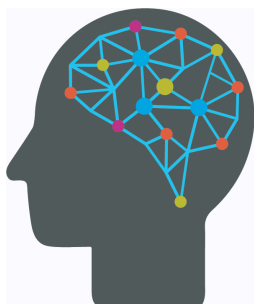


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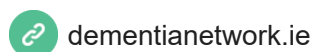
Welcome to the 17th issue of

### DRNI CONNECT!

This edition's lead story is the very exciting announcement on **DRNI's Early Career Researcher Day**, which is taking place on Tuesday 10th October in St James's Hospital, Dublin. This in-person event promises to be a great opportunity for ECRs to meet peers, network with experts and PPI representatives and learn more about the funding landscape. You can also read about DRNI's session at **Neuroscience Ireland's** biennial conference, as well as finding out more about our upcoming **Brain Health and Dementia webinar** series. You will also find information about **Dementia Trials Ireland's** upcoming webinar "A guide to delivering dementia trials in Ireland", as well as our usual features such as **Researcher in Focus** and **Upcoming Events**.

If you have any news, projects or events that you would like to see featured in future newsletters, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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## DRNI Early Career Researcher Day

10th October  
St James's Hospital, Dublin

Dementia Research Network Ireland (DRNI) are delighted to host an **Early Career Researcher Day**.

This in-person event will give ECRs in dementia the opportunity to present their research, meet other researchers and learn more about the funding landscape.



**For information & free registration:**  
<https://forms.office.com/e/457VjuTuNp>  
**or go to:**  
<https://dementianetwork.ie/news-item/drni-early-career-researcher-day>




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### 1) DRNI Early Career Researcher Day

We are delighted to announce that we are hosting an Early Career Researcher Day on Tuesday, 10th October.

Taking place in St James's Hospital, Dublin, this in-person event will give ECRs in the area of dementia an opportunity to present their research to a judging panel of experts and PPI representatives, and to network with peers and experts. A panel discussion with funders will also take place, where ECRs will be able to learn more about the funding landscape and ask questions.

presentations and posters.

The abstract deadline is 15 September - to register to attend or to submit your abstract, please go to <https://forms.office.com/e/457VjuTuNp>

For further information, please see <https://dementianetwork.ie/news-item/drni-early-career-researcher-day> or contact Vanessa Moore at [mooreva@tcd.ie](mailto:mooreva@tcd.ie).

**We hope to see you there!**



## 2) DRNI at the Neuroscience Ireland conference

DRNI were invited by Neuroscience Ireland to co-host a session on "New Horizons in Alzheimer's" together with the Alzheimer Society of Ireland on 30th August, the second day of their biennial conference which took place in the beautiful setting of RCSI.

The session started off with a lively and insightful panel discussion on public person involvement in research. Led by Dr Diane O'Doherty of the Alzheimer Society of Ireland, panel participants Kevin Quaid, Helena Quaid and Kevin Cullen from the Dementia Research Advisory Team shared their insights and expertise of PPI involvement as persons living with dementia and as carers, while Dr Derek Costello, Assistant Professor of Neuroscience at UCD provided his experience of PPI involvement as a researcher. The panel discussion was followed by Professor Sean Kennelly of Tallaght University Hospital/Trinity College Dublin who spoke on the changes in diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's Disease. To finish the session, Dr Colm Cunningham, Associate Professor in Neuroscience, Trinity College Dublin,

DRNI and the Alzheimer Society of Ireland wish to sincerely thank Neuroscience Ireland for the invitation, and above all the speakers who took part in the session!



**A GUIDE TO DELIVERING  
DEMENTIA TRIALS  
IN IRELAND**

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**OVERCOMING THE CHALLENGES AND PITFALLS  
FROM FEASIBILITY THROUGH TO DELIVERY**

Dementia Trials Ireland, a HRB Clinical Trial Network, is delighted to announce this free **1/2 day webinar**, delivered online in partnership with **HRB TMRN**. The webinar comprises **4 sessions**.

