Hello and Welcome…

to the 10th WHRI Newsletter. In this issue, we will be look back on our Annual Review of Teaching and Research and WHRI review day, say some sad farewells but also welcome arrivals, plus catching up with all the events and good news since May.

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On Thursday the 6th of July, for the first time, the William Harvey Research Institute hosted an Education half day. The aim was to highlight the education activities at the WHRI. Talks were given both by students and staff relating to their experiences teaching at the WHRI.

On Friday the 7th of July, the WHRI hosted the annual review day. The day was filled with great science, with excellent talks from all areas of the institute. Additionally, we were very privileged to hear talks from three great external speakers; Professor Iain McInnes from Glasgow, Professor Ashley Grossman from Oxford and Professor Bruce Constein from New York. A big thank you to them all.

Thank you to the Postgraduate committee for organising a fantastic party, comprised of a live band, burgers, paella, bubbles and luckily beautiful weather. An enjoyable evening was had by all!
Congratulations to Dr Ross King (CMR) from Microvascular for his prize-winning talk on the role of neutrophil-derived TNF on microvascular permeability (pictured below).

Also, congratulations to Dr James Whiteford (CMR) for receiving the WHRI Excellence in Teaching award for all his hard work and contributions to numerous teaching programmes.
Research into Arthritis Summer BBQ

On the 27th of July, CiTI in association with MATURA and Arthritis Research UK held a Summer BBQ on the Lawn at Queen Mary University of London’s Charterhouse Square campus. Members of the public with arthritis or any form of musculoskeletal condition were invited to meet scientists that work on arthritis research. They also had the opportunity to take a tour of the labs and visit the “interactive” stands which included games, a MATURA and an Arthritis Research UK stand. Although the British weather meant that we produced some very soggy burgers, the feedback from both the researchers and the public was very positive and we hope to hold the event again next year.

Publications of Note


Congratulations

Tamara Girbl (CMR) was awarded ‘Young Investigator Award’ at the European Vascular Biology Organisation (EVBO) conference in Geneva (May 2017).

Prof Korbonits, Professor of Endocrinology and Metabolism has been awarded the Keith Harrison Memorial Lecture from the Endocrine Society of Australia (below).
Regis Joulia (CMR) awarded WHRI academy international fellowship - £45,562.50 from October 2017.

William Hull (TMT) was awarded his PhD in June 2017, and has gone on to study Medicine at the University of Birmingham.

Dr Julia Ramirez and Prof Patricia Munroe were awarded a COFUND Marie Curie Fellowship in August 2017, with a duration of 15 months. This award will support the analysis of the association of genetic variants with T-wave morphology parameters derived from the electrocardiogram signal.

Gareth Purvis (TMT) was awarded his PhD in October 2017, and starts a post doctoral position in Oxford in the New Year!

Ermanno Capuano has been awarded his PhD by QMUL (primary supervisor: Pugliese; secondary supervisor: Petersen).

Events and media appearances

Dr Helen Warren - a video and written interview was published on the International Society of Hypertension (ISH) website in their section "Our Fellows Work" as an ISH New Investigators highlight.

http://ish-world.com/our-fellows-work/i/x/
New WHRI Members

Maria Pelei has started in Vascular Pharmacology in Clin Pharm after being awarded a fellowship from the Swedish Society of Medical Research. She will be with us for 2 years and will be investigating the effects of nitrite upon cell proliferation and inflammation in atherosclerosis.

Dr Bunny Saberwal will start in October 2017 as a PhD student in Advanced Cardiovascular Imaging (Primary supervisor: Pugliese).

We welcome Gerry Mclaren, our new institute manager!

Sharon Ajodha has taken on the role of Endocrinology centre administrator.

Centre for Microvascular Research says hello to Dr Kazuya Kobayashi as a post-doc from Japan, and Dr Mohsin Hussain and begins his PhD.

A big WHRI welcome to all of you!

