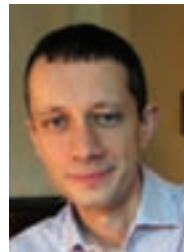


New member of the team for ACNR

We are delighted to welcome Dr Mike Zandi to the team at ACNR, as a co-editor to assist Roger Barker and Alasdair Coles. Mike is an Honorary Specialist Registrar in Neurology at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge and a Research Fellow at Cambridge University. His research interests are in neuroimmunology, biomarkers and therapeutics in particular.

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Professor Jon Driver awarded a Professorship



Professor Driver (Wellcome Department of Imaging Neuroscience, UCL Institute of Neurology) is one of a handful of leading scientists to receive the prestigious award, which has been made in celebration of the Royal Society's 350th anniversary.

The award will allow Professor Driver to devote himself to his research on perception, selective attention and multisensory integration – the interplay between different senses – in the normal and damaged human brain.

Professor Driver will hold the award for the next decade, in the Wellcome Trust Centre for Neuroimaging at UCL, and in the UCL Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, where he was previously Director.

Lord Rees, President of the Royal Society, said, "The individuals selected as Research Professors for the Society's anniversary year are the epitome of world-class scientists. All have already made highly distinguished contributions to their fields. We hope that these professorships will offer them the optimal opportunity to enable them to make further breakthroughs that will enrich science and society."

Informa wins at BMA book awards

Informa Healthcare have won top honours at this year's BMA Medical Book Competition. Dr Eduardo E Benarroch's *Mayo Clinic Medical Neurosciences: Organized by Neurologic Systems and Levels* won first prize in the Neurology category.

"We are delighted with this award from the highly respected BMA Medical Book Competition," says Lindsey Roberts, CEO at Informa Business Information. "Winning top honours and commendations in four categories is testament to the relevance of our titles as well as to the talent of our authors, editors and publishers."

Mayo Clinic Medical Neurosciences aims to set a new standard for excellence in introductory medical neuroscience education. The authors utilise unique skill-building methods that facilitate learning through problem solving, while keeping students engaged and focused. "This is a refined, very informative, and easily readable text. I liked



the clarity of the writing and illustrations. It was a good balance of information and detail," says Dr Morrison, Neurologist from the BMA Awards Programme. "I very much liked this text - it is the highlight of the BMA Medical Books competition for me this year. I will use this as a clinical neurologist, and I will encourage my colleagues to do the same."

"The fact that this book is written by physicians at the Mayo Clinic – one of the most recognised and influential medical institutions in the world – and also that it has been recognised by leaders in its field as a stand-out publication would be enough to ensure pride of place in Informa's catalogue," explains Lindsey. "Winning the BMA Medical Books Award makes it very special, indeed."

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Professor Sander receives American Epilepsy Society 2009 Clinical Science Award

Professor Josemir (Ley) W Sander, of the Department of Clinical and Experimental Epilepsy (UCL Institute of Neurology, London) has been named recipient of the 2009 Epilepsy Research Recognition Award for Clinical Science conferred by the American Epilepsy Society (AES). The award recognises Professor Sander for pioneering research into epilepsy, its treatment and consequences in developing countries around the world.

The Epilepsy Research Recognition Award is part of the AES's public recognition programme to encourage and reward clinical and basic science



investigators whose research contributes to the effort to understand and conquer epilepsy. This year's award for clinical science will be presented on December 7th during the Society's 63rd Annual Meeting in Boston.

Professor Sander's research is focused on epilepsy outcomes in terms of remission, as well as premature death and its causes; other health complications associated with the disorder; genetic aspects of epilepsy; and the management of epilepsy in resource-poor settings. Professor Sander holds the UCL Established Chair of Epilepsy, funded by the National Society For Epilepsy.

Professor receives Fulbright award to further Muscular Dystrophy research

University of Portsmouth Professor Darek Gorecki has won a Fulbright Distinguished Scholarship, one of just about two awards conferred annually to outstanding UK professionals or academics by the Fulbright Commission. The awards are highly competitive and previous Fulbright Scholars include 39 Nobel prize-winners.

The award will fund the professor to travel to the US to partner with Harvard, where he will continue his research into the hereditary and lethal muscle weakening disease, muscular dystrophy.

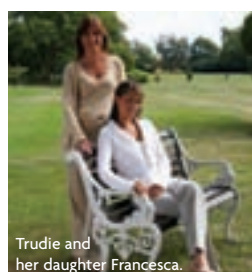
Professor Gorecki is undertaking further research into the role of a specific protein, known as the P2 receptor. The aim is to understand how the absence of dystrophin, the protein which muscular dystrophy sufferers have a deficiency of, affects the production and function of this receptor. He believes that abnormalities in the P2 receptor found in dystrophic muscle cells may be contributing to the progressive muscle damage.



STARS Founder and CEO awarded MBE

Trudie Lobban, Founder and Chief Executive of STARS (Syncope Trust And Reflex anoxic Seizures) was awarded an MBE for her work for STARS and services to Healthcare. The charity was founded in March 1993 after her daughter, Francesca was diagnosed as having RAS.

John Camm, Professor of Clinical Cardiology at St George's University of London Hospital said,



Trudie and her daughter Francesca.

"There is no one more deserving of this honour. Trudie has worked hard for children with the symptoms of sudden loss of consciousness. I am very impressed by the energy and dedication that Trudie gives to this and her other charities in the field of heart rhythm disturbances. Her work has improved the quality of life for so many."