**Sessions 1 - 3** delivered by clinical research and clinical trial coordination experts will introduce participants to the concepts and considerations central to effective development and delivery of dementia clinical trials in an Irish context to include:

- Legal, ethical and site feasibility
- Contracts, budgets, regulatory considerations
- Green light and subsequent trial coordination requirements
- Event reporting, data management and audits
- Trial close out

**Session 4** attendees will 'meet the expert' featuring Dr. Rónán O'Caomh, UCC; Prof. Seán Kennelly, TUH; and Prof. Brian Lawlor, TCD who will speak to their experience of the day-to-day realities of successfully conducting a clinical dementia trial in Ireland.

This online event may be of interest to early career researchers (clinical or academic), clinical investigators, research nurses or allied healthcare professionals with an interest in dementia clinical trials.

**Register**

<https://tinyurl.com/mrys53mx>

November 8th  
09:00 - 13:00

Health Research Board  
**TMRN**  
Trial Methodology Research Network

### 3) Dementia Trials Ireland - A guide to delivering dementia trials in Ireland

Dementia Trials Ireland are hosting a online webinar on how to navigate and overcome the challenges and pitfalls associated with developing and delivering a successful dementia clinical trial.

Taking place on Wednesday, November 8th, this half-day webinar is delivered in partnership with **HRB TMRN and** will include a **live 'meet the expert' session** where attendees will have the opportunity to chat with 3 senior experts in the field. The webinar would be particularly relevant for early career researchers (clinical or academic), clinical investigators, research nurses or AHPs with an interest in dementia trials.

For further information, please go to <https://dementrials.ie/news> or register (for free) via <https://tinyurl.com/mrys53mx>.

This edition's Researcher in Focus is **Dr Sarah Nicolas**, a postdoctoral researcher in the Department of Anatomy and Neuroscience at University College Cork. To read more about Sarah's work and research, click [HERE](#).

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### 5) DRNI Brain Health and Dementia webinar series

DRNI will host a webinar series dedicated to Brain Health and Dementia this autumn. Beginning in November, the webinar series will run once a week and cover topics such as the effects of dementia on the brain; physical activity and brain health; diet and maintaining brain health; brain stimulation in dementia; and brain-specific post-diagnostic support.

Each webinar will be given by an expert in the area. Also, each session will see a presentation by an early career researcher, plus a chance for participants to ask questions at the end of each session.

More information and registration details to follow!

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### 6) PhD opportunity: Health Economics and Dementia

The Centre for Health Policy and Management at Trinity College Dublin are seeking a dedicated and ambitious PhD candidate to join their dynamic interdisciplinary team to assess the readiness of the Irish Healthcare System for the implementation of upcoming disease-modifying therapies (DMTs) for Alzheimer's Disease.

The 4-year studentship is funded by the Trinity Research Doctorate Award.

For further information, please email Dr Irina Kinchin at [KINCHINI@tcd.ie](mailto:KINCHINI@tcd.ie) or see <https://www.tcd.ie/medicine/education/courses/postgraduate/research/PhD%20post.pdf>

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### 7) Upcoming events

#### DRNI Early Career Research Day

This in-person event is taking place Tuesday, 10th October in the Davis Coakley Theatre, MISA Building, St James's Hospital, Dublin.

To register to attend or to submit your abstract, please go to <https://forms.office.com/e/457VjuTuNq>

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Tea Time with Lewy is a monthly get-together for anyone affected by Lewy body disease.

The next Tea Time with Lewy is taking place on **Thursday, 28 Sep 2023 16:00 - 17:00 IST.**

Hosted by Kevin Quaid (who is living with Lewy body dementia) and his wife Helena, Chris Maddocks (who is also living with Lewy body dementia) along with Karen Meenan from Lewy Body Ireland and Jacqui Cannon from The Lewy Body Society.

To register to attend, please go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tea-time-with-lewy-tickets-530405145067?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>.



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