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NCRI Newsletter

Dear Colleague,

This month we are focusing on the progress and impact of one of our flagship initiatives, CTRad, which has embarked on a new funding period, along with an updated strategy. [We highlight its aims and progress so far in this blog post.](#)

Our team member Jessica Lee has started a new role as Strategy and Engagement Manager. She tells us more about her new role and what it will add to the NCRI's work [in this '60 seconds with' interview.](#)

The NCRI brings stakeholders together to accelerate cancer-related research through collaboration. We share an example of this in our [new video of a recent NCRI Brain Clinical Studies Group workshop](#) on brain metastases.

[You can now submit your ideas](#) for how the NCRI can further progress towards the goals set out in our five-year strategy.

We also have the latest news from our Partners, and events and opportunities.

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NCRI update



CTRAd: moving boldly into the next phase 2018-2021

Since its inception in 2009 NCRI's flagship radiotherapy initiative, CTRAd, has achieved considerable momentum and has been pivotal in accelerating progress in UK radiotherapy research. NCRI has secured a further three-years of funding for the working group from a subset of NCRI Partners and CTRAd is now due to enter a new and exciting phase.

[>>Read more about the programme's ambitions and progress so far in our new blog post.](#)

60 seconds with... Jessica Lee, our Strategy and Engagement Manager

Jessica Lee has recently moved to a new role within the NCRI Executive, and is now our Strategy and Engagement Manager. The aim of the new role is to facilitate collaboration and coordination across the NCRI Partnership to drive progress against the NCRI Strategy. Here, she tells us about her new role and what it will add to the NCRI's work.

[>>Read our 60 seconds interview with Jessica Lee.](#)



Accelerating research in brain metastases through collaboration: a recent CSG workshop



Early in March, NCRI, supported by Breast Cancer Now, Brain Tumour Research & Daiichi Sankyo, hosted a workshop that brought together clinicians, surgeons and patients across the areas of brain, lung, melanoma and breast cancer research, to discuss ideas for developing clinical trials in patients with brain metastases. Treatment for these patients is often challenging and there is a need for more high quality clinical trials to find improved treatments.

[>>Watch our video to find out more about the workshop.](#)

Submit an Expression of Interest outlining how the NCRI can further the goals set out in its strategy



We want to hear your ideas for how the NCRI can further progress towards the goals set out in our five-year strategy. Your idea might be as simple as running a workshop to consider a specific issue, or as large as a five-year initiative. We want to see ideas:

- That help the NCRI progress against our goals.
- Where it is clear that the NCRI can add value about that which could be provided by other organisations.
- That are related to cancer research.

[>>Submit your idea using the form here.](#)



Update: NCRI and NIHR workshop on research in acute oncology and cancer of unknown primary - follow-up

NCRI and NIHR held a joint workshop on research in acute oncology and cancer of unknown primary on 7 March 2018. The day was very well attended by experts, stakeholders and professionals across specialties and received excellent feedback from attendees. The NCRI Strategy Advisory Group has recently approved plans to create two task and finish working groups, which will be part of the NCRI Clinical Research Groups, to continue the work following the workshop. Watch this space for a future workshop report.

Conference news

Registration and abstract submission for NCRI 2018 now open!

It's official! Registration and abstract submission for the 2018 NCRI Cancer Conference is now open. We can't wait for you to join us in Glasgow and would like to reward all of you 'earlybirds' out there with the chance to **save up to £200** by booking your place at the Conference before 30 June 2018.



develop collaborations and meet new contacts.

Don't miss your chance to take part in the UK's largest cancer research meeting and secure your place at a discounted rate today!

[>>Register and find out more about abstract submission here.](#)

Partner news



Macmillan Cancer Support launches 2018 call for research

Outline applications are invited that address:

- 1) The impact of new developments in cancer treatment on people's lives.
- 2) How to most effectively get information about diagnosis and prognosis to people living with cancer.
- 3) Inequalities in experience and outcomes following a cancer diagnosis.

Maximum award: £250,000.

Closing date: 4 June 2018

[>>To apply, visit the Macmillan website.](#)



Care and support
through terminal illness

Marie Curie research impact report 2016-17

Marie Curie has published its annual research impact report showcasing the impact of the charity's investment in palliative and end of life care research in 2016-17.

[>>Download the research impact report here.](#)



MRC research calls: cancer research and global health

The MRC is pleased to announce their Cancer Research and Global Health Initiative, to support research that tackles the cancer burden faced by Low and Middle Income Countries (LMICs). The initiative includes a pump-priming call to support new collaborations with LMIC-based researchers, and an outlines call for substantive proposals.

[>>Click here for more information.](#)

Brand new Tenovus Cancer Care funding opportunity

Tenovus Cancer Care brings practical advice, emotional support and treatment to where it matters most; the heart of the community. Their new Research Strategy Grant invites applicants to apply for identified themes necessary to advance their services and activity provision.



[with >>Click here for more information.](#)

Upcoming events and opportunities

Call for proposals: NCRI Screening, Prevention & Early Diagnosis (SPED) workshop

The aim of this workshop is to help investigators with ideas for studies develop them into an application which can subsequently be submitted to a funding committee. We are currently inviting brief outline proposals from investigators in the areas of screening, prevention or early diagnosis to discuss at the workshop.

Deadline for preliminary applications: **11 May 2018**.

[>>Find out more.](#)

NCRI CTRad meeting: Proton Beam Therapy clinical trials meeting

18 May 2018

CTRad, in collaboration with the CRUK ART-NET group, have organised this Proton Beam Therapy (PBT) Clinical Trial meeting in Leeds on 18 May to discuss development of PBT clinical trials in the UK.

[>>Find out more.](#)

NCRI CTRad meeting: Molecular Radiotherapy meeting

8 June 2018

This meeting will review the challenges and opportunities for clinical trials in Molecular Radiotherapy, particularly focusing on investigator-led trials that incorporate imaging and dosimetry, and to discuss how the community can move forward.

[>>For more information and to register, click here.](#)

NCRI Lung CSG Annual Trials Meeting - call for new trial proposals

13 June 2018

The aims of the meeting are to bring together experts in lung cancer research to hear of the latest advances and emerging research opportunities, view the current portfolio and to share aspirations and agendas with other research groups in UK and beyond. It is relevant for medical oncologists, clinical oncologists, thoracic surgeons, respiratory physicians, radiologists, research nurses, trial coordinators and other medical professionals involved in the diagnosis, treatment and follow-up of patients with lung cancer.

[>>Find our more here.](#)

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Dragon Workshop will be held in the afternoon and we are currently inviting brief outline proposals from investigators in the area of lung cancer for the workshops. The aim of this workshop is to

help researchers to develop oncology studies in the area of lung cancer which can subsequently be submitted to a funding committee.

[>>For more information on submitting a trial proposal, click here.](#)



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