Update to the low risk ethical approval process

Following a review into the process, low risk research will no longer be reviewed at Research Ethics Sub-Committee meetings and will instead be reviewed virtually by the relevant Committee within the new online ethics application system known as the Research Ethics Management Application System (REMAS).

With the exception of a 1 month closure period during August, applications will be processed on a rolling basis throughout the academic year, meaning that researchers will benefit from a more robust and flexible submission process as applications are no longer bound to Committee deadlines.

The low risk review process quotes a 15 working day turnaround period from the time that an application has been validated and forwarded for review by the Research Ethics Office. Applications will be validated and forwarded for review by the office within 2-3 working days, meaning that applicants can expect to receive a review decision within a maximum of 18 workings days from the date of submission.

Further information on our online system REMAS and the review process can be found at the link below:
http://www.kcl.ac.uk/innovation/research/support/ethics/applications/apply.aspx

Staff Survey 2016.

Thanks to everyone for completing the staff survey. Your views are really important to us and they form a key part in formulating the DNS Athena SWAN Action plan.

Athena SWAN Update

The DNS SAT have been working really hard over the last month and we finally have a draft application form which is being checked and refined. So the Division is on target for the April submission!

The three winners of £50 Amazon vouchers were picked from a hat by Shanta and are: Megan Rossi Wendy Hall Atillio Pingitore

Congratulations

Members of Division shortlisted for BMJ Awards!

Members of the Diet and Gastrointestinal Health group have been shortlisted for the BMJ Awards 2016 for Gastroenterology Team of the year. The team consists of academics, clinicians (dietitians, a gastroenterologist), post docs, PhD students and research assistants based at King’s College London and/or Guys and St Thomas’ NHS Foundation Trust. The team are represented by Dr Miranda Lomer, Prof Kevin Whelan and Dr Peter Irving and have been recognised for the impact of their research on dietary management of irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) and its implementation into clinical practice. They are shortlisted for developing a new dietary management approach for IBS in the UK (termed the low FODMAP diet), implementing and evaluating the outcome, undertaking two randomised controlled trials of its effectiveness funded through competitive research grants and training over 15% of the UK dietetic workforce to implement the dietary intervention. As a result, the low FODMAP diet is now part of both the NICE guidelines and British Dietetic Association guidelines for the management of IBS.

Six teams have been shortlisted from across the UK. An interview in March will be followed by the announcement of the winner at a black tie event in May. Good luck!

http://thebmjawards.bmj.com
http://kcl.ac.uk/fodmaps
Procedures for the reconstruction, primary culture and experimental use of rainbow trout gill epithelia

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ai84eQ5Mktg

NC3Rs and BBSRC have added a webpage on their websites as has King’s College and... BBSRC had this as their homepage on the 16th Feb and tweeted a link to their paper.

https://twitter.com/BBSRC

http://www.nc3rs.org.uk/news/new-technique-recreates-gills-reduce-need-fish-experiments

http://www.kcl.ac.uk/newsevents/newsevents/2016/02%20February/New-method-reduces-need-for-fish-in-experiments.aspx

PhD student awarded two grants

This month, PhD student Selina Cox from the Diet and Gastrointestinal Health research group (supervisors Prof Kevin Whelan, Dr Peter Irving) has been independently awarded two grants to help fund some of her research and conference attendance.

The first was for £3,000 of consumables and training for qPCR from the company PrimerDesign. This will fund the analysis of the gut microbiome in her research on diet in inflammatory bowel disease.

The second was the British Dietetic Association Pat Judd Travel Bursary. The bursary was created in honour of the late Prof Pat Judd, a pioneer of dietetic research and formerly of King’s College London, to support dietitians to attend a conference to present their research. Selina will use the bursary to attend the European Crohn’s and Colitis Organisation conference in Amsterdam where she will present her research on diet in inflammatory bowel disease to a potential audience of 4,000 delegates!

DNS Great Bake Off

Louise Goff organised a Cake Competition and sale with the UG and PG Nutrition and Dietetic students at the FWB, Foyer on Thursday 25th Feb with all proceeds going to Diabetes UK.

Scarlett SA and Hugh Collins won and a total of £303.40 was raised.

DNS Annual Staff/Student Pub Quiz

Last Thursday, KCL Nutrition and Dietetics Society hosted their annual Staff/Student Pub Quiz at the infamous Guy’s Bar; where cold beer flowed, pizza was delivered, and a series of single-blinded, non-randomised, and uncontrolled questions aimed to seek the sharpest minds amongst KCL’s finest department.

The victorious team, who also won the best team name, were “Lettuce Win” and are depicted in the image below (left to right) as Kezia Kite, Bridget Malarkey, Giulia Dijk, Ana Hannah, Noelle Zermane, and Jonathan Silver, and claimed the grand prize of six copies of Giulia Enders’ Gut.

The runners up of the evening were “The Winning Team” and the winners of Professor Preedy’s Beer Round were “It’s all about the islets…”

The society would like to thank all who attended and helped raise £48.00 for the Obesity Action Campaign, with a special thanks to Dr. George for liaising and co-ordinating this event between the staff and committee.

Forthcoming Seminars:

DNS Seminar Series

Wednesday 16th March 2016 – Dr Maude Le Gall - ‘GLUTtony of the intestine after bariatric surgery’

Waterloo FWB 1.16

Wednesday 20th April 2016 – Prof Seeromanie Harding – Guy’s Harris Lecture Theatre (Hodgkin)

London Marathon for Diabetes UK

Louise Goff will be running the London Marathon on behalf of Diabetes UK this year. Please support her on her sponsorship page.

www.justgiving.com/louise-webster-40