Departing WHRI Members

After many years working within Ken Suzuki’s group, Microvascular bid farewell to Dr Yuki Ichihara to return to clinical practice in Japan. He will be missed by the centre!
A longstanding member of WHRI staff is departing Endocrinology. After 10 years of service at the Centre of Endocrinology, **Jonny Matfin** is sadly leaving us. Good luck Jonny!

**Dr Mihir Sanghvi**, clinical research fellow, has now started his core medical training at Whipps Cross, but will continue his research links with Prof Petersen’s cardiac MRI research group.

**Louis Little** is leaving WHRI to study medicine at UCL, and we would like to thank him for all his hard work.

**Dauda Bappa** is leaving his roles of TMT centre and PGR administrator to join GOSH ICH Biomedical research centre. He will be missed by many!

**Upcoming Events**

**William Harvey Day 2017**

**Date:** Wednesday 18th October 2017

**Time:** 09:00 – 19:00

**Venue:** Morris Lecture Theatre, Robin Brook Centre, St Bartholomew’s Hospital, West Smithfield

- **Registration is remains open for the Annual William Harvey Day on Wednesday 18th October 2017.**

- First formed in 1990, the day is an opportunity to celebrate innovation and expertise in research from researchers at all stages of career development, working in varied disciplines across Barts and the London School of Medicine & Dentistry. It is also a chance to hear from 3 eminent guest speakers.

- As well as the lecture series, poster presentations of work carried out by both students and staff within the School will be displayed on the day in the Great Hall and Pathology Museum.

- In the evening we remember our heritage with the traditional annual St Luke’s-tide Service in the church of St Bartholomew the Great in West Smithfield. The Address will be given by The Right Reverend Dr Rowan Williams, Master of Magdalen College, Cambridge.
and 104th Archbishop of Canterbury. All attendees are welcome to attend the service.

- **Please register** if you would like to attend the William Harvey Day event and service via Eventbrite: [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/william-harvey-day-2017-tickets-32184771518](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/william-harvey-day-2017-tickets-32184771518)

**Further information** regarding the day may be found via the William Harvey Day website: [http://www.smd.qmul.ac.uk/staff&students/william-harvey-day/](http://www.smd.qmul.ac.uk/staff&students/william-harvey-day/)

**Lets talk hearts**

Free heart talks for the general public. Next talk will be on 9th October from 4-6pm at Newham University Hospital, speakers will be Mohammed Khanji, Robin Poston and Riyaz Patel. For more information please email [letstalkhearts@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:letstalkhearts@qmul.ac.uk)

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**Centre for inflammation and Therapeutic Innovation (CiTI) Launch Symposium**

**Date**: Wednesday 1st November

**Time**: 09.30 - 17.00

**Venue**: Derek Willoughby Lecture Theatre, Charterhouse Square Campus, QMUL

Registration is now open for the CiTI launch symposium on Wednesday the 1st of November 2017.

The objective of this one day symposium will be to showcase the breadth and quality of the research supported by CiTI. There will be presentations and posters from QMUL staff and students linked to CiTI. Additionally, 4 key note lectures will be given by the CiTI
Arthritis Research UK chairs and invited speakers.

If you would like to attend then please register for this event via eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/citi-launch-symposium-tickets-36889766284

EVOluTION – European Vascular Interventions and Therapeutic Innovation Network

EVOluTION is a Marie Sklodowska-Curie Actions Innovative Training Network (ITN) PhD programme coordinated by Mauro Perretti and managed by Annabelle Scott at the WHRI. It has been designed to provide multidisciplinary training for 11 PhD students (3 of which are based at the WHRI) on various aspects of drug discovery and development including: preclinical and clinical research, commercial and business opportunities and intellectual property.

The network has now been running for over a year and is making great progress. The consortium has held two events in the Netherlands and Ireland and the final event of the year will be the Summer School, taking place at Charterhouse square on “The quest for Innovative Targets on Drugs”.

To find out more about EVOluTION activities, the students and their projects, please visit the website http://www.qmul.ac.uk/evolution/ and our facebook page https://www.facebook.com/evolutionpioneeringnetwork/
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