

THE SECOND PRACTICAL COGNITION COURSE

Information and Programme



8/9 October 2009

Hosted by Institute of Neuroscience, Newcastle University

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How to apply

Please contact Laura Batty (l.e.batty@ncl.ac.uk) for application form and further information. There will be a fee of £150 for all applications received before the end of July 2009 and £250 for applications received after that. Places are limited and we will adopt a strict first-come first-served policy.



Programme

8th October 2009

0915 – 1015 Registration

1015 - 1030 Introductory remarks
Tim Griffiths

Morning Session. General principles
Chair: Tim Griffiths

1030 – 1130 Lecture

Bedside tests of cognition, with particular emphasis on the ACE.
Andrew Larner. Walton Centre for Neurology, Liverpool.

1130 – 1230 Lecture

A user's guide to neuropsychology tests.
Tom Kelly. Newcastle University.

Afternoon session. Cognition and movement
Chair: Chris Butler

1400 – 1600 Relevant case discussion

1630 – 1730 Lecture

Cognitive disorders associated with abnormal movements.
David Burn. Newcastle University.

1900 Dinner in Baltic Rooftop Restaurant, Quayside, Newcastle



9th October 2008

Morning session. Parietal lobe disorders.

Chair: Tim Griffiths

0900 – 1100 Relevant case discussion

1130 – 1230 Lecture

A framework for understanding neglect

Masud Husain. Institute for Cognitive Neuroscience. UCL.

Afternoon Session: Visual disorders

Chair: Chris Butler

1330 – 1530 Relevant case discussion

1600 – 1700 Lecture

A framework for understanding visual disorders

Geraint Rees. Institute for Cognitive Neuroscience. UCL.



About the course

This course is for consultants and trainees who want to develop their practical expertise in cognitive assessment and relate this to clinically relevant neuroscience.

Problems with cognitive function are widespread among patients with neurological disease and can cause profound disability. As clinicians, however, we frequently struggle to assess and treat these cognitive difficulties. Whilst recent developments in cognitive neuroscience have led to an explosion in the understanding of how brain disease affects core psychological functions, these findings rarely make it from the journals to the clinic. This course aims to bridge that gap in a way that will help all clinicians and not just aficionados.

The course is designed for consultants and trainees in adult neurology, psychiatry, clinical neuropsychology and rehabilitation medicine. There will be a practical introductory session followed by three half-day sessions that all include a series of case presentations with discussion of the assessment, diagnosis and management of common cognitive syndromes. The course begins and ends with the patient, and the case presentations will include video material that illustrates disorders that neurologists, psychiatrists and neuropsychologists might realistically see in their usual practice. Each session will also include a talk from an invited expert, who will provide a framework for understanding the clinically relevant neuroscience.

We have applied for CME registration with the Royal College of Physicians (9 credits awarded last year: we have applied for 11 this year).

Newcastle is also known as 'the Venice of the North' with good hotels, entertainment and restaurants in the quayside area. The course will be held on the central campus of Newcastle University within the city. We will supply a list of recommended hotels to attendees. There are good transport links to Newcastle via air (30 min from venue), rail (10 minutes from venue) and road. The fee includes dinner on the first evening in the spectacular rooftop restaurant on top of the Baltic arts centre with a panoramic view of the Quayside.



Organisers

Tim Griffiths is a neurologist who runs the Newcastle cognitive neurology clinic. His research group studies auditory cognition.

Chris Butler is a neurologist who runs a cognitive neurology clinic in Edinburgh. He has a particular interest in memory disorders, especially the disturbance of memory function in patients with epilepsy.

Speaker profiles.

Andrew Larner is a neurologist who runs the cognitive neurology clinic in Liverpool and is the author of a cognitive neurology textbook.

Tom Kelly is a neuropsychologist runs the Newcastle Cognitive Neurology Clinic in collaboration with Tim Griffiths. He has both paediatric and adult expertise.

David Burn is a neurologist and movement disorders specialist who runs a clinical research facility for movement disorders.

Masud Husain is a neurologist and deputy director of the Institute for Cognitive Neuroscience at UCL. His interests include a longstanding involvement in the clinical neuroscience of parietal lobe function.

Geraint Rees is a neurologist based at the Institute for Cognitive Neuroscience. His interests include visual neuroscience.

