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Announcing... the Winners of the 1st Mansfield Research Innovation Award

As mentioned in the last issue of Positive Spin, **Siemens Healthineers** have provided sponsorship for the annual **Mansfield Research Innovation Award**, which helps several top post-doc members of the British Chapter to **attend ISMRM**.

This time around, there were 14 applicants, from which there were **four inaugural winners**. The awards go to:

- Teresa Matias Correia
- Wenchuan Wu
- Ladislav Valkovic
- Ben Babourina Brooks

Warm congratulations to the winners – we'll see you in Paris!

Upcoming Meetings



Register NOW for PG-ISMRM 2018 – St Mary's Imperial, 18th May

Registration is now open for the **annual Postgraduate Symposium**, which will be held on **18th May 2018** at the **St Mary's** site of Imperial College, in Paddington, London.

This action-packed free event is a perennial favourite, so **book early** to avoid disappointment. You can [register online using the Eventbrite page](#).

At this year's meeting we'll be **selecting a PhD student** to liaise with the British Chapter committee. If you're interested in giving a 5-minute pitch for this one year position, send an email to Po-Wah po-wah.so@kcl.ac.uk and to bcismrm@gmail.com

British Chapter ISMRM – Oxford, 24-26th September

The 24th annual meeting of the British Chapter will be held at **Oxford University from 24-26th September**. The theme for this year's conference is: “**Driving the Next Generation of MRI**”.

The **preliminary programme** for this year's British Chapter ISMRM is [now available online](#).

Importantly, this year's committee is **giving YOU the opportunity to shape the annual meeting** – you are invited to **submit a proposal** outlining how we will spend the first afternoon of the conference. You can choose whichever MR-focused topic you want. **But, hurry! The deadline for the Member-Initiated Symposium is 20th April.** [For full details head here](#).

This year's conference will have **loads of prizes**. In addition to the **Mansfield Prize** for the best oral presentation, we can now announce



a new annual award in honour of John Griffiths – founder of the British Chapter, and winner of the ISMRM's Gold Medal for work on pre-clinical cancer models. The prize will be awarded to the **best presentation on pre-clinical work**. Winners of both prizes will each take home **£500**.

Smaller prizes will also be awarded for top oral and poster presentations, and **travel stipends** will be available for trainee members presenting abstracts. [Registration, abstract submission \(16th July\) and accommodation are now available.](#)



Do you have a 2020 vision?

We're calling for an institution to **host the annual British Chapter ISMRM conference in September 2020**, following-on from Oxford University this year and Sheffield University in 2019.

The chair of the local organizing committee would also join the Executive Committee for a period before, during and after the meeting, to ensure continuity.

Interested in hosting BC-ISMRM 2020? Send an email to bcismrm@gmail.com.

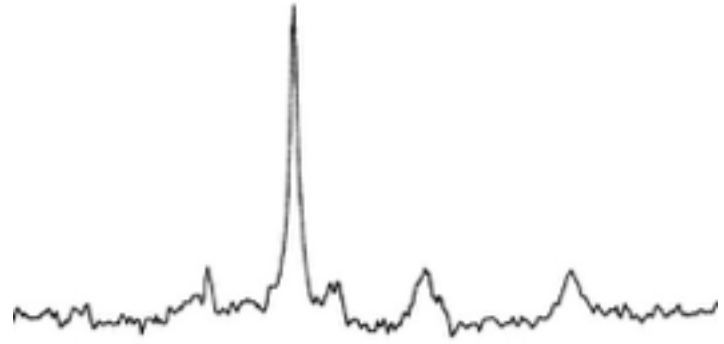
Zoom in on... Oxford

Ahh, the dreaming spires of Oxford: ATP, phosphocreatine, and inorganic phosphate. It was in Oxford in 1974 that **David Hoult and colleagues measured the first ^{31}P spectrum (pictured) in intact tissue**. The group led by George Radda rapidly moved on to use **MRS to investigate biochemistry of muscle, heart, brain, and other organs**, first in animals and then from 1981 in human patients and volunteers.

The legacy continues with **thriving MR research groups** in the [Oxford Centre for Clinical Magnetic Resonance Research](#), which focuses on cardiac imaging and spectroscopy, the [Wellcome Centre for Integrative Neuroimaging](#), which encompasses the well-known FMRIB, the [Imaging Core at the Dept of Oncology](#), and the [Dept of Physiology, Anatomy & Genetics](#).

2018 is a big year for Oxford:, not only are we hosting the 24th BC-ISMIRM, but **Prof Karla Miller is the Program Chair for ISMRM 2018 in Paris!** Get ready for some science, socializing, and punting from the wrong part of the boat.

*I would give my right arm for the progress of NMR
I actually died on May 5 1981
With regards to a wonderful team
A. Hagan*



Members' News

Professors Peter Morris and Andrew



Blamire will be **panel members for the HEFCE REF 2021**, so the assessment of several key MR research areas will be informed by people with expertise in technical aspects of MR.

News from your Committee

The British Chapter Executive Committee met in London on 14th December 2017.

- We discussed possible changes to the bylaws which will soon be circulated for approval by the membership soon, arrangements for our annual meetings, spending plans, etc.
- We welcomed a new committee Secretary, Po-Wah So, and a Communications Officer, Mary McLean. Our corporate representatives Scott Reid (GE) and Kumar Changani (GSK) have stepped down, and will be replaced by Matthew Clemence (Phillips) and Phil Murphy (GSK).

Facebook, Twitter and redesigning our website

Our previous **Facebook group** was a bit unwieldy, so we've created a new one. Search for **British Chapter of the ISMRM**, join in, and post any news items, pictures, or other bits of gossip you think might interest us.

You can also spread the word on Twitter using the hashtag **#bcismrm**. Finally, plans are afoot to update our website (www.ismrm.org.uk), and volunteers would be greatly welcome!

One of us... One of us... Join the British Chapter

Our community is growing, but we are still short of the total number of ISMRM members with work addresses in the UK. If you aren't already a member of the Chapter, **please join** now (it's free!):

<https://goo.gl/forms/VH5Lavy49QCCp38m2>

And finally... from the Editors

Thanks again for reading!

The ³¹P spectrum in the Zoom In On... segment on Oxford is from the arm muscle of Anatole Abragam, acquired by the team of George Radda in 1987 and included in his history of 'The Development of in Vivo NMR in Oxford' in the Encyclopedia of Magnetic Resonance, 1993.

If you want to be featured in the newsletter, or you've got news for us, send us an email:

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