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ERIG talks by Tilo Kunath & Leona Braund

On Saturday 2nd December, at the Scottish Centre for Regenerative Medicine, Dr Tilo Kunath, who leads a research group in the MRC Centre for Regenerative Medicine, gave a talk entitled

Cell Therapy for Parkinson's: where are we now?

Following Tilo's talk there was a presentation from Leona Braund from Inverness, who is a Person with Parkinson's. The record audience was enthralled by what turned out to be two outstanding contributions of very different flavours: the first, scientific and the second, intensely personal.

For the first time, we recorded the ERIG presentations and you can view the results by going to our website. You can also download a short summary of the meeting, written by one of our members.

ERIG talk by Prof Wladyslaw Gedroyc

The talk by Professor Wladyslaw Gedroyc of Imperial College, London, which was scheduled for 3rd March, had to be cancelled because of the extreme weather conditions. We are pleased to say that the talk has been rescheduled for Saturday, 16th June, 10.30-13.30. Please register through Eventbrite.

Professor Gedroyc is a consultant radiologist at St Mary's hospital and Imperial healthcare where he has been working for the last 27 years. He is involved in research investigating utilising MRI for image guidance in a variety of applications. More recently this has centred on utilising MR guided focused ultrasound in a variety of body areas as well as associated projects on drug activation with focused ultrasound. Currently brain focused ultrasound applications are being investigated by Prof Gedroyc and his team at Imperial predominantly at the moment in the context of motion disorders.

Venue: SCRM, 5 Little France Drive, Edinburgh EH16 4UU A sandwich lunch will be available after the talk for those who choose it when registering

The 2018 Edinburgh Parkinson's Lecture

This year's lecture will be given by Professor Giovanna Mallucci of the University of Cambridge on **17th September 2018** at 7.15 pm.

- Giovanna Mallucci is Associate Director of the UK Dementia Research Institute at the University of Cambridge.
- She is van Geest Professor of Clinical Neurosciences and an Honorary Consultant Neurologist at Addenbrooke's Hospital.
- Professor Mallucci's lab is internationally recognised for landmark studies defining common mechanisms underlying the causes of dementia and other neurodegenerative disorders, like Parkinson's disease, which can be targeted for treatment.

The title of her talk is

The Road to New Treatments for Dementia and Parkinson's

The venue this year is the Wellcome Auditorium in the Queen's Medical Research Institute, University of Edinburgh, co-located with the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary at Little France.

Admission is free of charge but by ticket only. Tickets will be available through Eventbrite in due course. Please see our website for details.

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