

Thank you very much for taking part in the TIME project.

The main findings of the project, which began work in 2003, were reported this year in a paper in one of the leading journals of neurology, *Annals of Neurology* (CR Butler and others, *Annals of Neurology*, 2007; volume 61; pages 587-598). This paper has added very useful information to our knowledge of Transient Epileptic Amnesia (TEA). If you would like us to send you a copy of this paper, please let us know.

The final part of the initial project, designed to learn more about memory for the past in a patients with TEA is now underway.

We have raised funds that will enable us to continue the work of the TIME project over the next few years. These funds come from the Great Western Research Initiative and Microsoft Research. We tell you something about our new recruits, and their plans, below.



Fraser Milton has recently joined the TIME project and is based at the University of Exeter. He is currently planning a project that will locate the brain areas which are important for remembering past events in people with TEA. This work will use a technique – functional MRI scanning – that makes it possible to visualise areas of the brain active in a particular task. This work should help us understand how the brain enables us to remember the past and why some people with TEA encounter difficulty in remembering remote events.



Nils Muhlert has recently joined the study as a researcher. Nils completed a study of memory in people with epilepsy in Sheffield earlier in the year. He will be using specially designed cameras to study memory for everyday experiences. This work is designed to shed light on the rate at which we normally forget the details of recent experiences, and on whether this occurs more rapidly than usual among people with TEA. We are also hoping to use these cameras as a source of memory support.

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More information about the project is available from the TIME website:
<http://www.pms.ac.uk/time/index.php>

We are very grateful to you for your help so far, which has helped to provide a much clearer picture of this type of epilepsy than was available previously.

With all best wishes for Christmas and the New Year,

Yours sincerely,

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