Top Stories

Congratulations to the  MSc Genomic Medicine team led by Prof Win Hide and Dr Janine Kirby who won their bid for a NHS/Genome England funded inter-faculty masters course to launch in 2015. This award has only been made to key genomics centres of excellence in the UK. Applications are now also open for the new **MSc in Translational Pathology (Neuroscience)**.

Staff and Student News

Welcome to our new starters in February

- **Mathew Shaw** mpshaw1@sheffield.ac.uk has started a PhD with Prof Pam Shaw and Dr Tennore Ramesh to develop a zebrafish C9ORF72 model of ALS funded by an MND Association Enhanced studentship award.
- **Emma Smith** e.f.smith@sheffield.ac.uk, already a member of Dr Kurt De Vos ‘and Dr Andrew Grierson’s team, has started a PhD investigating how the C9orf72 protein causes damage to mitochondria in C9orf72-related MND, where it happens and what might be done to prevent it.
- Sarah Almaghrabi Salmaghrabi1@sheffield.ac.uk is starting a PhD with Prof Mimoun Azzouz in collaboration with researchers at the Department of Infection and Immunity.
- Hannah Clemmens h.clemmens@sheffield.ac.uk, B24, is joining Dr. Heather Mortiboys’s team as a research technician.
- Ricardo Manca md4rman@sheffield.ac.uk, an Erasmus student, is gaining experience with imaging techniques in neurodegenerative diseases in Professor Annalena Venneri’s team.

Currently Recruiting

Prof Winston Hide is recruiting 2 post-doctoral fellows, 3 PhD students and 2 programmers. For details please visit [https://hidelab.wordpress.com/positions/](https://hidelab.wordpress.com/positions/)

Grants and Awards

- **Prof Markus Reuber** has secured a Health Services and Delivery Research (HS&DR) grant: Evaluating nuanced practices for initiating decision making in neurology clinics.
- **Prof Neil Lawrence** has obtained funding from the Technology Strategy Board—Innovate UK for “Enhancing the value of interactions with digital content” and has also obtained funding for a Marie Curie Fellow who will be joining the bioinformatics team in August working with Professors Neil Lawrence and Winston Hide.
- **Dr Chris McDermott** and the Sheffield Snood team have secured funding from I4I and the MND Association for the production and extended field testing of 100 MND neck support collars.

Publications

- miR-200 promotes the mesenchymal to epithelial transition by suppressing multiple members of the Zeb2 and Snail1 transcriptional repressor complexes. R Perdigão-Henriques, F Petrocca, G Altschuler, MP Thomas, MTN Le, SM Tan, W Hide and J Lieberman, Oncogene. In press.
The RNA dysregulation review published by the RNA group in Neuropathology and Applied Neurobiology (NAN) has been chosen for the front cover of the printed issue. After 6 months online, article level metrics rank the review first for NAN articles of same age and second for all tracked NAN articles.

Recent and Upcoming Events

- Dr Richard Mead presented at the “Translation in Biosciences Symposium” on 24th March 2015 at ICOSS in Sheffield.
- Professor Dame Pamela Shaw is a guest speaker at the next Sheffield Women in Medicine (SWiM) Networking event on 3rd March 2015, 5:30pm at The Medical School.

Public Engagement and Communications Activities - Science Week Events

- **Public lectures** - for full details and to register visit [http://www.scienceweeksy.org.uk/](http://www.scienceweeksy.org.uk/)
  - 5th March, 5:30pm, Prof Neil Lawrence, Jessop West Exhibition Space, 1 Upper Hanover St.
  - 13th March, 5:15 pm, Prof Annalena Venneri, SITraN—ARUK info stand
  - 17th March, 1-2pm Prof Dame Pam Shaw, SITraN—SYMNDa info stand
  - 17th March, 5:15pm, Prof Winston Hide, MedSchool L2. This is Professor Hides inaugural lecture followed by a wine reception. All welcome, please register!
  - 18th March, 5:15pm, Prof Oliver Bandmann, SITraN—Parkinson’s UK info stand
  - 19th March, 5:15pm, Prof Arshad Majid, SITraN—Stroke Association info stand
- **School visits** by our outreach team on 13th, 18th and 25th March; Dr Heather Mortiboys and Dr Guillaume Hautbergue will also visit local schools during Science Week
- **A-level workshop at SITraN** on Monday, 16th March from 2-5pm
- **13th March Discovery Night**, Prof Oliver Bandmann presents the zebrafish pod for the Bateson Centre, Firth Court, University of Sheffield

Neuroscience in the News

- Dr. Heather Mortiboys is featured in The Observer speaking about her Parkinson’s research
- Dr Daniel Blackburn’s research at SITraN is mentioned in connection with misdiagnosis of dementia in the Daily Mail
- Prof Pam Shaw is mentioned in a News Medical article in connection with the Sheffield women in medicine (SWiM) event on 3rd March
- An Interview with Dr Esther Hobson on the new TiM telehealth system and NIV web resource was published in the National Health Executive magazine for NHS managers. (Access via subscription only, please email me or Esther for pdf)
- The VPH-DARE@IT Newsletter Issue 3 is now available to download via [www.vph-dare.eu](http://www.vph-dare.eu) featuring Matteo De Marco’s profile and the ARUK meeting hosted by SITraN in Oct 2014.

Green impact

The SITraN team took over the Sheffield green impact blog from 16th-20th February - visit to find out about bee hotels, biodiversity and our epic tomato growing competition at SITraN.

Fundraising Events

- Fancy running the Sheffield Half Marathon on Sunday 12th April to support our local SYMNDA? Please contact Dave Trotter on 07552 984148 or davetrotter.southyorksmand@gmail.com.
- Calling for 10 volunteers for a collection for SITraN at Rotherham United FC Home game against Norwich City on 25th April 2015, app. 1-5pm. Please let me know if you are interested