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NEWSLETTER

As we start another challenging year, a message from Prof. Stewart Martin



Dear all, as this is the first newsletter of 2021 I'd like to wish you all (supporters, friends, researchers and affiliates) a very happy, if somewhat belated, new year! I think it's fair to say that 2020 was 'challenging' for everyone but we managed to keep research progress going, getting into the labs, and adapting to new ways of working, and we learnt novel ways to interact, both to ensure research collaborations continued to flourish and that we continued to get the awareness message out there, via our online public events – to think that this time last year I had never heard of Zoom or Teams meetings and that Skype was something used only very rarely to call friends, family and colleagues in North America!

2021 holds great promise – there will be a lot to report on in our future newsletters and social media - there is lots going on and lots planned over the coming months (ie ways to support, research updates, pilot grant progress, open public meetings and our researcher seminars etc). Thank you for the tremendous work you have all done, and continue to do – by us all working together we can continue to make a real difference.

Very kind regards, Stewart
Prof. Stewart Martin, Director, NBCRC

NBCRC Events

NBCRC Public Seminar Programme

In response to the success of last year's online talks, NBCRC will continue in 2021 with a quarterly public lecture programme. If you haven't joined one yet, they are free to attend and you are most welcome. Follow the link below to register your interest and you will be emailed the information needed to join the online session.

Wed 3 Feb 2021 6pm – **Breast Cancer & Art**
Carol Pairaudeau

Find out how art can tell us about the experience of breast cancer illness in this illustrated talk by Carol Pairaudeau, artist and NBCRC Administrator.

[Register on Eventbrite to receive the meeting link](#)

Wed 28 April 2021 6pm – **Stem cells and breast cancer: their role in disease and therapy**
Cinzia Allegrucci

NBCRC Research Seminar Series

All NBCRC members and others at the University of Nottingham and the Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust are welcome to attend our monthly NBCRC research seminars. Seminars are online, on the last Thursday of the month, 4-5pm. The seminars are not only an opportunity to find out more about breast cancer research being conducted within the Nottingham community but also offer an opportunity to hear from invited speakers working in this field. We have a fantastic start to our 2021 programme:

Thurs 28 Jan, 4-5pm
Targeting transcription in Breast Cancer
Prof. Darran O'Connor
Associate Professor of Molecular Oncology, RCSI

Thurs 25 Feb 4-5pm
LMTK3: a novel druggable target for breast cancer therapy
Prof George Giamas
University of Sussex

Fantastic Christmas Booble creations



Here are just a few of the amazing creations that were made for our NBCRC Christmas Booble online silent auction.

This was the first time we had organised an event of this nature and we were totally thrilled with the response.

We had boobles made by invited artists, local celebrities, representatives of local Nottingham businesses and a number of student societies. Interest grew as photos and the stories behind the individual creations were shared on social media. All the boobles reached their reserve price of £15 and one booble attracted a top bid of £150. In addition to raising awareness of breast cancer and the research carried out here in Nottingham, a total of £1268 was raised to help support this vital research. We aren't thinking of next Christmas just yet, but we hope that there might be more booble fun to come.

Christmas jumpers

Despite a good number of people working from home in 2020 the Bosom Buddies project managed to raise a fantastic £132 with people pulling on their festive sweaters and making a small donation to NBCRC for the privilege. A big thank you to all those who joined in the fun!

Congratulations!



Amarnath Pal, a PhD student, who graduated in 2019 and worked with Prof. Anna Grabowska, was selected to be a Keynote Speaker and give an oral presentation of his doctoral research at the 11th Asia Breast Cancer Summit in November 2020. The title of his talk was "Investigating The Role Of Mesenchymal Cell-Mediated Paracrine Signaling In Breast Cancer Cell Proliferation And Invasion In A Heterotypic 3D Co-culture Model".

Well done and thank you to Oakmere ladies

A massive thank you to all the members of Oakmere Ladies Commanders Golf Club. This week, ladies captain Eleanor Chipperfield, presented NBCRC with a cheque for £1160 on behalf of the club. Members selected NBCRC as their Charity of the Year for 2020. After a difficult year with many events cancelled this is an absolutely amazing achievement and it will make a tremendous difference to the Centre and the research it supports. We hope that you will be playing golf again soon.

HOW TO GIVE

Every little bit helps. **100% of every penny given goes directly to our research.**

If you would like to donate, please visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/y7xyj4na>

FUNDRAISING SUPPORT

For all things fundraising please seek the advice and support of our NBCRC Community Fundraising Manager Jo Brailsford-Finnis. You can contact Jo on supportus@nottingham.ac.uk

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