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Magstim Young Investigator Award and Poster Prizes



Pioneering research into the diagnosis and treatment of a number of neurological conditions through magnetic stimulation was recently celebrated at the 3rd annual Magstim TMS Summer School. The event, held in conjunction with University College London (UCL), saw the announcement of the Magstim Young Investigator Award and Poster Prizes.

Dr Charlie Stagg of the University of Oxford received the Young Investigator Award for her work in exploring the potential use of TMS and tDCS as post stroke rehabilitative therapies, whilst the 2009 Poster Prize was awarded to Marius Moisa of the Max Planck Institute for Biological Cybernetics, Germany. Mr Moisa and colleagues developed a novel method which combines TMS and continuous arterial spin labelling (CASL) for the first time as an alternative to more traditional imaging methods to assess the effect of TMS on brain connectivity. This new combination enables the measurement of both blood oxygenation level-dependant (BOLD) signal and blood perfusion, an important advantage when studying the effects of TMS on brain connectivity.

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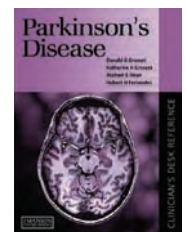
Professor Rossor wins 2009 Bengt Winblad Lifetime Achievement Award

Professor Martin Rossor has been recognised by the The Alzheimer's Association for his achievements in advancing Alzheimer's research. The 2009 Bengt Winblad Lifetime Achievement Award was awarded to Martin Rossor, MD, Head of the Division of Neurology and Director of the Dementia Research Centre at the UCL Institute of Neurology and the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, Queen Square, London. Dr Rossor's research includes studying familial Alzheimer's disease and familial frontotemporal lobar degeneration. Longitudinal studies of at risk individuals from affected families has helped identify the first clinical and imaging changes that signal the onset of disease.



Competition Winners

Congratulations to the two winners of our competition, who each win a copy of Parkinson's Disease – Clinician's Desk Reference from Manson Publishing. The winners were Tessa Bennett from Farnham Hospital, and Claire Robinson from the Birmingham Learning Disability Service. Thank you to Manson Publishing for providing the prizes.



New research grants for Research on Ring Chromosome 20 Syndrome

The first international symposium dedicated to the treatment of genetic epilepsy condition ring chromosome 20 syndrome took place at the 28th International Epilepsy Congress. Medical professionals from around the world specialising in the treatment of r(20) gathered with over 250 delegates to share new research findings and learn about upcoming research.

Three new research grant awards were presented to Antonio Gil-Nagel MD from Spain, Franck Semah MD from France, and Nancy B. Spinner PhD from the USA. Ring chromosome 20 syndrome, r(20), is a chromosomal anomaly resulting from the joining of each end of chromosome 20 resulting in ring formation. This syndrome is characterised by medically intractable epilepsy, nocturnal subtle seizures, behavioural problems and mild mental impairment. Dysmorphism is rarely reported. Unfortunately, diagnosis is missed or delayed due to under-utilisation of chromosomal testing in epilepsy patients. The symposium was filmed and will be available at www.ring20.org

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