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NCRI newsletter

Greetings!

Welcome to our latest newsletter.

It's only a month until the 2016 NCRI Cancer Conference, but there is still time to register to attend. In this month's newsletter, we introduce you to a special guest who will be joining us to record the event in a unique way, we speak to Basma Elbakary a new starter here at NCRI, and we give you the latest updates from our Partners, along with announcements and research from across the NCRI Partnership.

Do get in touch if there are other topics you'd like us to cover in our monthly newsletter.

Best Wishes
The NCRI Team

NCRI Cancer Conference latest news

Join us at the 2016 NCRI Cancer Conference, Liverpool, 6-9 November 2016

This year's event promises to deliver a pioneering programme featuring an excellent line-up of speakers and the latest advancements in oncological research. Standard registration has been extended until 16th October, so don't miss your chance to take part.

[Register online](#) now to secure your place.

Capturing the Bigger Picture



At this year's conference, independent graphic recorder Laura Brodrick of Think Big Picture, will be recording highlights of the event and illustrating and capturing feedback on the new NCRI strategy using cartoons and sketches. With over 30 years experience in the public service arena, Laura has combined both her creative and communication skills to record unique drawings that interpret strategic messages and important themes. During the Conference you'll find Laura in action at the NCRI Meeting Point where you can also discover more about the NCRI and its work.

[Click here](#) to find out more about Laura

Updates across NCRI activities

NCRI welcomes a new intern to the team

Basma Elbakary joined NCRI as an intern in September and will be working for three months with

Cardyn Chan on a radiotherapy capability mapping project in the CTRad initiative. We asked Basma a few questions about her background and interests.

[Read more](#)

'A Pathologist's Guide to Research and Clinical Trials' 9 December 2016

Our team from the NCRI initiative, CM-Path (Cellular Molecular Pathology initiative) will be jointly hosting this conference with The Royal College of Pathologists (RCPATH). The event will take place in London at the Coin Street Conference Centre, on Friday 9 December 2016. It'll be a great opportunity for trainee and consultant pathologists who have an interest in running clinical trials to meet and discuss topics including:

- The strategic importance of pathology in clinical trials
- Using tissue in clinical trials - rules and regulations, storage and access
- Pathology-based testing of tissues in clinical trials - performance, standardisation and quality control
- Funding opportunities for clinical trial pathologists



[Click here](#) for for further information.

Future of Surgery Workshop series

Register now to shape the future of cancer surgical trials. The team at NCRI welcome surgical consultants, trainees, patients, methodologists, trial unit staff and funders to join them for two upcoming surgery workshops:

Workshop 3: "Selecting Patients for Surgery", 23 November - Registration deadline is Friday 14 October.

Workshop 4: "Extent of surgery and peri-surgical trials", 17 January 2016 - Registration deadline is Friday 2 December.

For further information and to register [click here](#)

Partner and research news

The Francis Crick Institute welcomes its first researchers



In September 'The Crick', opened its doors to 1,250 scientists who together, will be investigating and understanding biological processes that could lead to pioneering drugs and treatments for conditions including cancer, stroke and motor neurone disease.

The Francis Crick Institute was founded by six key scientific and academic organisations including three NCRI Partners - the [Medical Research Council \(MRC\)](#), [Cancer Research UK \(CRUK\)](#), and the [Wellcome Trust](#), together with University College London, Imperial College, London and King's College London.

This pioneering biomedical research institute has an uncompromising commitment to excellence, an emphasis on multidisciplinary research, and a commitment to identifying novel ways of partnership working.

Role and priorities of UK Research and Innovation interim chair inquiry launched

The Science and Technology Committee will hold an introductory evidence session with Sir John Kingman, the interim Chair of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), on 12 October 2016. UKRI is the single strategic body proposed in the Higher Education and Research Bill, to bring together the seven Research Councils, Innovate UK, and Research England. Written evidence is invited on issues to put to Sir John, which could include:

- The role and objectives of the interim Chair of UKRI, including any research or other input from UKRI on the content of the Bill.
- The timetable for establishing UKRI, and early priorities for action.
- The governance of UKRI.
- The appointment of a Chief Executive of UKRI.

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CRUK Precision Medicine communications group

CRUK are recruiting people to join a Precision Medicine Communications Group. Members will have the opportunity to inform and influence CRUK's work at a variety of stages, supporting both specific projects such as the development of new information about precision medicine, as well as sharing ideas to help the charity to develop its precision medicine strategy.

[Read more](#)

CRUK Research Strategy Review Workshop

Cancer Research UK will be running a full-day workshop to review the progress made in research since the launch of their last strategy in April 2014. Attendees will have the opportunity to share their thoughts and opinions on CRUK's achievements to date with others affected by cancer. CRUK is offering an honorarium and expenses will be covered according to Cancer Research UK's expenses policy.

For more information [click here](#)

Call for proposals - accelerating precision medicine trials in prostate cancer

Submit your grant proposals for 'Accelerating precision medicine trials in prostate cancer' to Prostate Cancer UK. Prostate cancer treatments still lag behind other cancers, but precision medicine treatment will match treatments to individual cancer drivers and reduce debilitating side effects. Applications must be made online by the Principal Investigator using the [Prostate Cancer UK CC Grant Tracker system](#).

[Read more](#)

Clinical Trials fellowship award open for applications

This Fellowship supports clinicians with an interest in clinical trials and who would benefit from further training within a Clinical Trial Unit (CTU) setting. Cancer Research UK will provide funding up to a maximum of £50,000 per year for up to three years, to cover 50% of the Fellow's salary, running expenses and equipment. The CRUK Clinical Trial Fellowship Award applications are a collaboration between a Fellow and an experienced CTU. As the Fellow, you should be the Lead Applicant on the proposal and the Joint Lead Applicant should be a senior member of staff at an experienced CTU.

[Find out more](#)

New NCRI Clinical Studies Groups reports available to download

All CSGs submitted an annual report for the year 2015-16 and the Molecular Biomarker and Imaging Advisory Groups submitted their first report for this period. These reports are part of the mechanism by which NCRI monitors and reviews the activity of the CSGs, along with the international quinquennial reviews.

The review was carried out by a panel from the Executive consisting of the NIHR CRN Specialty Leads, NCRI CTSG, NCRI Head of Clinical Research Groups and consumer members at a two day meeting at the end of July.



[Download the latest CSG reports](#)

The Lancet 01 October 2016: 'How can registries and innovation improve surgical care?'

In The Lancet's current surgical-themed issue you can read about issues raised at our recent Future of Surgery workshop on Technology Trials in Surgery. The Editorial "How can registries and innovation improve surgical care" included mention of NCRI's workshop, hosted by the Royal College of Surgeons on England, and this issue contains many other articles highly relevant to surgeons.

[Read the Lancet Oncology article](#)

Events and opportunities

[The 9th Annual Royal Marsden Breast Cancer Meeting - Hot Topics in Breast Cancer. On 7 October at The Royal College of Physicians, London](#)

[Confederation of Cancer Biobanks meeting. On 17 October, Glasgow](#)

[The 48th Congress of the International Society of Paediatric Oncology \(SIOP 2016\). From 19-22 October, Dublin](#)

[The Marie Curie Annual Palliative Care Research Conference 2016. On 19 October, London](#)

[ICIS interactive Masterclass in Imaging of Prostate Cancer. On 24 October, Learning Tree, Stockholm](#)

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