

New Hope of Dignity for People with Stroke

The University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) has received a £1.2 million grant awarded by the Department of Health (National Institute for Health Research) to research new ways of assessing and managing urinary incontinence after stroke. The project, ICONS: Identifying Continence Options after Stroke, will develop and test a package of care designed to increase the number of stroke survivors with urinary incontinence who become continent again.

The research, headed by Professor Caroline Watkins and Dr Lois Thomas at UCLan, is a collaborative project between Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Wirral University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, the Clinical Practice Research Unit at the University of Central Lancashire, and the Universities of Bangor, Edge Hill, Glasgow, Glasgow Caledonian, Leeds and Newcastle upon Tyne.



Professor Caroline Watkins



Dr Lois Thomas

Professor Caroline Watkins at UCLan commented: "We are delighted to have been awarded this funding as we are about to embark on a significant piece of research that will provide valuable insights into how best to care for incontinent stroke patients. Ultimately, this could improve such stroke patients' lives significantly, most importantly because it could restore their dignity. There has been little high quality research into nursing topics after stroke; this flagship project into a key topic for nursing may prompt further robust research to increase the evidence base of nursing interventions with patients after stroke." The programme will involve 13 stroke services and around 850 patients in total, with the potential for further roll out across 30 stroke services.

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The Professor Mary Robertson Prizes 2009

Professor Mary Robertson and Tourettes Action invite entries for a new annual essay prize for medical students and for medical trainees (in any speciality or grade) on any aspect of the Gilles de la Tourette syndrome.

Entries do not need to contain original data. Closing date: February 28, 2009. Award of Prizes: March 28, 2009.

For details please see
<http://tourettes-action.squarespace.com/prof-mary-robertson-prizes/>



Honours for Institute Staff

Professor Geraint Rees (Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, Wellcome Trust Centre for Neuroimaging) was recently awarded the 2009 Goulstonian Lecture, which he will deliver at the Royal College of Physicians of London on 26th February 2009. He will discuss recent advances in brain imaging technology that show it is possible to accurately decode changes in an individual's conscious awareness based only on non-invasive measurements of their brain activity. These 'brain reading' abilities may transform



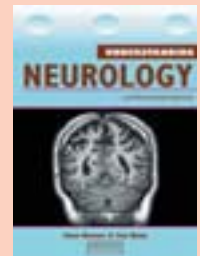
Professor Geraint Rees

our understanding of the brain, and provide important new medical insights; but they also raise important ethical issues concerning the privacy of personal thought. Rees will describe recent work in this area, while setting it in the broader context of medical diagnosis and treatment.

For more information see
www.ion.ucl.ac.uk

Understanding Neurology Competition Winners

Congratulations to Saleem Khan and Sarah Pashley who entered our competition in the last issue of ACNR. They win copies of *Understanding Neurology* by John Green and Ian Bone, courtesy of Manson Publishing.



Carl Zeiss Wins Thuringian Innovation Award for Fourth Time



Carl Zeiss has been awarded the 2008 Thuringian Innovation Award for the LSM 710 Laser Scanning Microscope. This is the fourth time in the eleven years that the Competition has been running that Carl Zeiss has been selected to receive the Innovation Award, which is presented to highlight the significance of future-oriented innovations and design excellence for manufacturing companies

and research institutes. "Research conducted with multifluorescent-labelled living cells is of fundamental importance in the quest for a better understanding of the disease process," explains Aubrey Lambert, Carl Zeiss UK. All areas of biological research will benefit from the LSM 710's enhanced image quality, improved flexibility for experiments and new optical and technical details. Featuring outstanding sensitivity, the LSM 710 provides high-contrast, detailed images - even of complex specimens such as thick, living tissue samples.

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Greenfield's Neuropathology Prize Winner

Congratulations to Dr Zandi from Cambridge, who won a copy of *Greenfield's Neuropathology, Eighth Edition* in the prize draw in our Nov/Dec issue.

