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UK Biobank Eye & Vision Consortium: September 2013

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Next Consortium Meeting

We are planning to have the third consortium meeting at the Wellcome Collection on Euston Road in London as in previous years. As last year's meeting clashed with half term for some people, I would be grateful for feedback in the attached poll for the preferred date for everyone. Poll will close 1st October.

Link to poll: <http://doodle.com/dvya36yki93vbbx3>

Wellcome Collection:
<http://www.wellcomecollection.org/event-spaces.aspx>

First Consortium Publication

Danny Mitry's innovative work on the use of crowd sourcing is available free of charge online
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3749186/>

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In reverse chronological order, UKBiobank have approved the data access requests from the following groups

Dr Alicja Rudnicka, St George's, University of London, Population Health Sciences
Retina, images, vascular, mortality
<http://www.ukbiobank.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/522-Dr-Alicja-Rudnicka.pdf>

Dr Jeremy Guggenheim, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, School of Optometry
Myopia, refractive error, epidemiology
<http://www.ukbiobank.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/735-Dr-Jeremy-Guggenheim.pdf>

Mr Praveen Patel, Moorfields Eye Hospital, Medical Retina Service, London
Retina, optical coherence tomography, macular thickness
<http://www.ukbiobank.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/2112-Praveen-Patel.pdf>

Dr Thomas MacGillivray, The University Court of the University of Edinburgh
Stroke, cardiovascular disease
<http://www.ukbiobank.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/thomas-MacGillivray-338.pdf>

Philippa Cumberland, UCL, Institute of Child Health, London
Vision, refractive error, myopia, visual impairment
<http://www.ukbiobank.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/669-Philippa-Cumberland.pdf>

Eoin O Sullivan (Kings, London, email: eoin.o.sullivan@nhs.net) and Sarah Mackie (Leeds) - are planning to working on polymyalgia rheumatica and giant cell arteritis using the UKBiobank dataset.

Analysis of IOP data by Paul Foster's group at Moorfields/UCL has been slowed down by contractual wrangling over the MTA (by UCL), but will hopefully be moving ahead within a few weeks.

Fight for Sight Biobank Grant Call [\(Back to Top\)](#)

"Applications are invited for projects using the unique resources offered by the UK Biobank's eye/vision datasets to start in October 2014. A total of up to £200,000 is available under this scheme to fund one or more projects for up to three years."

Applications close Monday 11th November.

Details from Fight for Sight website: <http://fightforsight.org.uk/funding-types/articles/fight-for-sight-project-grants-using-uk-biobank-datasets>.

It is likely that the steering committee will be putting in an application primarily orientated at translating the potential from the photographic images into usable data.

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We are planning to launch a consortium website. This will give a short summary of the activities of the consortium as a whole, and links to the

current research projects (listed above). We will be coordinating with project PI's in due course to set this up.

Biostatistics Support

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Irene Stratton has reminded me that the UK Ophthalmic Statistics Group (OSG) is available to provide advice and analytical support if required. Obviously, it is preferable to seek statistical input at an early phase of study design.

<http://www.brcophthalmology.org/ACTIVE/OphthalmicStatisticsGroup.aspx>

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