

Welcome to the latest Psychology newsletter

December 2017

In this month's newsletter, you'll find the regular updates on our activities, from learning and teaching achievements, new grants and publications, to the conferences and outreach events we've been part of.

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Forthcoming events

Our **Psychology Research Seminars** will restart in the new semester; details will follow in future newsletters.

Full **Psychology Research Seminar** details are available on [Facebook](#).

End of Semester 1!

It's not only the end of another busy semester, but also the end of the year, so a good time to reflect on the achievements of the past 12 months. If you've missed any of those highlights, you can access our newsletter archive via the [SoSS website](#). Hopefully you've found the monthly newsletters interesting—if you have comments or feedback, do send those to the team at any point.

From all in Psychology, we hope you have a good Christmas and all the very best for 2018.



Latest publications

Hoefeijzers, S., Zeman, A., Della Sala, S. & Dewar, M. (in press). Capturing real-life forgetting in transient epileptic amnesia via an incidental memory test. *Cortex*.



Our latest publications are listed here, but you can find a full list via the [Heriot-Watt Research Portal](#).

In the news

[Heriot-Watt celebrates truly global graduations](#)

[Industrial strategy an opportunity for Heriot-Watt to lead on 'grand challenges'](#)

Research updates

During a recent research visit, colleagues in the Neurophysiology lab led by Mario Parra expanded their network in Spain which includes the University Complutense of Madrid and now the University of Jaen. The network supports work towards the European Implementation of effective assessment and intervention tools for dementia. [Read more...](#)

Conferences and outreach activities



Our Psychology Research Seminars closed with a special Research Showcase last month. Hosted in Edinburgh but with contributions from all three campuses, the team reported on research in our three themes of Work, Society and Environment; Lifespan Health and Wellbeing; and Cognition, Brain and Behaviour, in addition to our public engagement and impact activities. We were delighted that over 60 people registered for the event, including the Head of School of Social Sciences, colleagues from RES, the Deputy Principal for Research and Innovation, the Deputy Principal for Enterprise and Business and the Principal. Many colleagues and students took the opportunity to meet our PhD students and researchers at the poster event after the talks.

Meanwhile in Dubai, the 2nd Psychology Research Seminar was held in collaboration with the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society (HFES) GCC Chapter, organised by Cakil Agnew. Dr Shatha Samman, who established the HFES GCC Chapter, delivered a talk on "Human Factors and Ergonomics: It's all about the fit".

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Colleagues in Dubai also ran a successful Business Psychology workshop on Creativity and Innovation at the Gloria Hotel last month, with over 230 attendees from different industries. Lucy Bolton and Greg Fantham spoke at the event and discussed how Psychology can help understand creativity and innovation in the workplace.

Grajfoner, D. (2017). Exploring Research Questions in Coaching Psychology Practice. BPS Special Group in Coaching Psychology Conference, Birmingham, UK, 7th-8th December.

Gow, A. J. (2017). Cognitive ageing: From observation to real-world interventions. Presentation at Neuroscience and Public Policy meeting, Edinburgh, UK, 7th December.

Garraffa, M. (2017). Mechanism of language learning in children with developmental language disorder. Invited lecture for the seminar series Discovering Linguistics — Linguistic Discoveries, University of Ghent, Belgium, 30th November.

Morris, J., Webster, J., Howard, D., Garraffa, M. & Malone, J. (2017). Reading in people with aphasia: the relationship between assessment of ability and perception. *International Journal of Stroke*, 12 (5s), 23. Paper presented at UK Stroke forum, Liverpool UK, 28th-30th November.

The team regularly present at national and international conferences and at a range of public engagement events. A selection of the most recent include:

Learning and teaching

The recent graduations in Edinburgh, Dubai and Malaysia celebrated the achievements of our graduates, primarily from the MSc Business Psychology and with Lorraine Douglas being formally awarded her PhD.

Professional development

Maayan Merhav joined the team as a Postdoctoral Research Associate within the Heriot-Watt Memory Lab, funded by the Wellcome Trust.