As another year draws to a close, I’m delighted to welcome you to the winter edition of the Faculty of Life Sciences newsletter. The Faculty of Life Sciences is proud to announce the winners of the Faculty of Life Sciences Awards and Accolades. In addition, we are pleased to share the latest news and updates from across the Faculty. As always, I would like to acknowledge the sensational team that we have in the Faculty of Life Sciences, which forms the foundations of the success that we have achieved. The Faculty of Life Sciences is committed to excellence in research and education, and we are thrilled to see the latest achievements from our faculty members. We look forward to celebrating even more success in the coming year. Happy New Year.

Faculty of Life Sciences News

Sharon Park, UCL School of Pharmacy

The Faculty of Life Sciences is delighted to announce the winners of the Faculty of Life Sciences Awards and Accolades. The awards recognize the exceptional contributions of our faculty members to research, teaching, and service. The winners were selected based on their outstanding achievements in their respective fields. The awards were presented at a special ceremony held earlier this month, and we congratulate all of the recipients on their well-deserved recognition.

London: Conversations for Action

The River Lea, which runs through the middle of the UCL East campus, might be one of the most polluted rivers in the country - but it has the potential to be transformed into a thriving ecosystem. The workshop, 'River Lea: Conversations for Action', aims to engage the local community in the process of restoring the river. The workshop will be held on January 28th, and we invite everyone to attend and contribute to the conversation.

Clarivate's annual 'Highly Cited Researchers' list

A total of 59 UCL academics have been recognised as Highly Cited Researchers. The list identifies the most influential researchers in their fields, based on their citation impact. This recognition is a testament to the excellence of our faculty members, and we are proud to see so many of them receive this prestigious honor.

Meet the expert: Sara Mederos

We recently caught up with Sara Mederos, who joined the Sainsbury Wellcome Centre in 2020 as a Research Fellow in the Laboratory of Computational Neurobiology. She is working on developing novel approaches to manipulate astrocyte signalling and evaluate its impact in vivo. In the interview, she discussed her research and career goals.

Research Council Starting Grants

UCL academics were awarded European Research Council Starting Grants, which aim to help excellent younger scientists to launch their own projects, form their own teams and pursue their most promising ideas. The European Research Council (ERC) funded the six projects, which were led by UCL academics. The grants provide €1 million (£836 million) over five years, and are intended to help researchers establish their own independent teams and pursue their most promising research ideas.

Student Palaeontology Project

A student palaeontology project, which involves collaborators from 21 institutions in Europe and New Zealand, has been awarded €636 million (£552 million) by the ERC as part of its 2021 Starting Grant competition. The project, led by Professor Mark Thomas, aims to map the evolution of lactose tolerance in Europe, and offers new insights into milk consumption patterns over the last 9,000 years. The study involved collaborators from 21 institutions in Europe and New Zealand, and was supervised by leading experts from Europe, the United States, and New Zealand.

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