Welcome to July’s newsletter! We hope you are all enjoying the heat wave but if you would like to come in from the sun, why not join us on one of our events during this action packed month! We have several pop-ups this month as well as a Funders Showcase, scroll down for more information!

This will be the last newsletter from the PDC for this academic year. The team would like to wish you a happy summer and looking forward to sending you our next newsletter in September!

For more information about the Postdoc Development Centre (PDC) please visit our website, follow us on Twitter @ImperialPDC or contact us with any queries.

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1. Reps Award – 2015

The PDC would like to announce that the first PDC Reps Award is now open for nominations!

Has your PDC Rep done great things over the last academic year? Have they started a new initiative that you would like the College to know about? Would you like to put them forward for the PDC Reps Award?

If the answer is YES! Please complete this short nomination form. Closing date for nominations is Friday 10 July 2015 at 17:00.

The winner who will receive £500 toward a conference of their choice will be chosen by the PDC Reps and will be given the award by the Provost, Prof James Sterling at the next Reps meeting on 16 July 2015.

2. Katie Anders – PDC Consultant

This month we say a fond but sad farewell to Katie Anders - our PDC Consultant. Katie has been with the PDC since 2010 and (amongst other things) has made a significant contribution to both our strategy and vision. We will very much miss her and wish her well in her new ventures and life in Norway. Goodbye Katie!
3. Pop-up workshops – July and August

**Imperial’s JRF Briefings**

With the next round of the Imperial College Junior Research Fellowship being announced shortly, the PDC is offering all those who are interested in applying for the 2016 start dates, an opportunity to come and find out more about the scheme. During the session you find out: who can apply, what’s needed, when you can apply and there will be an opportunity to ask questions. The briefings will be presented by Dr Liz Elvidge, Head of the PDC who has a vast knowledge of the JRF process and has been on the selection panel for the Faculty of Engineering and Medicine.

South Kensington dates:
- Tuesday 28 July 2015 - 11:00 - Please sign up via this Qualtrics form
- Women’s Briefing - Tuesday 28 July 2015 - 12:30 - Please sign up via this Qualtrics form
- Tuesday 4 August 2015 - 13:00 - Please sign up via this Qualtrics form

Please remember to only sign up for one briefing session

**Pop-up: How to make the transition into industry**

*Monday 13 July 2015, 12:30 – 14:00, South Kensington*

*Have you thought about a career in industry? Would you like to know what key skills you need to work in a Pharmaceutical company?*

If you have an interest in moving into industry and would like to know more, then this pop-up is a great place to start! Dr Lynne Murray from MedImmune will be joining us to give a talk about her extensive experience of working in industry, how she made the career change out of academia and what key skills allowed her to make that happen. After the talk there will an opportunity to ask questions and to network over coffee.

To register for this pop-up, please complete the Qualtrics form which includes a section for you to record any questions you would like to ask Dr Murray.

4. Funders Showcase – Wellcome Trust

**Funders Showcase – Wellcome Trust**

*Monday 27 July 2015*

*15:00 – 16:30, South Kensington Campus*

The event will include:
- A talk from Shewly Choudhury, a representative from the Wellcome Trust – who will give details about the fellowships they offer and the application process
- Discussion with a current Wellcome Trust fellow at Imperial – who will give a personal perspective of the application process
- A Panel Q&A which is composed of the above as well as a member of a fellowship committee. The panel will be able to answer your questions and provide hints and tips on successful applications

Come along to find out about the available fellowship schemes and to get tips and advice on how to make your application successful.
To register for this Funders Showcase, please complete the qualtrics form.

5. Dan Brooke – PDC Advisor

This month we extend a warm welcome to Dan Brooke who will be our PDC Advisor. Dan has been at Imperial since 2007 and brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise of the College and training. Welcome Dan!

6. Postdoc reps – upcoming events

Have you met your departmental postdoc rep? Do you know what events are being organised by postdoc reps for your department or campus?

If not, get involved and take a look at some of the upcoming events taking place across the College:

Department of Medicine – Postdoc Career Symposium
*New Date* Thursday 23 July 2015, 12:45 - 19:00, Wolfson Centre, Hammersmith Hospital

All are warmly invited to the first Department of Medicine (DoM) Postdoc Career Symposium organised by the DoM Early Career Committee, which will cover sessions on: Grantsmanship and Publishing, as well as breakout sessions on Climbing the Career Ladder breakout sessions for non-clinical postdocs and clinical lecturers.

The non-clinical postdoc session will include talks from successful research fellows, ex-postdocs who have succeeded in alternative careers, and a special webinar from Dr Isiah Henkel, a consultant for Cheeky Scientist who specialises in supporting postdocs moving from academia to industry.

