



## The BNPA is pleased to announce their 24th Annual General Meeting - 10/11 February 2011

With a joint meeting, 9 February, with the Section of Neuropsychiatry, RCPsych

### “Sleep (SoN/BNPA), Neuropsychiatry of Parkinson’s Disease, Neuropsychiatry and the New Genetics, Diagnostic Challenges”

Venue: Institute of Child Health, London.

Online Registration now open [www.bnpa.org.uk](http://www.bnpa.org.uk)



Prof Eileen Joyce  
Chairman

The BNPA’s annual meeting in 2011 will once again open with a one day symposium held jointly with the Section of Neuropsychiatry of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. This year the theme of the day will ‘Sleep’ and talks will be given by neuroscientists, neurologists and psychiatrists. The morning session will cover the neurobiology of sleep, circadian disorders, narcolepsy and parasomnias and sleep problems caused by external factors such as breathing difficulties and restless legs. The afternoon session will be devoted to practical issues including how to assess a patient complaining of sleep problems, how to apply CBT techniques and the pharmacological management of sleep disorders.

The second day of the meeting will include a symposium on the ‘Neuropsychiatry of Parkinson’s Disease’. This session will provide an update on the current understanding of Parkinson’s disease aetiology and the different cognitive phenotypes (Roger Barker), novel treatments including deep brain stimulation (Tom Foltynie), dopamine dysregulation disorder and impulsive-compulsive behaviours in Parkinson’s disease (Andrew Lees) and psychosis in Parkinson’s disease and Lewy Body Disease and its management. Trevor Robbins will be our guest lecturer and speak on dopamine function in health and disease.

On the closing day, the morning session will be devoted to ‘Neuropsychiatry and the New Genetics’. Talks will cover: gene/environment interactions; pharmacogenetics; neuroimaging genetic and discovery of the language gene. As is traditional, the afternoon session will be thought provoking and address the issue of ‘Diagnostic Challenges’. This will include a talk by Nick Craddock on ‘Dimensions or categories: what the new genetics tells us about neuropsychiatric disorders’.

#### 10/11 February Speakers and Topics to include:

##### Neuropsychiatry of Parkinson’s Disease

Roger Barker (UK)	“Recent advances in Parkinson’s Disease”
Tom Foltynie (UK)	“Novel treatments for PD”
Andrew Lees (UK)	“Non-motor symptoms of PD”
Ian McKeith (UK)	“Psychosis in PD and Lewy Body Disease”
Key note: Trevor Robins (UK)	“Dopamine function in health and disease”

##### Neuropsychiatry and the New Genetics

Simon Well (UK)	“New methods of genome sequencing”
Jon Roiser (UK)	“Imaging Genetics”
Marcus Munafo (UK)	“Gene-environment interactions in the predisposition to psychiatric disorders”

##### Diagnostic Challenges

Nick Craddock (UK)	“Dimensions or categories: what the new genetics tells us about neuropsychiatric disorders”
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## The essentials of neuropsychiatry

Neurology and Psychiatry SpRs Teaching Weekend  
 10-12 December 2010  
 St Anne's College - Oxford  
 www.st-annes.ox.ac.uk

This weekend course, aimed at Specialist Registrars in neurology and psychiatry, will review key areas of neuropsychiatry. Topics will include neurological and psychiatric history taking and examination, investigations (MRI, EEG), psychological presentations of neurological disorder, 'neurological' presentations of psychological disorders and the biological basis of psychiatric symptoms. The weekend promises to instruct and inspire. Participants will also receive a course handbook. Numbers are limited to 50, drawn equally from psychiatry and neurology, with 16 speakers and 20 talks.

The weekend will be held at St Anne's College, Oxford in the Ruth Deech Building which is an outstanding example of modern architecture. Accommodation is within the College offering ensuite rooms, tea/coffee making facilities, and Ethernet connection in all rooms.

