



This issue of our newsletter contains details of the following:

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9. NEW Stroke Psychologist Network
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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 f.gracey@uea.ac.uk & 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!



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2. OPSYRIS 2024 - Keynote Speakers, Registration and Abstract Submission,

We are looking forward to OPSYRIS24 on **Friday 12 July** at **Bournemouth University** and our great line up of speakers!



Jon Evans, Professor of Clinical Neuropsychology, University of Glasgow, President of the International Neuropsychological Society

Thinking outside the box:

Novel interventions to address the cognitive and psychological needs of people recovering from Stroke.



Louise Clark, Consultant Occupational Therapist, AHP Lead for Stroke, Dorset County Hospital Foundation Trust, SSNAP Associate Director, RCOT Stroke Forum and Intercollegiate Stroke Working Party Member.

Implementing the CHIME model in a stroke rehabilitation unit



Caroline Ellis-Hill, Senior Lecturer in Qualitative Research, Bournemouth University

Humanising lifeworld-led approaches to research and practice after stroke



Sureshkumar Kamalakannan, Associate Professor, Northumbria University.

WORKSHOP

Enhancing recruitment of underserved groups in stroke research

- **REGISTRATION:** Register to attend in person or online via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/opsyris-2024-tickets-736585385717>
- **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:** Submit your abstracts by **Monday 29 April:** <https://forms.gle/rXG5ZhLxA3F1r85C9>
- You can also submit symposium, talk & poster proposals for OPSYRIS24 as well as travel award nominations!

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WFNR World Federation for Neurorehabilitation
OPSIRIS
Organisation for Psychological Research into Stroke

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

Friday 12th 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 29th 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. Nominate yourself or colleagues for the OPSYRIS24 Rising Star Award



Email nominations for the OPSYRIS24 Rising Star Award for early career researchers or clinicians with a brief (half page) justification to 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. World Congress of Neurorehabilitation 2024 OPSYRIS Special Interest Group meeting – Weds 22 May

If you are attending the World Congress of Neurorehabilitation 2024 conference in Vancouver in May, please join us on Wednesday 22 May for an OPSYRIS Specialist Interest Group meeting at 16.30-18.00 in Meeting Room 5.



5. BDH – Otto Löwenstein RESEARCH AWARD 2024 –deadline 15 April 2024

The BDH's Otto Löwenstein Research Prize is endowed with €5,000 and honors current research by younger scientists (under 40 years of age) in the field of neurorehabilitation, neuropsychology and psychopathology. For further details and the application form go to: <https://www.bdh-reha.de/de/themen/wissenschaft-forschung-otto-loewenstein-preis.php>

**BDH – Otto Löwenstein
RESEARCH AWARD 2024**
in Neurorehabilitation, Neuropsychology and Psychopathology





DO YOU WANNA WIN

THE JUNIOR SCIENTIST PRIZE
5000 EURO
Submission deadline: 15th April 2024

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Qualified junior clinicians, researchers and allied health professionals < 40 years

WHAT KIND OF RESEARCH CAN BE SUBMITTED?

- Clinically relevant research in Neurorehabilitation, Neuropsychology and Psychopathology
- High impact on patient care
- High clinical application potential in case of translational research
- Published in the last 24 months (at date of entry)
- Written in either English or German

HOW TO APPLY?

1. Complete the application form
2. Submit a PDF of your published research
3. English summary of max. 1000 words

CLOSING DATE: 15th April 2024

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FURTHER INFORMATION:
<https://www.bdh-reha.de/de/themen/wissenschaft-forschung-otto-loewenstein-preis.php>



6. The BPS DoN and BNS Neuropsychology International Fellowship Scheme (NIF) – deadline Friday 31 May 2024

Applications are welcomed for the BPS DoN and BNS Neuropsychology International Fellowship Scheme (NIF). This scheme provides £6,000 for one candidate per year to pursue a small-scale research project in a host institution of their choice within the UK. The scheme aims to reflect the commitment of the BNS and DoN to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) and to provide opportunities for diversifying learning across cultures. The scheme encourages postgraduates from under privileged countries wishing to further their neuropsychology and research experience in the UK, or people from the UK wishing to develop and share their neuropsychology knowledge and skills, as part of a project to develop resources in countries with limited neuropsychology services.

