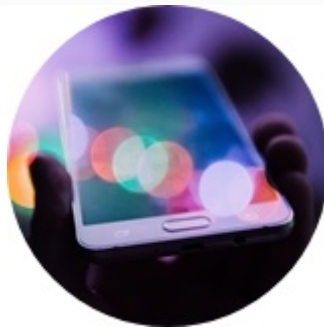


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Welcome to the July 2020 edition of the LIRA  
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### **Funding for digital tech to support therapy**

NHS Scotland is offering up to £345,000 to develop new digital technology to support psychological therapies. The proposed solution must adjust to individual needs in ways that are engaging and effective. [Registration closes on Wednesday 9th September.](#)



### **Join government database of COP26 experts**

The University has received a call from Parliament for experts to add their names to a database of experts to help scrutinise government preparations for the 26th UN Climate Change Conference. For more information, and to sign up, [visit the UK Parliament POST website.](#)

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## Achievements

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### **LIRA member awarded at WCCI2020**

Congratulations to Dr Xiaowei Gu, who has received an award at the prestigious IEEE World Congress on Computational Intelligence. He received an INNS Doctoral Dissertation Award from the International Neural Network Society for his thesis, 'Self-Organising Transparent Learning System', May 2020. Xiaowei was supervised by Dr Plamen Angelov, and will soon be leaving the University to take up a Lectureship in Aberystwyth. Good luck Xiaowei!

## Opportunities

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### **RITICS Call for proposals**

The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), working in collaboration with the Research Institute for the Trustworthy Inter-connected Cyber-physical Systems (RITICS), is inviting proposals from academic researchers for research into the topics relevant to the following research challenges: Safety and Security, Autonomous Systems, Incident Response and Forensics, Cyber Controls, Interconnected Systems and Supply Chain. The closing date is 11th September, more information can be found [here](#).

### **Roadmap for Laboratory Robotics**

A [Roadmap on Laboratory Robotics](#) exist within the European Commission's Research program into advanced robotics. The Roadmap is important as it helps to make the laboratory visible to technology developers and funders who would otherwise be unaware of the importance and value to society and industry. [Dr Patrick Courtney](#), Leader, Topic Group on analytical laboratory robotics within euRobotics is looking to update the Roadmap is inviting input. For the full invitation details please contact [LIRA Administrator](#)

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