FULL Programme, booking information and registration forms can be downloaded from our website:  
 www.bnpa.org.uk



### BNPA Teaching Weekend – An Overview:

#### Friday 10 December

##### Assessment in neuropsychiatry

Adam Zeman/Richard Perry	Neurological assessment for psychiatrists
Hugh Rickards/Eileen Joyce	Psychiatric assessment for neurologists
<i>(delegate case presentation session)</i>	Cases in neuropsychiatry I
Richard Perry	Cognitive assessment
TBA	Neuroimaging in neuropsychiatry

#### Saturday 11 December

##### Functional disorders, epilepsy, movement disorders

Alan Carson	Weakness, Movement Disorders and Sensory symptoms unexplained by disease
John Mellers	NEAD and neuropsychiatry of epilepsy
Eileen Joyce	Neuropsychiatry of movement disorders

##### Traumatic brain injury, delirium and dementia

Derrick Wade	Traumatic brain injury
Alastair MacLulich	Delirium
David Neary	Dementia

##### Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, the EEG, and treatment in neuropsychiatry

Alan Carson	Chronic Fatigue Syndrome
Alison Blake	The EEG and related investigations in neuropsychiatry
Ivana Rosenzweig	How to manage depression, anxiety, delirium & psychosis in patients with neurological disease
Guest Lecture: Tony David	The neuropsychiatry of the self

#### Sunday 12 December

##### Sleep disorders

Paul Reading	Insomnia and excessive daytime sleepiness
Zenobia Zaiwalla	Parasomnias

##### Biological Psychiatry

<i>(delegate case presentation session)</i>	Cases in neuropsychiatry II
Steven Lawrie	The neurobiology of schizophrenia
David Craufurd	Neurogenetic disorders: HD+



### Membership

Our membership total is fast approaching 500. If you know of any colleagues who may wish to join, please encourage them to do so. Membership application forms can be downloaded from our website [www.bnpa.org.uk](http://www.bnpa.org.uk).

### Medico-Legal Register

Members are invited to submit their short CV and contact details for the BNPA medico-legal register to Jackie by email at [jashmenall@yahoo.com](mailto:jashmenall@yahoo.com). The register is sent to solicitors requesting medico-legal experts.

## Members' News

[Professor Ray Dolan, Wellcome Department of Imaging Neuroscience](#) has been elected to the Fellowship of the Royal Society (FRS). Professor Raymond Joseph Dolan is Mary Kinross Professor of Neuropsychiatry and Director, Wellcome Trust Centre for Neuroimaging, University College London.

Ray Dolan has defined the functional anatomy of human emotion and choice behaviour with neuroimaging. His most significant discoveries combine approaches that encompass empirical observation and theoretical models. He has shown that anterior insula encodes interoceptive awareness and uncertainty in decision making, the amygdala mediates hedonic violations of rationality and the striatum encodes aversive as well as appetitive prediction errors. These findings rest on computational fMRI, the use of models from computational neuroscience to furnish statistical models of neuroimaging data. This technique is attributed to Dolan and has had an enormous impact on the field of neuroimaging and neuroeconomics, allowing theoretical models to be tested empirically.



Professor Dolan said "I am personally delighted. These honours also pay tribute to the outstanding intellectual environment I enjoy at UCL and longstanding support I have enjoyed from the Wellcome Trust"

He joins 8 other Fellows at Queen Square, with a total of 26 Fellows now in UCL Neuroscience.

The Fellowship of the Royal Society is composed of the most distinguished scientists from the United Kingdom, other Commonwealth countries and the Republic of Ireland.

Alan Thompson, Director of the Institute of Neurology, Queen Square said: "This is an outstanding achievement and honour, and I am sure everyone at the Institute will join me in wishing Ray heartfelt congratulations"

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## Meetings and Events



Epilepsy Masterclass

**26-28th September 2010**

Sunningdale Park, Ascot

Contact: [stacadmin@STAC-consultancy.com](mailto:stacadmin@STAC-consultancy.com)



**Next Meeting**

**8 October 2010** - De Vere Grand Harbour Hotel, Southampton

World Congress of Neurotechnology

**12th - 14th October 2010**

Rome, Italy



The Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow

A symposium on Neuroinflammation and Neuroinfection

**Tuesday 2nd November 2010**

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American Neuropsychiatric Association

22nd Annual Meeting

The Westin Tabor Center

Denver, Colorado

**March 23 - 26, 2011**

