a supporter member of the Association of Medical Research Charities (AMRC). As a supporter member we gain access to AMRC's networking opportunities, events, workshops and

member briefings emails. This is a great way for us to strengthen our connections across the cancer and wider medical research community and develop further opportunities for collaborative working in areas of mutual interest.

[Find out more about AMRC membership](#)

Updates across NCRI activities

Appointment of the NCRI Consumer Lead and Associate Consumer Lead

We're pleased to announce that Richard Stephens and Vee Mapunde have been appointed as NCRI Consumer Lead and Associate Consumer Lead, respectively. They took up their roles on 1 April and will work in partnership to lead the Consumer Forum.

[Find out more](#)

NCRI CM-Path Workstream Lead appointments and launch date

CM-Path is NCRI's newest initiative, which aims to reinvigorate pathology research in the UK. Following the appointment of the CM-Path Chair, Dr Karin Oien, CM-Path Workstream Leads have now been recruited: Professor Manuel Salto-Tellez, Professor Louise Jones, Dr Alex Freeman, Professor Gareth Thomas and Dr Stefan Dojcinov will be joining the initiative for its launch on the 6 June 2016 in London.

[Find out more](#)

New Chair and Co-chair for NCRI's CTRad initiative

Professor Anthony Chalmers, Professor of Clinical Oncology at the University of Glasgow and Professor David Sebag-Montefiore, Professor of Clinical Oncology and Health Research at the University of Leeds have recently become Chair and Co-chair of the NCRI Clinical and Translational Radiotherapy Research Working Group (CTRad). We caught-up with Anthony in our latest 60-second interview to ask about his current research, what he considers are the most exciting developments in radiotherapy research at the moment, and what he enjoys doing most outside of work.

[Read the 60-second interview](#)

Partner and research news

Breast Cancer Now launch new funding initiative

Breast Cancer Now have launched a new funding initiative called the Breast Cancer Now Catalyst Programme, bringing together Europe's leading breast cancer researchers and the world's leading pharmaceutical companies to provide exciting opportunities for breast cancer researchers across Europe.

[Find out more](#)

CRUK's new clinical research funding scheme now open

Cancer Research UK's new clinical research funding scheme - the Experimental Medicine Programme Awards - provides funding for studies addressing large, high impact translational questions in a clinical setting.

[Find out more](#)

The CREST Award announces call for 2016 nominations

The Cancer Research Excellence in Surgical Trials (CREST) award aims to increase the engagement of surgeons working with NCRI and NIHR CRN: Cancer, increasing the number of surgical trials, and the percentage of patients with newly diagnosed tumours who are approached about entering cancer studies.

[Find out more](#)

CRUK's upcoming twitter chat on patient centricity in clinical research

Co-hosted by Cancer Research UK's (CRUK) Centre for Drug Development and Medidata - and with insight from ECMC Network, the NIHR and others - this discussion will explore how patient and public involvement can drive improvements in clinical research and maximise value in drug development strategies. Follow the conversation using #PCTchat on Thursday 19May from 4:00pm.

[Find out more](#)

Launch of the CPMS

The NIHR CRN have launched the Central Portfolio Management System (CPMS). CPMS replaces the Industry Application Gateway and the UKCRN Portfolio database.

[Find out more in the NIHR's user guide](#)

HRA Approval update

From 31 March 2016, Health Research Authority (HRA) Approval is the process for applying for approvals for all project-based research in the NHS led from England.

[Find out more](#)

Reports, publications and resources

Highlights of Children with Cancer UK's first ever workshop on drug delivery in paediatric brain tumours

In February 2016, Children with Cancer UK hosted the first ever workshop on drug delivery in paediatric brain tumours. The aims were to bring together those working in relevant fields in order to share knowledge and experience and develop collaborations for new research to overcome barriers to progress. A workshop report and videos of selected speakers are available from ecancer.org.

[View the videos on ecancer.org](#)

Strategic Priorities and Spending Plan from the UK Research Councils

The UK Research Councils have published their Strategic Priorities and Spending Plan. The document provides a summary of the strategic direction and investment themes for the Research Councils' collective and individual activities. The plan follows the publication of allocation from the government's science and research budget, 2016-2020.

[Find out more](#)

Events and opportunities

[L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science Awards Ceremony PhD Poster Competition. Apply by 2 May.](#)

[Breast Cancer Now: Catalyst Grants. Expressions of interest by 2 May.](#)

[Cancer Research UK's Small Molecule Drug Discovery Project Award. Preliminary submissions by 9 May.](#)

[Children with Cancer UK: three new calls for childhood cancer research applications. Apply by 12 May.](#)

[ECMC Annual Network Meeting, London, 18 May.](#)

[Cancer Research UK's Clinician Scientist Fellowship. Preliminary submissions by 23 May.](#)

[AMRC symposium: New models of funding research symposium, London, 23 May.](#)

[ECMC Combination Alliance expression of interest call. Apply by 1 June.](#)

[Cancer Research UK's Biotherapeutic Drug Discovery Project Awards. Apply by 1 June.](#)

[PHE Cancer Data and Outcomes Conference 2016 in association with UKIACR. Manchester 13-14 June.](#)

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