



Summer Newsletter 2019

Hello from us all at the Euan MacDonald Centre on this year's Global ALS/MND Awareness Day.

We'd like to share with you some of our latest research news and updates from our members.

As always, we'd also like to say a huge thank you to our loyal supporters and fundraisers, whose generous donations mean that we can continue our vital research into MND. Particular mention this time must go to Arbikie Distillery, who are generously donating £1 per bottle from all sales of AK's Gin.

We'd also like to show our appreciation for the Edinburgh University Students Association who raised £3000 for us at their end-of-semester event.

Thank you all!



New figures for rate of MND in Scotland

Data from the CARE-MND platform shows that the rate of MND in Scotland has increased, but the reasons why are not so straightforward.

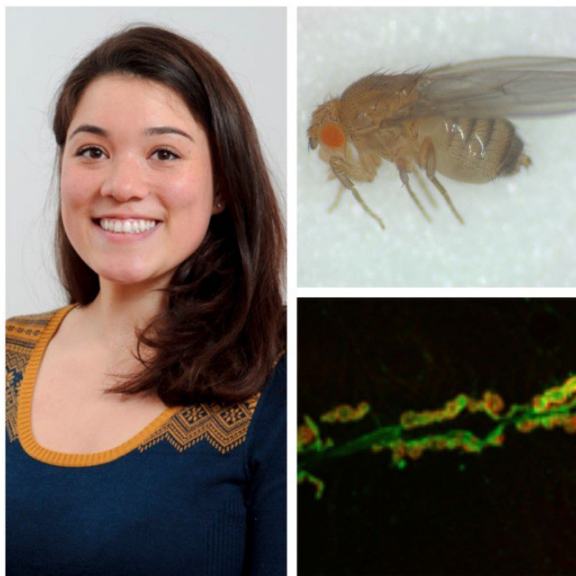
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£55,000 raised in memory of Robert

Friends and family of Robert Ferguson Paulley have kept his memory alive with a host of fundraising events that have raised thousands of pounds for research into MND.

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A day in the life of a PhD student

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a PhD student? How does it feel to swap Uni lectures for a lab coat, and spend your days doing painstaking experiments that nobody else in the world has ever done before?

One of our PhD students, Rachel Kline, has written a blog-style article to describe for us a typical day in the lab, writing about the highs and lows of researching MND in fruit flies.

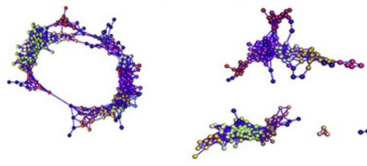
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Welcome Dr Chris Henstridge

We have upgraded Chris to 'Principal Investigator' status within the Centre, as he has taken up a Lectureship in Dundee studying synapses (nerve cell junctions) in MND.

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Brain molecule map

Our researchers have generated a 'map' of how brain protein molecules change during normal ageing. This can be used as a benchmark to investigate neurodegeneration.

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Congratulations Hampton Award winners

At our recent academic members' get-together, we presented awards to three researchers who have gone 'above and beyond'.

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Just a Sports Quiz tickets now on sale!

Just a Sports Quiz is a night of sporting trivia and fun at BT Murrayfield, raising money for the Euan MacDonal Centre. The 7th Just a Sports Quiz will be held on Friday 15th November 2019.

A host of Scottish sporting stars will join former Scotland International and British and Irish Lion, Scott Hastings.

Tickets for this event always sell out fast so don't delay in booking your table.

[Find out more and buy tickets...](#)

Our next Research Open Evening

If you'd like to find out more about our work, chat with some of our researchers and ask all those burning questions, come along to our next Research Open Evening.

Held jointly with the Anne Rowling Regenerative Neurology Clinic, this drop-in event will be held at the Clinic in Edinburgh on Wednesday 25th September 2019. Everyone is welcome.

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