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NCRI Newsletter

Welcome to our April newsletter.

Yesterday was World Immunology Day and we were delighted to announce our [new partnership with the British Society for Immunology](#). This exciting partnership will bring the immunology and cancer research communities together to drive collaborations and address challenges in immunotherapy.

Last year we launched a call for topic suggestions for Beyond the Horizon, our ambitious new meeting series that aims to facilitate knowledge-sharing and generate dialogue across disciplines to accelerate progress in cancer-related research. Following on from this, we're pleased to [announce the topic of our first Beyond the Horizon meeting](#). Keep an eye out for further details to come.

We currently have vacancies within our research groups and initiatives, as well as within the NCRI team itself. Please visit our [jobs and opportunities page](#) on our website to find out more. Opportunities include:

- Chair and Scientific Members within our Clinical Studies Groups
- Chair and Deputy Chair of our Cellular Molecular Pathology (CM-Path) Group
- Experienced events professionals to join our Conference and Events team
- We will also soon be recruiting for a Communications Manager – please get in touch if you would like to discuss this opportunity.

In addition, we have a host of other news, opportunities and updates from NCRI and the wider partnership. Read on for more.

With best wishes.

The NCRI Team.

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NCRI news



Partners in cancer research



NCRI and The British Society for Immunology announce new partnership

This World immunology Day (29 April) we were pleased to announce our partnership with the British Society for Immunology (BSI), bringing the immunology and cancer research communities together to drive collaborations and address challenges in immunotherapy through a series of joint initiatives.

[Find out more](#)

Topic for the first Beyond the Horizon meeting announced



Following an open call for topic suggestions, we are pleased to announce that the topic of our first Beyond the Horizon meeting will be 'Innovative Drug Discovery'. It is both a broad and timely topic, but also one where specific advances could have a huge impact on the way we treat cancer in the future. Please keep an eye out for further announcements in upcoming newsletters and on our website.

[Find out more about our Beyond the Horizon meeting series](#)



Prof. Mererid Evans appointed NCRI CTRad Deputy Chair

We are pleased to announce that Prof. Mererid Evans has been appointed as NCRI Clinical and Translational Radiotherapy Research Group (CTRAd) Deputy Chair. Mererid is taking over from Prof. David Sebag-Montefiore who has served in the role for the last three years and who has recently taken over the Chair position from Prof. Anthony Chalmers when the positions formally rotated on 23 April.

[Find out more](#)



Nominations open for the NCRI Excellence Awards

In celebration of the 15th Anniversary of The NCRI Cancer Conference we are delighted to introduce the NCRI Excellence Awards. Honouring research teams and other individuals who have made a significant contribution to cancer research. We are pleased to introduce three categories:

- Collaboration Award
- Impact Award
- Innovation Award

A special award will also be given for Outstanding Contribution to the NCRI. Applications are now open and will close on 4 August 2019.

[Find out more](#)



Highlighting need for more formal training and support for research in pathology

In a new paper, published in the *Journal of Clinical Pathology*, NCRI's Cellular and Molecular Pathology group (CM-Path) report the results of their survey on the attitudes of UK pathologists towards research and molecular pathology. They highlight the issues facing academic pathology today and potential approaches to help overcome these.

[Find out more](#)



Enhancing global collaboration

In our most recent blogpost, Abdul Mutabbir, NCRI's Data Analyst tells us about the recent International Cancer Research Partnership (ICRP) Annual Conference in Atlanta. As well as capturing funding data from our Partners to ensure research is funded strategically in the UK, NCRI also feeds in to the ICRP funding database as its UK member and participates in its Annual Conference, to enhance global collaboration and strategic

coordination of research.

[Read Abdul's blog](#)



NCRI at the 5th EORTC Quality of Life in Cancer Clinical Trials Conference

Places are still available for this EORTC event in Brussels, 16-17 May. Notable NCRI speakers on the programme include NCRI Consumer Forum members Roger Wilson and Richard Stephens, and Psychosocial Oncology and Survivorship CSG Chair, Galina Velikova. You can follow and join the Twitter conversation from our @NCRI_partners account.

[Find out more about the EORTC conference](#)



Chair and Deputy Chair vacancies

Our pathology initiative, CM-Path, is seeking a Chair and Deputy Chair effective from September 2019. Applicants are expected to have established reputations in their fields and an enthusiasm for innovation and a commitment to seeing improvements in academic pathology and clinical delivery to feed through to better outcomes for patients. The closing date for applications is 9 June 2019.

