

Improving translation in neuroscience

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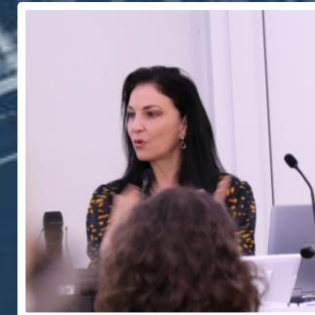
Building bridges between industry and academia is key to improving translation in neuroscience. To help foster these vital collaborations, and seek and share solutions, the British Neuroscience Association (BNA) hosted a one day symposium with partners at the Sainsbury Wellcome Centre (SWC).

Summary of the day – part one

The day began with an **introduction and an overview of translation** by Anne Cooke (BNA) and Tom Otis (SWC).

The morning session consisted of two talks discussing **‘What good translation looks like’**, firstly from an industry perspective by Jina Swartz (MSD) followed by a perspective from academia by Geraint Rees (UCL).

After lunch, a panel discussion chaired by Kevin Cox (ValiRx) explored the topic **‘Why don’t we always achieve good translation?’**, considering the challenges for both industry and academia. Panellists included Catherine Harmer (University of Oxford), Steve Wooding (Beckley Psytech Ltd), Peter McNaughton (KCL) and Jina Swartz (MSD).



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Summary of the day – part two

Next, Manfred Berners (Berners Chapman) facilitated an open discussion and Q&A on **‘What are the barriers to achieving good translation between industry and academia?’** before introducing the breakout group component of the day.

Attendees were split into 6 breakout groups discussing 3 topics: **‘Transparency and usefulness of research’**, **‘Good engagement’** and **‘Effective collaborations’**. Key points were presented back to all attendees and summarised by Manfred Berners.

The closing plenary was given by Ruth McKernan CBE (SV Health Investors), titled **‘Looking to the future’**.

The day concluded with **networking** over drinks and canapes.

Read the Sainsbury Wellcome Centre’s blog post on the day here:

<https://www.sainsburywellcome.org/web/blog/improving-translation-neuroscience>



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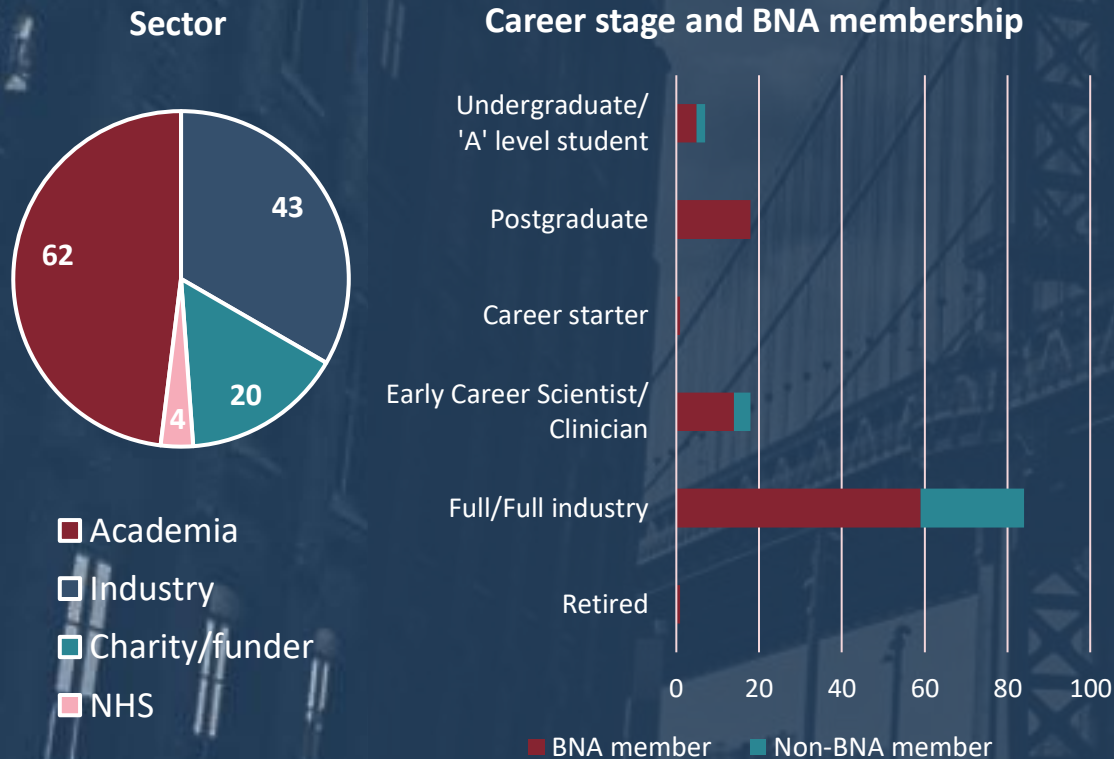
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129 people* of varying sectors and career stages attended the event



Attendees came from across the UK



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We had representation from institutions and organisations across the breadth of neuroscience, further evidencing the relevance of the **Building Bridges Between: Industry and Academia** programme to multifarious people in the sector.



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