



Welcome to the last newsletter of the academic year. You won't hear from us now until October but the Centre is open for business all through the summer and we hope to hear from you.

The Postdoc Centre is a year old!

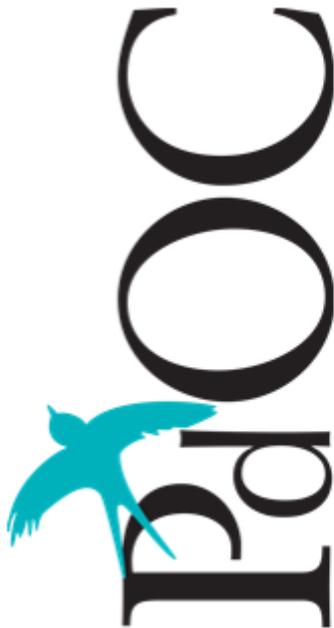
It has been a hectic year for Team OPdA, with levels of interest and activity way beyond our expectations when we launched the Postdoc Centre on 22nd May 2014. *Cambridge News* visited us prior to the anniversary and wrote a great article. If you were visiting on the day, you might spot yourself in the photos [here](#). You can see photos of the launch and information on our past events by [clicking here](#).

Our Director, Professor Chris Abell, wishes to thank all the volunteers running the Centre, the staff, co-locating organisations and colleagues in other departments for the support given, often against the odds of busy schedules and multiple commitments. A special thank-you to PdOC, NVS and the various postdoc committees and organisations, for organising some wonderful events through the year.

If you have not visited us yet, you will get a warm welcome @ 16 Mill Lane, good coffee – our cappuccino is sought after by tea lovers too – and an answer to your queries. You can also borrow books and CDs from our well-stocked library, rent rooms free of charge and attend free talks and events.

For June, OPdA has organised “Mentoring and Networking: How to Make it Work”, on 16 June, and “How to Train Your PI” with John Todd, Professor of Medical Genetics at Cambridge University, on 30 June. [Click here](#) for information on times, venues and how to book your place.

Postdocs of Cambridge Society (PdOC)



Get involved with PdOC

Make changes for postdocs

Organise activities & events

Shape the PdOC society

Join a dedicated team of postdocs

Meet new people

We need your help! The PdOC Society committee invites all Cambridge postdocs to its 2015 Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday 17th June, 5.15-6.45pm in the Postdoc Centre @ 16 Mill Lane. Refreshments will be provided.

At the AGM the current PdOC committee will show you what we have been doing all year, discuss how PdOC may develop in the next year and elect a new committee for the year ahead.

We would encourage as many postdocs as possible to attend so that we get input from a wide cross section of the community. The more postdocs who contribute to the AGM, the larger the mandate for the new committee to influence decisions within the University. Your opinion and support would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to attend, please **click here** to register as soon as possible. This will help us plan the logistics of the evening!

Find out more about PdOC and join our mailing list by visiting **www.pdoc.cam.ac.uk**. Follow us on Twitter **[@CamPostdocs](https://twitter.com/CamPostdocs)**.

Newcomers and Visiting Scholars (NVS)

NVS still meet outside term, every Tuesday from 11am in the University Centre's Granta Bar. If you have just arrived in Cambridge and want to meet others, please join us! Our full programme of events will start again on Tuesday 6 October in the Cormack Room of The University Centre.

Please email [Julie Darsley](mailto:Julie.Darsley@cam.ac.uk) for further information or see our website: <http://www.nvs.admin.cam.ac.uk>.

Careers Service – postdocs and research staff

For the latter half of this term, we will be focusing on academic careers. Upcoming workshops will include academic interview skills, academic CV/cover letter workshops and fellowship writing. There will also be an event on fellowships and funding.

Online, check out our in-depth material on securing an [academic career](#), including academic careers around the world, which you can find [here](#).

To find out about these and all our activities, just register [here](#).

We can see you for individual confidential careers appointments, to discuss any career options, at any stage. Just visit our website for details.

Personal Professional Development (PPD)

The Easter term's PPD programme for postdocs/research staff can be accessed [here](#).

You may be interested in the following courses running in June – booking is required:

[Introduction to research integrity at Cambridge](#)

[Effective communication: non-verbal communication](#)

[Making the most of meetings](#)

[Being assertive: making yourself heard](#)

[Effective research presentations.](#)

Entrepreneurial Postdocs of Cambridge (EPOC)

EPOC is running a startup seminar, "Starting a company: thinking of the right questions and knowing where to get the answers" on Tuesday 16 June 2015, 6-8pm. Places are limited, please book [here](#).

Speakers include Stewart McTavish, founding Director, ideaSpace, University of Cambridge, Sabine Bahn, Laboratory Head, Cambridge Centre for Neuropsychiatric Research, University of Cambridge and Anne Marie Droste, Head of European Outreach, Entrepreneur First.

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