



# National Cochlear Implant Users Association

President: Jackie Ashley

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## Summer Meeting and AGM

**Room B04, Birkbeck Main Building, Birkbeck, University of London,  
Torrington Square, London WC1E 7HX,  
10.30 a.m. Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

Dear Cochlear Implant Users, Candidates and Friends,

You are invited to our Summer Meeting and AGM. We will meet again in Birkbeck University of London. Buffet lunch will be provided during which there will be the opportunity to sit down or mingle and visit the manufacturers' exhibition stands.

As well as presentations from the manufacturers on their latest upgrades and accessories we will welcome four speakers keeping us up-to-date with the latest developments and research.

Cochlear Implant Centres have become increasingly aware that they are seeing patients who could be helped by the latest cochlear implants but who fail to meet the criteria set out by NICE in 2012. The NCIUA have worked closely with professionals and other charities concerned about hearing impairment to identify a common strategy to provide evidence to the review of NICE TA166 that is taking place during 2018. We will be welcoming **Debbie Vickers** from UCL Ear Institute to discuss the latest position on the submission to NICE and how it is hoped the criteria will change to benefit more people.

**Jesal Vishnuram**, Action on Hearing Loss Technology Research Manager will be talking about the exciting developments in Smartphone and Tablet apps using the latest improvements in artificial intelligence to provide subtitling and speech to text.

Sensori-neural hearing loss has a diversity of causes that ultimately lead to the death of the hair cells in the cochlea. Oxidative stress and associated inflammation is implicated as a common factor leading to hair cell death. **Tracey Newman** from University of Southampton will be presenting some of the latest research on indications that it may be possible to give some protection to hearing using strategies that control aspects of inflammation. This could be particularly relevant to those of us who use hearing aids in conjunction with a cochlear implant.

As a step on the way to a fully implantable cochlear implant system a key obstacle is the need to develop an implantable microphone. **Mr Richard Irving**, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham will be presenting their work on achieving promising results with patients who have received an implanted microphone.

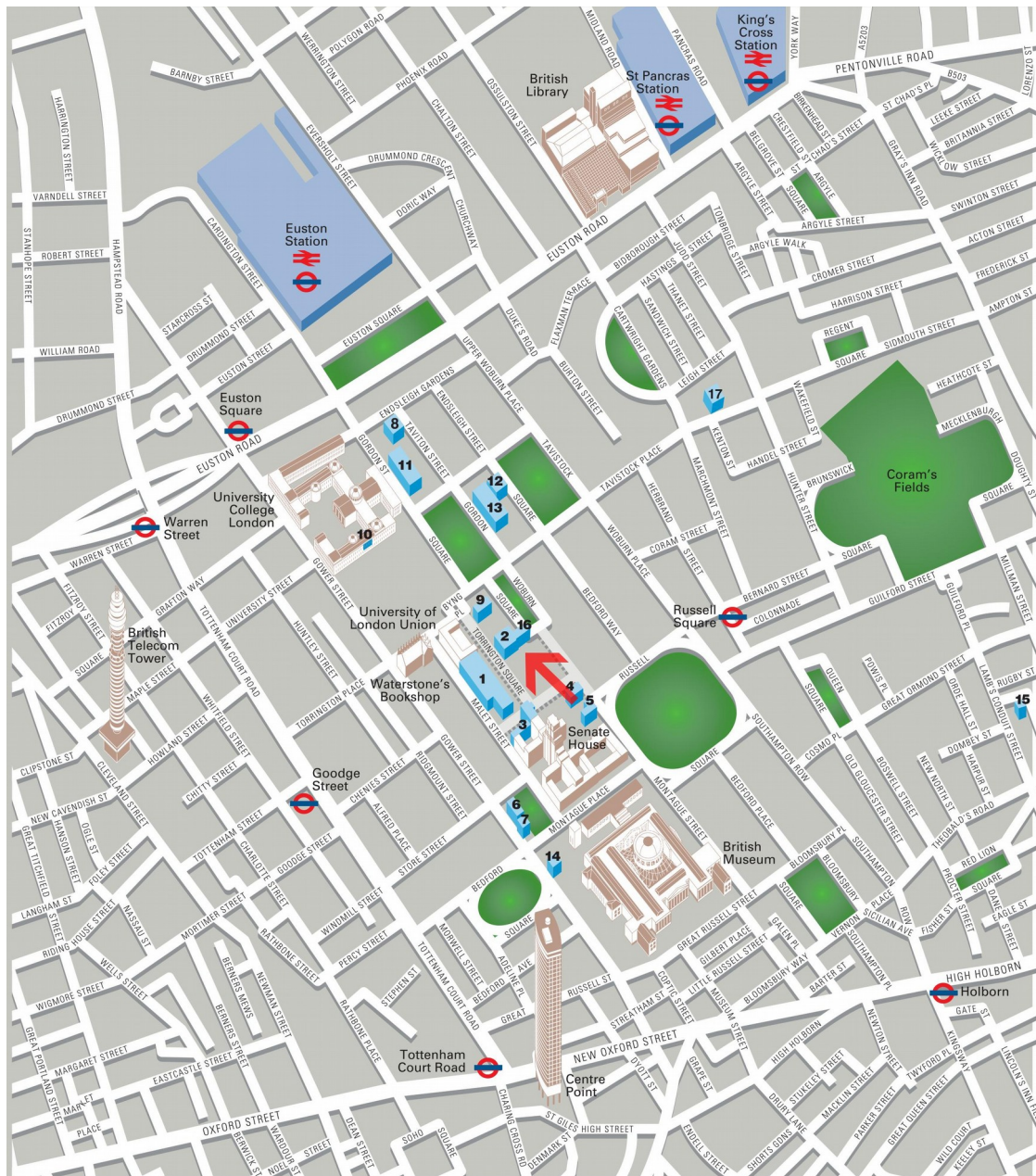
Please pass this on to anybody you know who has an interest in cochlear implants. Friends and family are welcome. If you know of somebody who is considering a cochlear implant this will be a good opportunity for them to find out more.

Speech to text and a hearing loop will be available in the lecture theatre. To find out the latest information about the Summer Meeting visit our website at <http://www.nciua.org.uk>

Best wishes,

Ray Glover - Hon. Secretary, NCIUA





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| Birkbeck buildings                              | 1 Birkbeck main building, Torrington Square | 8 Evening Nursery                           | 15 Knowledge Lab, 23-29 Emerald Street   |
| Stations (rail/tube)                            | 2 Clare Management Centre                   | 9 32 Torrington Square                      | 16 The Wolfson Institute for Brain Development and Function in the Henry Wellcome Building |
| Stations (tube)                                 | 3 Senate House (North Block)                | 10 South Wing UCL (access via Gower Street) | 17 Egmont House  |
| Major landmarks and other buildings of interest | 4 25-26 Russell Square                      | 11 Gordon House                             |  |
|   | 5 30 Russell Square                         | 12 32 Tavistock Square                      |  |
|   | 6 10-16 Gower Street                        | 13 39-47 Gordon Square                      |  |
|   | 7 4 Gower Street                            | 14 7 Bedford Square                         |  |

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### NCIUA AGM & Summer Meeting, 9 June 2018, Birkbeck University of London

Number of places required @ £12.00 : ..... I enclose cheque/P.O. for £ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to NCIUA

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