The deadline is Friday 31 May 2024 for a Fellowship between October 2024 – October 2025. For more information see the website: <https://www.the-bns.org/nif>



7. Launch of the UK and ROI Acute Stroke Simulation Course – places remaining on April and July courses

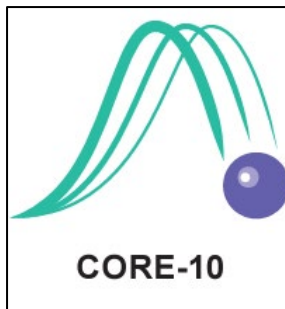
The UK and ROI Acute Stroke Simulation Course has now officially launched. The course is a one-day, multidisciplinary course open to anyone involved in acute stroke care. All candidates will be able to access pre course materials prior to the course date. The course will cover a range of topics including thrombolysis, thrombectomy, stroke mimics and intracerebral haemorrhage.

Please visit the website for more information and to register: <https://biasp.org/training-education/uk-roi-acute-stroke-simulation-course/>

There are currently 2 places remaining for both the April and July courses, there are more available for the October course.

If you have any queries, please email ukstrokesimulation@gmail.com

8. NEW Paper Alert! Support for the Clinical Outcomes in Routine Evaluation – 10-item version (CORE-10) in post-acute stroke inpatients



A new open access paper by OPSYRIS committee member, Tom Steverson, and colleagues provides support for the Clinical Outcomes in Routine Evaluation – ten-item version (the CORE-10) designed to measure psychological distress, as a valid and reliable measure in inpatient stroke care: Steverson T, Marsden J, Blake J. The reliability, validity and clinical utility of the Clinical Outcomes in Routine Evaluation – ten-item version (CORE-10) in post-acute patients with stroke. *Clinical Rehabilitation*. 2024;0(0). doi:[10.1177/02692155241236602](https://doi.org/10.1177/02692155241236602)

9. NEW Stroke Psychologist Network

We are in the early stages of forming a UK wide network of clinical psychologists and neuropsychologists working in stroke services, with an aim to aid communication and support between clinicians and services, and to raise the profile of psychology in stroke services at local, regional and national levels. For further information or to join the network, please contact Steve Green on steven.green@qehkl.nhs.uk

10. Current Research Studies

Trainee Clinical Psychologist Laura Farrell (Laura.Farrell@uea.ac.uk) is recruiting stroke family carers for a study on their experience of motivational changes after stroke. Please share her study flier with anyone who may be interested in taking part. They are welcome to email her for further information or find out more using the QR code below or link:

<https://forms.gle/NtAaKoPaXftM2LBi7>

Who Can Get Involved?

We'd like to hear from people from all walks of life, to understand family carers' experiences of changes in motivation after a stroke.

- You need to be an unpaid family carer for a stroke survivor and 18 years old or above.
- You need to understand written English to complete the survey.
- If you would like to be interviewed, you need to be able to speak English.

What Is Involved?

- An anonymous online survey. As a thank you, you can opt in for a raffle for a £20 Amazon voucher.
- If you let us know you'd like to be involved further, we may ask if you would be happy to have an online interview. As a thank you, you will be offered a £10 Amazon voucher for participating in an interview.

Supporting family carers with motivational changes after stroke

Are you an informal carer for someone who has experienced a stroke? Have you noticed changes in the stroke survivor's motivation since the stroke? Or have you noticed changes in mood in the person you care for? Perhaps these changes are having an impact on you. Either way, we want to hear from you!

Am I a Family Carer?

Often people support someone who has had a stroke without calling themselves carers.

Providing any unpaid support (social, physical, psychological, reassuring) on a regular basis can mean you are a family carer.

Who is Running This Research?

This research is being conducted by **Laura Farrell**, as part of a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology at the University of East Anglia



How do I take part?



Scan the QR code **or** Follow the link:

<https://forms.gle/NtAaKoPaXftM2LBi7>

Get in Touch to Find Out More!

Email: Laura.Farrell@uea.ac.uk





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