



NCRI Newsletter

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We have many more NCRI updates below, as well as the latest news from our Partners, and events and opportunities.

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NCRI news



Introduction to Dr Iain Frame, our new CEO

We were pleased to welcome Iain to the NCRI at the beginning of this month. Iain joins us from Prostate Cancer UK, an NCRI Partner organisation, where he was Director of Research. He's also previously been a member of our Board of Trustees, so is no stranger to the work of NCRI. In our latest 60-second interview, Iain tells us about himself and his aspirations for partnership working across cancer research.

[60-second interview with Iain](#)



Beyond the Horizon

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[Find out more and submit your suggestion](#)



Accelerating clinical research in gastrointestinal cancer

Registration is now open for the NCRI Upper Gastrointestinal CSG Trials Meeting taking place on Tuesday 2 October 2018 at the Hallam Conference Centre, London. The Trials Meeting aims to bring together experts in upper gastrointestinal cancer research to hear of the latest advances and emerging research opportunities and share aspirations and agendas with other CSGs and research groups in the UK and beyond.

[Find out more and register](#)



Improving outcomes for older people

To tackle one of the recommendations published in the 2015 Independent Cancer Taskforce, the NCRI held a workshop in partnership with NHS England last year to address challenges and seize opportunities to improve outcomes for older people in cancer. Here, Dr Richard Simcock, Clinical Oncologist at the Sussex Cancer Centre tells us more about the challenges in this area.

[Find out more](#)



Welcome to our new Trustee, Dr Matthew Hobbs

We're pleased to welcome Dr Matthew Hobbs to our Board of Trustees. Matthew is currently Deputy Director of Research at Prostate Cancer UK, an NCRI Partner organisation. Matthew brings with him a wealth of experience across research funding charities, the NIHR and NHS.

[Find out more about Matthew and our Board of Trustees](#)

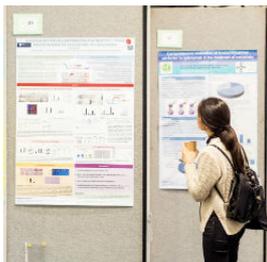


NCRI Clinical Studies Group member, Dr Amos Burke, wins Windrush70 award

Many congratulations to Amos Burke who has been honoured as part of NHS England's Windrush awards, for his contributions to cancer research. The Windrush 70 awards mark the 70th anniversary of the arrival of Empire Windrush and also the 70th birthday of the NHS. Amos has since been invited by the Prime Minister to a reception at No.10 to celebrate NHS70.

[Find out more](#)

Conference news



Late breaking abstract submission now open

Submit your late breaking abstract to the 2018 NCRI Cancer Conference for the opportunity to showcase your new data to over 1,500 delegates. You'll have the chance to present your work as an e-poster, get selected for an oral presentation and book a five minute slot in one of our Silent Theatres to present to an engaged audience. But you'll need to be quick, as submissions are only open until **Sunday 2 September**.

[Submit your abstract](#)

Partner news and opportunities

Bloodwise
The blood cancer research charity

Bloodwise: call for project applications

The Bloodwise project grants scheme is open. Projects are for up to £250,000 and up to three years for clearly defined research projects addressing key questions in the field of blood cancer. The remit of the scheme also includes research projects that maximise the value and outcome of a clinical trial. Deadline for applications is 4pm on 20 September.

[Find out more](#)



CRUK Clinical Trials Fellowship open for applications

Cancer Research UK are accepting applications for their Clinical Trial Fellowships. These Fellowships support clinicians with an interest in clinical trials who would benefit from further training within a CTU. The award provides match funding of up to £50,000/year for 3 years, covering salary and running expenses. Applicants must be clinically trained and should have completed their foundation programme. Application closes 20 September 2018.

[Find out more](#)



2018 International Scientific Conference on Childhood and Young Person Cancer

In conjunction with their 2018 conference, Children with Cancer UK will be announcing a £2m open-call grant round for work on investigating causal factors and possible interventions that may help reduce the numbers of new cases which are continuing to rise year-on-year.

[Find out more](#)



New MRC Researcher Co-investigator status for Post-Docs

The MRC has introduced the Researcher Co-Investigator (RCoI) status on applications for research grants. This status enables researchers who have significantly contributed to the grant writing and design, but who are otherwise unable to be a PI or Co-I, to be recognised for their contribution.

[Find out more](#)



Call for proposals to Research Innovation Awards now open

Prostate Cancer UK invites UK-based researchers to submit applications to their Research Innovation Awards funding scheme. They're looking for exciting research proposals that aim to have a real impact on the lives of men with prostate cancer. Deadline for expressions of interest applications is 12pm noon, 17 September 2018.

[Find out more](#)

Other news

Pancreatic Cancer UK's 2018-19 Research Innovation Fund is now open for applications

The Research Innovation Fund is intended to spur ideas and approaches in pancreatic cancer, including repurposing those successful in other areas of cancer that have justifiable promise for pancreatic cancer. Pancreatic Cancer UK invite applications for innovative approaches focusing on improving diagnosis, discovery of new treatments, personalised medicine and improving care. The deadline for applications is 11 October 2018

[Find out more](#)

Upcoming events

3rd EACR Conference on Goodbye Flat Biology: In Vivo Inspired Cancer Biology and Therapy

9-12 September, Berlin

Goodbye Flat Biology brings together researchers who are interested in the techniques and applications of 3D culture at the cancer biology, engineering and drug development interface.

[Find out more](#)

BACR Conference – Response and Resistance in Cancer Therapy

10-12 September, Canterbury

This conference will present and discuss the latest advances in understanding the mechanisms of drug resistance in cancer, the identification of biomarkers of drug sensitivity/resistance and how they can be linked to precision medicine approaches

[Find out more](#)

Workshop: Neurosciences and Brain Tumour Research: Joining Forces for Greater Impact

23 October, London

The Medical Research Council and the Brain Tumour Research charity are jointly organising a workshop to bring together the neurosciences and brain tumour research communities. The event will be an opportunity to discuss challenges, build partnerships and discuss funding opportunities.

[Find out more](#)

