

Thank you for supporting Race Against Dementia. This newsletter is to provide you with some of the highlights of our year so far.

A new CEO for RAD – Introducing Bridget Barker

We are excited to announce that Bridget Barker is joining RAD as CEO from the beginning of August.



Bridget was with the London law firm, Macfarlanes, for over 35 years where she headed up the Investment Management Group. Following her retirement from the Macfarlanes partnership, Bridget has taken on a number of non-executive directorships and other advisory roles in the private equity sector. She has also worked with several charities in areas including governance and fundraising.

Penny Moyle is stepping down from the role of CEO but, from the Autumn, will be a consultant to RAD working in connection with the Fellows Development Programme.

RAD Fellows F1-inspired Leadership Development

We are creating a development programme for RAD's funded scientists, inspired by best practice in Formula 1. This is a key differentiator of the RAD Fellowship Programme, relative to other funding bodies. It is rare for scientists to receive such high-quality development opportunities.

In the first two years of the RAD Fellowship, scientists have benefited from a range of different activities, including exclusive tours of the Red Bull and McLaren factories, input from [Prof. Mark Jenkins](#) about applying lessons from Formula 1, performance coaching from [Hintsa](#) and influencing skills training from [Customer Psychology](#). RAD is receiving feedback from the Fellows about what works best for them, which will influence how the programme develops and is rolled out for each new scientist joining the team.

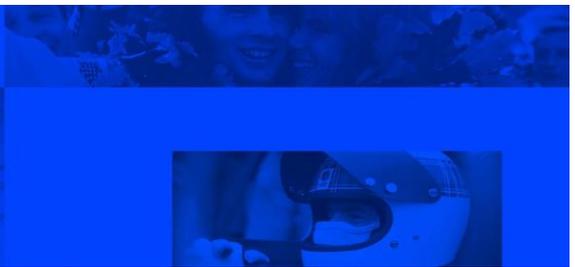
For a full report on these activities and workshops, click [here](#).

New RAD Fellowships



In September we will be announcing the appointment of four new RAD Fellows, in collaboration with **Alzheimer's Research UK**, taking our RAD Fellowship team to a total of 10 scientists.

Following the successful appointment of Dr Adekunle Bademosi and Dr Andrew McKinnon to RAD Fellowships, in collaboration with the **Dementia Australia**, applications are now open for a further [Australian Fellowship](#).



Sir Jackie becomes Patron Dementia Australia

In reflection of the high esteem in which Sir Jackie is held by all Australians and especially those impacted by dementia, the Board of Directors of Dementia Australia has conferred the title of Patron Dementia Australia. Allan Moffat OBE and Sir Michael Parkinson CBE are also Patrons.

More new research funded by RAD

The RAD Trustees are always looking out for new ways of supporting research into dementia. In addition to the established Fellowship Programme, the Trustees have decided to extend RAD's research funding to some exciting new projects:

1. Race Against Dementia Treatment Discovery Hub. The initial two-year pilot project will bring together world-leading researchers at the University of Edinburgh (led by Prof. Siddharthan Chandran) and the University of Amsterdam (led by Prof. Philip Scheltens). The Edinburgh team will use human stem cell platforms to identify promising drug candidates for dementia and the Amsterdam team will use multi-arm, adaptive clinical trials that allow more treatments to be tested in half the time and for a fraction of the cost. RAD is funding the first year of research out of reserves and is now fundraising to obtain a target of £500,000 to pay for the second year.

2. Inflammation theory of idiopathic normal pressure hydrocephalus (iNPH): is gut microbiota the culprit? This three-year study at Geneva University and the Geneva University Hospital will examine the role that the gut-brain axis might play in the development of iNPH by observing patients presenting with suspected NPH. RAD is also actively fund-raising for this project.

Dementia Research Meets Motorsports and £20,000 grant opportunity

The ongoing restrictions relating to COVID-19 meant that RAD took the decision to postpone the



Dementia Research Meets Motorsports Summit part of the event.

However, RAD was able to run a very successful Innovation Accelerator virtually. This competitive workshop brought together early career dementia researchers and experts from the world of motorsports, in mixed teams, to develop ideas about how dramatically to accelerate progress in dementia research.

Read more about it [here](#).

As announced by Sir Jackie at the Innovation Accelerator, RAD is now open for applications for a £20,000 seed grant from any individual or team who has a proposal to accelerate progress in dementia research. Apply [here](#).

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