The clinical lecturer breakout session will take the format of a panel discussion about clinical academic career strategies. The panel will consist of five senior Imperial clinician scientists/educators and the session is designed to be informal and interactive. It will be a great chance to meet up with Imperial peers and talk candidly about career progression with senior clinical academics.

For further information please contact Vicky Salem. Lunch and refreshments will be provided, followed by a wine reception.

Please register in advance here
All those who register will go into a prize draw to win a free copy of Black Hole Focus by Isiah Henkel. All are welcome!

Hammersmith - Non-Academic CV workshop
Tuesday 21 July 2015, 15:00, 2nd floor CSC seminar room
Are you considering a career outside academia? Have you ever wondered how to tailor your current postdoc skills to fit a job description?

Improve your CV over a slice of pizza at our CV workshop, designed for you to grow your opportunities
outside academia. Look at different types of CVs; discuss how to approach writing your CV and where to get job inspiration. Learn the tips you need to have a high impact CV which will help you stand out from the crowd! This non-academic CV workshop is brought to you by the Hammersmith PDC Reps and the PDC.

**Faculty of Engineering Coffee Morning – Hosted by Civil Engineering**
**Wednesday 22 July 2015, 10:00 – 11:00, Room 315, Skempton Building**

Following another successful Faculty of Engineering (plus Centre for Environmental Policy) coffee morning last month hosted by the Department of Bioengineering. The Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering will be hosting the next meeting on **22 July 2015**.

The first two coffee mornings have been a great success with around 60 postdocs attending; providing a great opportunity to network with the other engineering departments, and to catch up with existing friends and collaborators. We encourage everyone to come along to enjoy drinks and cakes and network with your colleagues!

Please contact your departmental rep if there are any issues you would like them to raise at the next termly postdoc reps meeting.

### 7. Fellows Science Communication Workshop

**Fellows Science Communication Workshop**
**Monday 20 July 2015, 09:30 – 16:00, South Kensington Campus**

*Your work has just been published in Nature: what do you say to the journalist who has just called? You want to engage the students you teach, but how do you make sure you are the Lecturer they remember for all the right reasons?*

Science poorly told is science poorly done (and funded). How you craft your story (be it for results or a proposal pitch) can hinge on your communication skills. Having this set of skills is become more and more important for fellows in this competitive arena.

With this in mind the PDC have invite Dr Shane Bergin, (an Imperial alumnus) a Physics Lecturer and Science Communicator at Trinity College Dublin and Dr Aoibhinn Ni Shuilleabhain, a Mathematics Lecturer and Broadcaster, to run a one-day workshop on science communication where they will draw on their extensive experience, both as academics and expert communicators to enable you to better promote your science and gain the recognition it deserves.

What you can expect from the workshop:
- Improve your practical science communication skills through mock interviews, presentations, job application talks and debates
- Know your environment and the appropriate science communication tool to use
- Discuss the underlying theories of science communication & how effective communication can have real impact on your research career

If you would like to attend this workshop, please complete the Qualtrics form.

### 8. Call for nominations: Researcher’s Choice Communications Award 2015

Elsevier and the Fulbright Commission have launched a new Researcher’s Choice Communications Award (2015), rewarding early career researchers who are excellent at communicating their scientific
ideas to the public.
Do you know an early career researcher who has gone above and beyond the publication of their research paper, and used a public activity to address misleading information about scientific or medial issues; bring sound evidence to bear in a public or policy debate or helped people to make sense of a rather complex scientific issue?

The winner will receive a research grant of £1,500 to support further research on their subject of choice, as well as being given further opportunities to communicate their research to the scientific community.

**How to nominate**
Early career researchers with a passion for communicating can be nominated in a public forum on the scientific social network Mendeley. Those new to Mendeley will need to register for a free account or, alternatively nominations can be emailed to elsevier@kaizo.co.uk.

To nominate visit the Mendeley group and enter the researcher’s name, age, institute and the reason for the nomination, along with links to supporting evidence such as a blog, Twitter account or a YouTube video. Nominations will be accepted until 31 August 2015. Please follow the link to the voting website.

**Voting**
Once the nomination has gone live on Mendeley; individuals can invite their peers and colleagues to ‘like’ the nomination. Please note - every ‘like’ is a vote - and nominees with the most ‘likes’ will be shortlisted and a panel of judges will select the final winner.

9. **Postdoc in Medicine, your doctoral and postdoc experience counts**

Are you a Postdoc or Fellow in Medicine? If so, the University of Oxford would like to you to complete a short anonymous survey (duration 10 – 15 min) to gather information about your challenges and successes in developing as a researcher. To complete the survey, please follow the link

The survey results will be used to create a public online resource for future researchers, which will be made available on their website.

10. **Courses run by the Postdoc Development Centre**

The team is currently scheduling new course dates for 2015-16; please take a look at our website in mid-September for more information.

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