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## British MRI Community Loses its Founder



We are very sorry to report the death on 9th February of Sir Peter Mansfield, who shared with Paul Lauterbur the Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine for the invention of MRI.

Sir Peter worked for 30 years from 1964 in the physics department at the University of Nottingham, where he taught and supervised many of the current leaders in the field of magnetic resonance. He made many seminal contributions to MRI notably including slice selection and EPI.

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were held in Nottingham to mark the 25th anniversary of the Magnetic Resonance Centre at Nottingham.

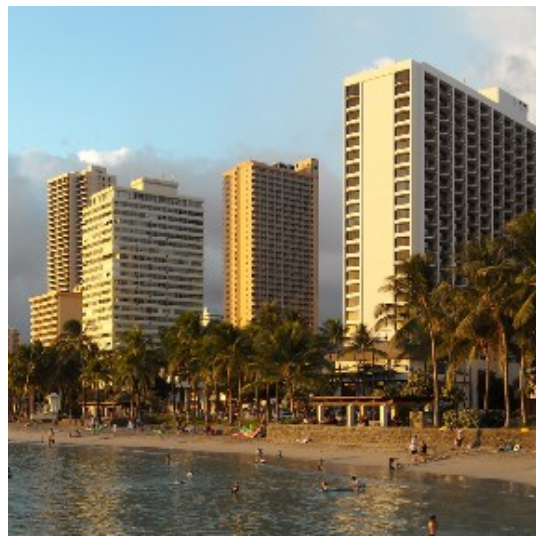
Professor Peter Morris (pictured right) said of Sir Peter: "MRI has lost the rock on which it was founded. Sir Peter's pioneering research has revolutionised diagnostic medicine and all of us have felt its benefits. He has been the defining influence on my life as supervisor, colleague and friend. We will not see his like again."

## Upcoming Meetings



### **BC-ISMRM 2017 – 11-13th September – Liverpool**

Plans for the 23rd annual BC-ISMRM meeting are almost complete. The conference takes place from 11th to 13th September in Liverpool. [The preliminary schedule can be found here.](#) Bookmark the site now and visit for updates – **the call for abstracts will be out soon!**



### **Aloha Honolulu – ISMRM 2017 – 22-27th April**

Some top British MR talent will be showcased at the 25<sup>th</sup> annual ISMRM. Highlights include the **Mansfield lecture** from our very own **Penny Gowland!** And, of course, our unofficial annual social: **Gareth's Party**. Members can expect an email imminently. Enjoy the sun, sea and science, and post your photos on Twitter ([#bcismrm](#)) or Facebook ([@ISMRMBritishChapter](#)) to entertain your colleagues back home.

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## Get Snappin'

We have started a **gallery of conference photos on the British Chapter website**. It's a way of keeping in one place all the pictures from the many conferences we organise. So, please submit your less scandalous snaps! [You can view the gallery here.](#)



## Membership Renewal

Thanks to all of those who joined British Chapter after the last newsletter: **official membership now stands at 156**. But, we know there are many more of you out there! Renew your membership now – for free! – and be part of the community: [Fill in the form here.](#)

## News from your Committee

We are delighted to welcome our new trainee member, **Azhaar Ashraf** (1<sup>st</sup> year PhD, Department of Neuroimaging, KCL, pictured left), who was elected by popular vote at the annual postgraduate meeting in March. Watch out for an email from Azhaar soon.



**Ian Marshall** (Edinburgh) has decided to step down from the BC-ISMRM committee. He has been huge presence in the British Chapter over many years, in particular as our Treasurer. We would like to extend our thanks to him for all he has done for the Chapter.



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## MEMBERS NEWS

The £32M University of **Glasgow Imaging Centre of Excellence (ICE)** was recently opened by the Chief Executive Designate of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), Professor Sir Mark Walport. ICE is home to **Scotland's first 7T MRI scanner** – the first of its kind in the UK in a clinical setting. The scanner will be a focus of research for clinical and non-clinical academic imaging specialists and clinical physics expertise.

The building also houses the **Clinical Innovation Zone**, a space for biomedical companies to **facilitate industry** collaborations and **develop innovative healthcare technology**, whilst also accessing the closely located Stratified Medicine Scotland Innovation Centre (SMS-IC), the UK Catapult for Precision Medicine, and clinical research facilities. There is also a further floor of neuro operating theatres, funded by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. [For more info, head to: www.glasgow.ac.uk/mvlsice](http://www.glasgow.ac.uk/mvlsice)




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## Job Listings

Postdoctoral Research Fellow – Treatment response in preclinical brain tumour models – University of Liverpool

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## Postgrads at the Tower – 27th PG-BC-ISMRM

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The annual **postgraduate British Chapter ISMRM** symposium was held on Friday 24th March at **Guy's Hospital Tower in London**. 140 junior researchers and mentors gathered for a day of talks, posters and networking. A raft of prizes were handed out in an elaborate Olympics-worthy ceremony at the tail-end of the day.

The **Siemens medals for Best Talk** went to:

- Gold – Yolanda Ohene, UCL
- Silver – Ilona Lipp, Cardiff
- Bronze – Tom Roberts, UCL

The **Philips medals for Best Poster** went to:

- Gold – Marina Rakic, KCL
- Silver – Elise Lopicard, ICR
- Bronze – Nur Jasmin, UCL

The **GE medals for Best Power Presentation** went to:

- Gold – Oscar Bennett, UCL
- Silver – Heather Fitzke, UCL
- Bronze – Xiao Xiao Han, UCL

The **Bruker medals for Best Abstract** went to:

- Gold – Tom Roberts, UCL
- Silver – Marina Rakic, KCL
- Bronze – Elise Lopicard, ICR

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Lots more photos of the event can be found [here](#) and [here](#).



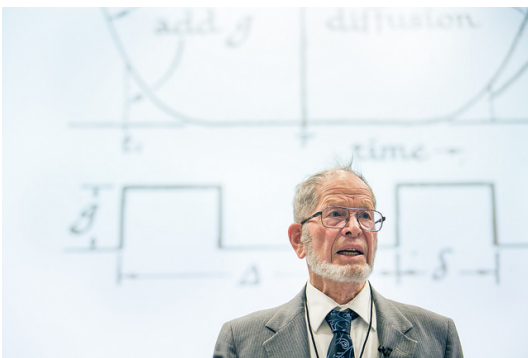
## Magical History Tour – Spin Thro' The History of Restricted Diffusion MR

The **great and the good of diffusion MR** gathered in Cardiff over two days (31st January-1st February) for a comprehensive review of the field and a tour of the sparkling new facilities at CUBRIC. The British Chapter gave free places to 20 lucky student members.

Attendees enjoyed talks on the **history and development of diffusion NMR/MRI**, from the first papers on the pulsed-gradient spin echo (Stejskal and Tanner, 1965) through 50 years of work to the very latest innovations in the field. In between days, there was even time for a Welsh **banquet at Cardiff castle**, involving live entertainment including some stellar impressions of farm animals...

There is **loads of content online** from the conference, click for: [a video montage from the day](#), [Derek Jones' conference intro](#), [recordings of the presentations](#), [photographs from the two days](#) and [download the conference brochure](#).



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## And finally... from the Editors

Thanks again for reading!

We want you to use this newsletter as a platform for distributing news about your group, publicising an upcoming event you are hosting, or anything else that may be of interest to the UK MR community. So, send us your articles, as well as any feedback, comments or hate mail to the following email address:

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**Tom Roberts (UCL CABI)**

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