

Joint Psychiatry and Neurology Clinical-Research Meeting

Wednesday 25 February 2026 at St Anne's College, Woodstock Road, Oxford

09:00-09:30	Arrival and registration
09:30-09:40	Welcome <i>Professor Kevin Talbot, Professor Belinda Lennox</i>
	Session 1 – Neuroinflammation
09:40-10:10	A/Prof Lahiru Handunnetthi From infection to inflammation: the role of interferon signalling in brain health
10:10-10:50	Case and discussion
10:50-11:20	Coffee
	Session 2 – Dementia
11:20-11:40	Prof Sarah Pendlebury Delirium, infection and dementia risk: studies using real-world cohorts
11:40-12:00	Prof Clare Mackay Integrated service and research in the Oxford Brain Health Clinic
12:00-12:20	Dr Ahmet Begde Plasma Biomarkers for Dementia: Recent Advances and the Role of READOUT
12:20-12:40	Dr Sijia Zhao On the relationships between apathy, depression and anhedonia
12:40-13:00	A/Prof Sanjay Manohar Models of apathy in neurodegeneration
13:00-13:30	Panel discussion
13:30-14:30	Lunch
	Session 3 – Early-mid career researchers
14:30-14:50	Dr Riccardo De Giorgi Evidence, promises & pitfalls of GLP-1-based therapies for cognitive and mental disorders
14:50-15:10	Dr Sophie Binks A cross-species model of autoimmune encephalitis
15:10-15:30	Dr Roberto Bellanti Fluid biomarkers of peripheral nerve disease: from in vitro models to clinical validation
15:30-15:50	Dr Akanksha Bafna Decoding the relationship between circadian misalignment and neurological diseases
15:50-16:30	Coffee
	Session 4 – The future of academic neurology and psychiatry
16:30-17:10	Prof Simon Mead The future of academic neurology (and psychiatry)
17:10-18:00	Panel discussion Prof Simon Mead, Prof Belinda Lennox, Prof Kevin Talbot Drs De Giorgi, Binks, Skelly, Bellanti and Bafna
18:00-18:30	Drinks reception
18:30-20:00	Dinner