

Welcome to the latest Psychology newsletter

June 2018

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

Research Seminars/Events

- The multifaceted body
29 June, Heriot-Watt

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- Ageing Lab Seminar
29 June, James Watt 2

[Details](#)

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

Congratulations

We were delighted to see many of our Final Year undergraduates coming to campus in Edinburgh, Dubai and Malaysia to get their degree classifications hot off the presses last month. With graduation ceremonies starting this week, we look forward to celebrating those achievements and finding out what the future holds for our students. There will be more on those graduations in the next newsletter, but for now, from all the team a very well-deserved congratulations on completing your studies and all the best for what comes next!



Latest publications



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

McKendrick, M., Butler, S. H., & Grealy, M. A. (2018). Socio-cognitive load and social anxiety in an emotional anti-saccade task. *PLoS ONE*, 13(5): e0197749. [doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0197749](#)

Sedda, A. (2018) Commentary on "Grey matter or social matters? Causal attributions in the era of biological psychiatry". *European Psychiatry*, 52, 134–135. [doi: 10.1016/j.eurpsy.2018.04.005](#)

Faff, R. W., Shao, X., Alqahtani, F. A.,... Vaportzis, E.,... Zhou, Q. (2018). Pitching non-English language research: A dual-language application of the Pitching Research Framework. *Accounting and Management Information Systems*, 17(2), 266-290. [doi: 10.24818/jamis.2018.02001](#)

In the news

BBC News: [Older brains 'fail to gauge grip strength'](#) (Lauren Potter)

Irish Examiner: [Brain smart: How to age-proof your memory](#) (Alan Gow)

The Guardian: [Seven ways to improve your memory](#) (Michaela Dewar)

The Talker: [Why working with academics can save tourism businesses time and money](#) (page 10-11; Ria Vaportzis & Alan Gow)

[Older people cycling project to be rolled-out nationally](#) (Alan Gow)

[Year of Robotics shortlisted for two major awards](#)

Research updates and funding

The Medical Education Lab (MEL), led by Mel McKendrick, hosted its inaugural Technology Workshop at the Edinburgh campus in June. The event brought together clinicians, academics, institutions and SMEs across disciplines to explore how healthcare training problems as posed by clinicians might be better linked with solutions offered by researchers and technology providers. You can follow updates on MEL's work [@HeriotWattMEL](#).

Conferences and outreach activities



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

Dasha Grajfoner chaired the Inaugural UK Coaching Psychology Research Network event in London earlier this month, attended by leading researchers from nine UK Universities and hosted by the British Psychological Society. Meanwhile at the Malaysia Campus, Ai Ni Teoh gave a seminar on Understanding Personality. Due to popular demand, the talk was also streamed via Facebook to allow more people to hear from Ai Ni and participate in the discussion.

The final two presentations in the 2017-18 seminar series occur this month: at the start of June, Kate Sang shared recent research findings on menstrual health within academia, while Antonia Hamilton will close the series on 27 June. There are a number of other events of interest over the coming months – including two special seminars being hosted on campus (29 June), and shows at the Edinburgh Fringe (August). Details of all events are listed on [Facebook](#).

McKendrick, M. (2018). Facial expressions and social gestures. Presentation as part of the Spotlight on Science series at Exploration Day, Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, UK, 19th May.

Gow, A. J. (2018). Healthy ageing – protecting your brain. Presentation as part of the Spotlight on Science series at Exploration Day, Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, UK, 19th May.

Craig, M. (2018). Are memory problems in Alzheimer's disease linked to a fault in the reactivation of new memories? Alzheimer Scotland annual conference 2018, Edinburgh, UK, 8th June.

Garraffa, M. (2018). Core regions for Syntactic processing: data from aphasia and healthy subjects. Workshop Linguistic Structure and Language Processing, 10 Year Anniversary Fondazione Marica De Vincenzi, Societa' Dante Alighieri, Rome, Italy, 8th June.



Team news

Alan Gow has been re-elected to the Heriot-Watt Senate, effective from August 2018.

And finally, our congratulations to Michaela Dewar and family as they welcomed their new arrival, Rory, at the end of last month.