



Happy new year! This newsletter contains details of the following:

1. Join OPSYRIS,
2. Registration and Abstract Submission for OPSYRIS 2024,
3. Nominations for the OPSYRIS Rising Star Award,
4. Join us at the next WFNR in Vancouver,
5. PhD scholarship opportunity in the area of aphasia best practice – QARC, and
6. Vacancies in the Applied Health Research hub at the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan)

Warm regards,

The OPSYRIS Committee, <https://opsyris.org/>



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## 1. Join OPSYRIS

The Organisation for Psychological Research into Stroke (OPSYRIS) is a Special Interest Group of the World Federation for Neurorehabilitation (<https://www.wfnr.co.uk/>). Our aims are to facilitate and disseminate research on psychological aspects of stroke, inform evidence-based clinical practice in stroke psychology services, and promote consideration of psychological factors in stroke research and clinical settings.

- **Join OPSYRIS by completing a short membership form here:** <https://opsyris.org/about-us/membership/>
- **Become the next OPSYRIS committee from Autumn 2024 to Summer 2026:**  
Email us to express interest and find out more: [s.rossit@uea.ac.uk](mailto:s.rossit@uea.ac.uk) [f.gracey@uea.ac.uk](mailto:f.gracey@uea.ac.uk) & [catherine.ford@uea.ac.uk](mailto:catherine.ford@uea.ac.uk) Benefits include getting to meet the wonderful OPSYRIS membership, free travel, and conference attendance, hearing the latest news in psychological research in stroke and more!

## 2. Registration and Abstract Submission for OPSYRIS24

We are looking forward to OPSYRIS24 on **Friday 12 July** at Bournemouth University and hope to see you there!

- Register to attend in person or online via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/opsyris-2024-tickets-736585385717>
- Submit your abstracts via this link: <https://forms.gle/rXG5ZhLxA3F1r85C9>
- You can also submit symposium, talk & poster proposals for OPSYRIS24 as well as travel award nominations!

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**Organisation for Psychological Research into Stroke  
Annual Conference 2024, <http://opsyris.org>**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024, Bournemouth University, UK**

Register via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/opsyris-2024-tickets-736585385717>

Students £30, WFNR members £45, Non-members £60, Online only £25

Please submit your proposal for symposium, talks or posters by **Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> of April 2024**  
using the QR code or URL: <https://forms.gle/rXG5ZhLxA3F1r85C9>



**Proposals for travel grant applications and rising star awards also accepted!**

### 3. Nominations for the OPSYRIS24 Rising Star Award

Email your nominations for the OPSYRIS24 Rising Star Award for early career researchers or clinicians with a brief (half page) justification to [info@opsyris.org](mailto:info@opsyris.org)



As well as the prestige of winning a commemorative award, the winner is invited to give an oral presentation of their work at the OPSYRIS24 meeting.



#### 4. Join us at the WFNR 13<sup>th</sup> World Congress for Neurorehabilitation in Vancouver

The 13th World Congress for Neurorehabilitation will be held in Vancouver, Canada from 22-25 May 2024, <https://wfnr-congress.org/>

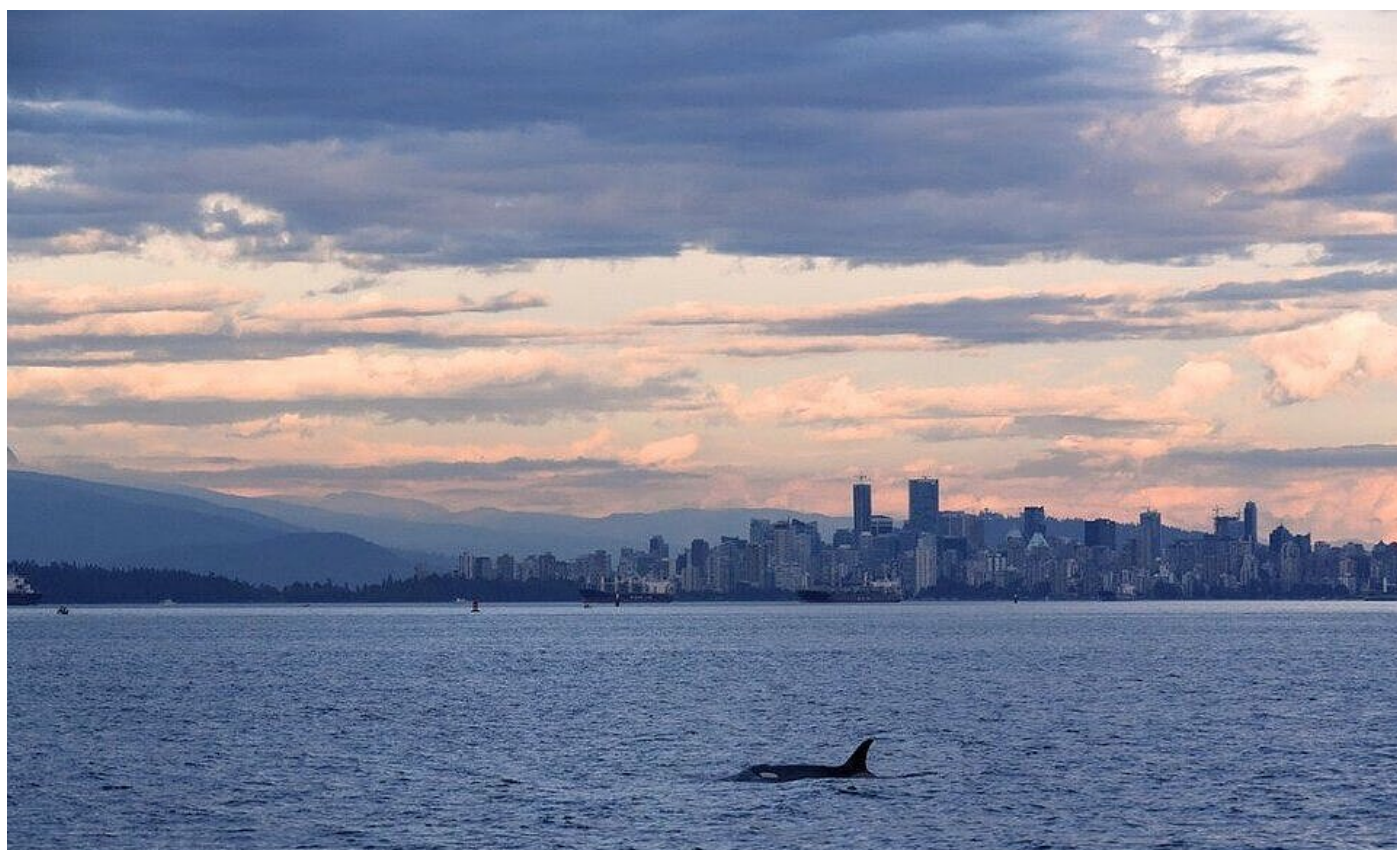
- Abstracts are now in review. All authors will be informed of results in late January.
- The deadline for WCNR Travel Fellowship applications is **9 February 2024**  
<https://wfnr-congress.org/general-information/wcncr-travel-fellowships-1>

