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NCRI Newsletter

Dear<<First Name>>,

We've had another busy month here at the NCRI as we approach the launch of our new five year Partnership strategy. The strategy will be published on 25 April 2017 and will be marked with an event at the House of Lords. Ahead of the launch, we are already working towards our new strategic goals, and we recently welcomed Dr Stuart Griffiths to the team as Head of Strategy and Initiatives. Stuart is on secondment from our Partner, Breast Cancer Now, and will be helping us to implement our new strategy effectively.

In this month's newsletter, you can hear more from Stuart in the latest 60 second interview, read an update on our flagship initiative in Clinical and Translational Radiotherapy (CTRad), and get a flavour for what's coming up across the Partnership in the next few weeks. Also, preparations are well underway for the next NCRI Cancer Conference which will take place in Liverpool from 5-8 November. and early bird registration opens on 3 April.

Visit our [website](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#) to keep abreast of developments and for further details of upcoming workshops, meetings and events.

If you have any feedback on this newsletter, or you'd like us to share your news in a future edition, please get in touch via info@ncri.org.uk.

The NCRI Team

NCRI Updates



New NCRI Strategy to be launched 25 April

On 25 April, we will publish our new five year Partnership strategy at an event to be hosted by our Chair Baroness Delyth Morgan of Drefelin, at the House of Lords.

The strategy 'Accelerating progress in cancer research: A strategy for collaboration between cancer research funders in the UK (2017-2022)' has been developed in close consultation with our 19 Partners and other key stakeholders, and outlines four goals that will help accelerate progress in cancer-related research to improve health and quality of life. Details of the strategy will be available to download from the NCRI website on 25 April 2017.

60 second interview - Dr Stuart Griffiths

Dr Stuart Griffiths joined the NCRI in February as Head of Strategy and Initiatives and is leading on our strategy implementation plans. He also leads a team within the NCRI Executive who manage some of our key collaborative initiatives, including Cellular and Molecular Pathology (CM-Path) and Living With and Beyond Cancer (LWBC). Stuart is on a 12 month secondment from our Partner, Breast Cancer Now.



[» Read the full 60 second interview](#)

Latest Clinical and Translational Radiotherapy

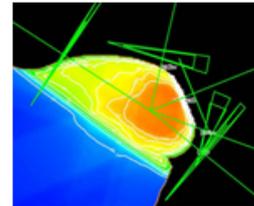


In the latest CTRad news bulletin, read about the Centres of Excellence in Academic Radiation Oncology Think Tank, and more on the CTRad UK strategy for internal mammary chain (ICM) radiotherapy research.

[» Click here to read the CTRad news bulletin](#)

Supporting development of radiotherapy research studies

Please submit your radiotherapy research proposals for the next CTRad Proposals Guidance Meeting by 19 April 2017. The meeting will take place on 7 June 2017. For advice between meetings, please use the Radiotherapy Clinical Trials Advisory Service (RADCAS).



[» Click here to submit your proposal](#)

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

29 March - last day to register for the Current and Future Challenges for Innovative Biomarker Development Workshop taking place on 12 April

The CM-Path biomarker workshop series will discuss the current and future challenges of innovative biomarker developments, and agree on the barriers for delivery of clinical diagnostics assays.

The workshop will take place on Wednesday 12 April, Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London, W1G 0AE. You can [Register now for this event](#) and find out everything you want to know about our CM-Path initiative, and its four ambitious Workstreams, by visiting our new CM-Path website <http://cmpath.ncri.org.uk/>

Please help us to recruit people affected by cancer (Consumers) to our Clinical Studies Groups

In May we will begin recruitment for Consumers to join nine of our Clinical Studies Groups covering a range of cancer types and topics including lymphoma, haematological oncology, head and neck cancer, psychosocial oncology and survivorship, bladder and renal cancers, gynaecological cancers, and screening, prevention and early diagnosis.

We aim to recruit people based throughout the UK, from all ethnic groups, all age groups, and with experience of any type of cancer. Please get in touch via info@ncri.org.uk if you can help us spread the word about these opportunities.

Conference news



2017 NCRI Cancer Conference: Earlybird registration and abstract submission open on 3 April

Join us in Liverpool 5-8 November 2017 for the 13th annual NCRI Cancer Conference where you will hear about the most recent advances in oncological research, gain further insight into state-of-the-art technologies, and develop new collaborations with colleagues from around the world.

To register and submit an abstract visit [NCRI Cancer Conference website](#)

Partner news

CANCER SUPPORT

The Macmillan Research Grants Scheme is now open for applications. To reach and improve the lives of everyone living with cancer, Macmillan invests in research that helps understanding of the numbers, needs and experiences of people living with cancer, and that generates the evidence needed to enable a better cancer experience.

Applications are invited for projects in the following areas:

1. The role of primary care in meeting the needs of people living with cancer
2. People living with cancer that cannot be cured
3. The use of digital technology to improve the experience and outcomes of people living with cancer

The deadline for outline applications is 8 May 2017.

[Find out more](#)



Patient Representative - can physical activity help prevent cancer?

Cancer Research UK will be running a three day workshop for researchers, community groups, and people affected by cancer on Sunday 25 June as part of the Cancer Research UK/BUPA Foundation Cancer Prevention Initiative. If you would like to help develop new research ideas and share your opinion to influence funding decisions by coming along as a patient representative please visit the CRUK website (link below) to find out more.

[» Visit the CRUK website for further information](#)



Help set the next Grand Challenges

In 2015 Cancer Research UK launched a series of £20m awards for scientists attempting game changing research. These ambitious grants allow international teams to take on the biggest challenges preventing progress in cancer research.

In the first round, seven Grand Challenges were set in consultation with patients, innovators and the scientific community. Cancer Research UK would like your ideas to guide their advisory panel, in reviewing and refreshing these challenges.

[» Find out more](#)

Other research news

Seed grants for innovative research

Against Breast Cancer is offering two Seed Grants in 2017 for innovative research that has the potential to impact the way metastatic breast cancer is diagnosed, treated or even prevented.



Seed grants are for up to £50,000 and for a maximum term of one year and can be used for preliminary data to be gathered to support a larger grant application, for a stand-alone project to achieve a stated goal or to enhance an existing funded project if it can be shown that such funding would add significant value and advance the research.

[» Find out more](#)

Upcoming events

1st Biochemical Society and Against Breast Cancer

understanding and knowledge in the field of onco-glycobiology. The forum aims to foster communication and collaboration to expedite research for earlier diagnosis, better monitoring and treatments for cancer patients, focussing on metastatic breast cancer.

Thursday 6 April, New College, Oxford

» [Click here to find out more and to register](#)



There Is A Light: BRIGHTLIGHT

There is a Light: BRIGHTLIGHT presents young patients' perspectives on specialist cancer care in England and is inspired by the BRIGHTLIGHT study, which was established through the collaborative work of the NCRI Teenage and Young Adult Clinical Studies Group. The play was first performed in Manchester in March 2017.

'Gloriously real and life-affirming; a masterful testimony to the power of young people's voices' Manchester Theatre Awards

'Very accurately portrays some of the main stages and issues faced as a young adult with cancer.'
Young, Wild + Fibroblastic

The play will be performed at the RCN International Nursing Research conference, Oxford on **6 April** and at the Homegrown Festival, Battersea Arts Centre, London on **Saturday 9 April**. 'There is a light' will also be performed at the 2017 NCRI Cancer Conference, in Liverpool, in November.

» [Click here to purchase tickets and for more information](#)



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