

Sunday 9th August – Sunday 16th August 2009.

The principal aim of the workshop is to provide an intensive week of training for advanced graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, and faculty with an interest in the biological underpinnings of social behaviour.

The past few years have seen remarkable advances in our knowledge of the genetic, molecular, and neural factors that contribute to social behaviour. At the same time, sophisticated analytical and theoretical approaches have helped to make sense of the data. This week-long workshop aims to provide a comprehensive overview of these topics. Whilst the emphasis will be on social cognition in humans, there will also be study days dedicated to state-of-the-art presentations on comparative approaches and evolutionary models. Finally, all themes will be related to the clinical consequences of dysfunctional social cognition, and the role of translational research.

In addition to the syllabus of lectures, students are encouraged to discuss issues of interest with the lecturers informally. There will be ample time for such informal discussions, and the majority of speakers will be at the course for several days surrounding their scheduled appearance. Drs. Skuse and Adolphs will be present for the entire duration of the course.

There are 3 types of presentations scheduled. Lectures are typically an hour in duration followed by discussion. Workshops are meant to allow a more flexible discussion around a central theme and typically fill a morning or afternoon slot. Student presentations will provide an opportunity, near the end of the course, for reflection on what has been learned. Their main aim is to encourage small groups of students to synthesize their views on controversial questions.

Scientific Organisers:

David Skuse, UCL, UK
Ralph Adolphs, Caltech, USA

Lectures included:

- * Introduction, Cognitive and Developmental Perspectives
- * Evolution of Social Cognition
- * The Functional Neuroanatomy of Social Behaviour
- * Model Systems
- * Genetic Influences/ The Amygdala
- * Review and Future Perspectives
- * Special Topic Workshop

A number of bursaries will be available for students who have difficulty obtaining local funding for their attendance. Funding for these will be provided by the INCORE project and cover all or part of the course fees.

The registration deadline which must include the completed application form must be submitted by Friday 29th May 2009.

To apply and for more information please visit <https://registration.hinxton.wellcome.ac.uk/> or contact j.beard@wtconference.org.uk

Kind regards,
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