Stephanie Rossit (OPSYRIS chair) will be running the following workshop there:

- Session title: Assessment and rehabilitation of visual perception and inattention difficulties
- Session date: 22 May 2024
- Session time: 2:45 PM-4:15 PM (PST)



*Vancouver*  
22–25 May 2024  
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## 5. PhD scholarship opportunity in the area of aphasia best practice – QARC

A PhD scholarship is now available in the area of aphasia best practice. The topic is about "improving post-stroke aphasia management through an implementation toolkit" and the successful applicant will be based at the Queensland Aphasia Research Centre (QARC).

Some things to know:

- It is a full-time scholarship open to both domestic and international students
- The selected candidate needs to start by Research Quarter 2 in 2025 (before March 2025) but preferred start date is earlier.
- The scholarship is offered by The University of Queensland

You can learn more about the scholarship here: <https://study.uq.edu.au/study-options/phd-mphil-professional-doctorate/projects/improving-services-people-aphasia-through-development-implementation-toolkit>.

Please contact Dr Kirstine Shrubsole if you have any questions.

Do you want to improve aphasia services using implementation science?

PhD Scholarship Opportunity  
with the Queensland Aphasia Research Centre

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Contact [k.shrubsole@uq.edu.au](mailto:k.shrubsole@uq.edu.au)



## 6. Vacancies in the Applied Health Research hub at the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan)

Please details and links below for current vacancies in the Applied Health Research hub (AHRh) at University of Central Lancashire (UCLan)

### Clinical Trials Manager

**Job Reference:** 1171-23

**Application Closing Date:** Sunday 21 January 2024

**School / Service:** Applied Health Research hub, Lancashire Clinical Trials Unit (CTU)

**Location:** Preston Campus

**Job Category / Type:** Professional Services

**Salary:** £40,521 to £46,974 per annum

**Basis:** Full Time

**Contract Type:** Fixed Term for 24 months

**Hours:** 36.25 hours per week

**Interview Date:** TBC

**Link to full details and application:** [Clinical Trials Manager - 1171-23 - UCLan](#)

### Research Fellow

**Job Reference:** 1253-23

**Application Closing Date:** Sunday 21 January 2024

**School / Service:** Applied Health Research hub, Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Unit

**Location:** Preston Campus

**Job Category / Type:** Academic / Research

**Salary:** £40,521 to £46,974 per annum

**Basis:** Full Time

**Contract Type:** Fixed Term until 31 March 2026

**Hours:** 37 hours per week

**Interview Date:** TBC

**Link to full details and application:** [Research Fellow - 1253-23 - UCLan](#)

### Senior Research Assistant

**Job Reference:** 1086-23

**Application Closing Date:** Sunday 21 January 2024

**School / Service:** Applied Health Research hub, Research Facilitation and Delivery Unit (RFDU)

**Location:** Preston Campus

**Job Category / Type:** Professional Services

**Salary:** £28,759 to £32,982 per annum

**Basis:** Full Time

**Contract Type:** Fixed Term until 31 December 2024

**Hours:** 36.25 hours per week

**Interview Date:** Friday 23 February 2024

**Link to full details and application:** [Senior Research Assistant - 1086-23 - UCLan](#)



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