[Find out more and apply](#)



Vacancies now available for our new cross-cutting Clinical Studies Group workstreams

We are currently seeking applications for Chairs and Membership of the following workstreams:

- Acute Care and Toxicities
- Advanced Disease and End of Life Care
- Late Consequences
- Methodology
- Malignancy of Unknown Origin (MUO) /Cancer of Unknown Primary origin (CUP)

The deadline for Chairs applications is 13 May

[Find out more and apply](#)

The deadline for Membership applications is 21 May

[Find out more and apply](#)

NCRI events



2019 NCRI Cancer Conference: registration is now open

The countdown to the 2019 NCRI Cancer Conference has officially begun. Remember to take advantage of the early bird discount before 30 June.

[Find out more and register](#)



Register for the latest NCRI Trials Meeting

NCRI's Trials Meetings bring together experts in cancer research to discuss the latest advances and emerging research opportunities. The next Trials Meeting is:

Lung Cancer Trials Meeting

Will be held on Friday 10 May 2019 in London.

[Find out more and register](#)



Register for the latest NCRI biobanking workshop

NCRI's Cellular Molecular Pathology initiative (CM-Path) is running a biobanking workshop entitled: 'Do we really need another biobank?'. The workshop will host expert speakers from highly successful biobanks such as those of Breast Cancer Now and Bone Cancer Research Trust. Alongside speakers from patient advocacy groups, HRA and the Medicine Discovery Catapult. This is set to be a highly exciting and interesting meeting.

The workshop will be held on 14 May at The Francis Crick Institute in London.

[Find out more and register](#)



Register for NCRI Clinical Trial Unit Group Annual Meeting

The NCRI Clinical Trial Unit (CTU) Group Annual Meeting will take place on Monday 17 June in London. Topics will include:

- Innovative methodological outputs from flagship UK trials.
- An update on the Experimental Cancer Medicine Centres (ECMC) multi-stakeholder conduct of platform trials project.
- Key lessons learnt from challenging international collaborative trials.
- An update from The National Cancer Registration and Analysis Service (NCRAS) on routinely collected data.
- Identifying the right patient for the drug: The importance of Good Clinical Practice standards for biomarker analysis and biobanking in cancer trials.

A continuing professional development certificate will be provided after the meeting.

[Find out more and register](#)

Partner news and opportunities



The Early Detection of Cancer Conference

This annual event, a collaboration between Cancer Research UK, the Knight Cancer Institute at OHSU and Canary Center at Stanford University, returns 24-26 September and this year will be hosted by the Canary Center. The organising committee, led by Ashok Venkitaraman, Sharon Pitteri and Bree Mitchell, has put together an exciting and progressive agenda covering integrative early detection through multiple technologies; understanding susceptibility for early detection; looking for

signals in the immune system and microenvironment; and making prognoses from early detection signals.

[Find out more and register](#)

Coping with cancer information pages

Cancer Research UK would like help to organise their coping with cancer information pages by completing their quick online sorting exercise.

[Find out more](#)

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Strategy to improve research opportunities for teenage and young adult cancer patients

On 5 April, NIHR held a Summit where patients and professionals met to assess progress against the 2017-2020 NIHR Teenage and Young Adult (TYA) Cancer Strategy objectives. The meeting was attended by a wide variety of stakeholders, including parents and TYA cancer patients.

[Find out more about the Summit](#)



Tenovus Cancer Care Research Strategy Grant funding opportunity

Tenovus Cancer Care brings practical advice, emotional support and treatment to the community. Their Research Strategy Grants invites applications to address identified priority themes to advance their services and activity provision. Applications are open to Wales based lead applicants for 2 years of research funding up to £60,000. Deadline Monday 24 June

[Find out more](#)

Other news and opportunities



Target Ovarian Cancer: Translational Research Awards

Target Ovarian Cancer is delighted to launch a new national call for project grant applications. They are inviting bids for Translational Research Awards in ovarian cancer research, which have a particular focus on developing new targeted treatments and optimising existing treatments. Outline proposals are invited for submission by 12 noon on 28 May 2019.

[Find out more](#)

**Pancreatic
Cancer
UK**

Peri-operative precision radiation therapy meeting

Pancreatic Cancer UK are pleased to host this meeting on behalf of Dr Ganesh Radhakrishna, Consultant Clinical Oncologist, The Christie NHS Foundation Trust. The objectives of the meeting are to develop a coherent and systematic approach in order to implement and evaluate the utility of integrating precision radiation therapy techniques into the peri-operative pathway for patients with pancreatic cancer in the UK and to

develop a UK wide consensus.

[Find out more and register](#)



Survey about communicating research results

The School of Medicine of Cardiff University are running a survey to find out what steps researchers who carry out health related research are currently taking to communicate research findings. The survey is open until 30 June.

[Take part in the survey](#)



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