TCIN 20th Anniversary Symposium

Dates: 5th & 6th March, 2020

Location: Lecture Theatre, LB11, Lloyd Building, Trinity College Dublin

Thursday March 5th Afternoon

4:30-5:15 pm  Welcome and Introduction

4.30: Anniversary Symposium Programme and Schedule
Andrew Harkin, Deputy Director, TCIN
Associate Professor in Pharmacology, School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences

4.35: Welcome Address
Paddy Cunningham, Non-Executive Chairman TCIN Board
Professor of Animal Genetics & Former Chief Scientific Adviser to the Irish Government

4.40: Provost’s Address
Patrick Prendergast
Provost, Trinity College Dublin

4.45: TCIN 2020
Mani Ramaswami, Director, TCIN
Professor of Neurogenetics, School of Genetics & Microbiology & School of Natural Sciences

5.10: Introduction to Pete Humphries, Keynote speaker by
Jane Farrar, Professor, Department of Genetics

5:15-6:00 pm  Keynote lecture, Pete Humphries

“On Prevention of Blindness: in Footsteps of Jacob and Wilde”.

Pete Humphries, Professor of Medical Molecular Genetics, Department of Genetics

6:00-6:45 pm Reception (Lloyd Building)
Friday March 6th

Session 1 Neurodegeneration Mechanisms & Interventions

09:00  Introduction by Chair of the session
        Maeve Caldwell, Professor in Neuroscience, Department of Physiology, School of Medicine & TCIN

09:05  Eyes, ears and mind: Linking ageing-relating hearing, vision and cognitive decline
        Iracema Leroi, Associate Professor of Geriatric Psychiatry, and Faculty Global Brain Health Institute, Trinity College Dublin

09:25  Inflammation in the injured brain: Lessons learned from microglial-depletion models
        David Loane, Research Assistant Professor, School of Biochemistry and Immunology, Trinity College Biosciences Institute & TCIN

09:45  Dynamic regulation of the blood brain barrier in health and disease
        Matt Campbell, Assistant Professor in Genetics, Department of Genetics & TCIN

10:05  Dysfunctional soluble Aβ and tau : Partners in synaptic crime?
        Michael Rowan, Professor of Neuropharmacology, Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, School of Medicine & TCIN

10:30- 10: 55am  Coffee

Session 2 Psychiatry and Clinical Neuroscience

10:55  Introduction by Chair of the session
        Clare Kelly, Usher Assistant Professor of Functional Neuroimaging, School of Psychology & Department of Psychiatry, School of Medicine & TCIN

11:00  Glutamate and brain tumour related epilepsy: opportunities for precision medicine based treatments?
        Mark Cunningham, Ellen Mayston Bates Professor of Neurophysiology of Epilepsy, Department of Physiology, School of Medicine & TCIN

11:20  A novel brain-computer interface to regulate the state of motor pathways following stroke
        Kathy Ruddy, Research Assistant Professor, School of Psychology & TCIN

11:40  Psychotic experiences in childhood: meanings and mechanisms
        Mary Cannon, Professor of Psychiatric Epidemiology and Youth Mental Health, Department of Psychiatry, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland & TCIN

12:00  Neuroimaging in the era of big data
        Hugh Garavan, Professor of Psychology/Psychiatry, Department of Psychological Science, The University of Vermont

12:30- 1:30pm Lunch
Session 3 Neural Systems and Behaviour

13:30  Introduction by Chair of the session
Fiona Newell, Professor of Experimental Psychology, School of Psychology & TCIN

13:35  Transdiagnostic approaches to understanding cognitive underpinnings of mental health and illness
Claire Gillan, Assistant Professor in Psychology, School of Psychology, Faculty Global Brain health Institute & TCIN

13:55  The Evolution and Development of Memory Engrams
Tomas Ryan, Associate Professor in Biochemistry, School of Biochemistry and Immunology & TCIN

14:15  Why are humans helpless for so long during infancy?
Rhodri Cusack, Thomas Mitchell Professor of Cognitive Neuroscience, School of Psychology & TCIN

14:35  The construction of value: from food to the aesthetic appreciation of art.
John O’Doherty, Professor of Psychology, Division of the Humanities and Social Sciences, California Institute of Technology

15:05- 15:20pm    Coffee

Session 4 New Expansions and Connections

15:20  Introduction by Chair of the session
Andrew Harkin, Associate Professor in Pharmacology, School of Pharmacy and Pharmacuetical Sciences & Deputy Director TCIN

15:25  Children’s brain health
Trevor Spratt, AIB Professor in Childhood Research, School of Social Work and Social Policy, Director of Trinity Research in Childhood Centre

15:40  Neurohumanities initiative
Introduction by Mani Ramaswami, Professor of Neurogenetics & Director, TCIN
With contributions from:
Jane Ohlmeyer, Erasmus Smith’s Professor of Modern History, Department of History and Director of the Trinity Long Room Hub
Nicholas Johnson, Assistant Professor of Drama, Samuel Beckett Centre, School of Creative Arts
Veronica O’Keane, Professor in Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry, School of Medicine & TCIN

15:55  Connecting Neuroscience, Neural Engineering and Medicine
Richard Reilly, Research Chair of Neural Engineering, Centre for Bioengineering & TCIN.

16:15  Connecting across disciplines – Global Brain Health Institute
Ian Robertson, emeritus Professor of Psychology, Co-Director Global Brain Helath Institute (GBHI)
Brian Lawlor, Norman Professor of Old Age Psychiatry, Co-Director of GBHI

17:00pm    Conclusion and Close