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RSB Member Organisation (MO) Newsletter: April 2021

Dear Ms Newband

Please see below the MO newsletter for April, including details of the RSB Annual General Meeting, taking place on **Wednesday 19th May 2021**. Up to two representatives from each Member Organisation can attend the AGM. Only full Member Organisations may vote and only one representative is entitled to vote. For more information and to register to attend, please visit the [event page](#).

As ever, please feel free to share this throughout your networks, and please contact **Beth Morgan** if you have anything you would like us to include or promote through relevant channels.

Best wishes
Mark

Mark Leach AMRSB
Associate Director

RSB Updates



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RSB urges PM to reconsider research funding cuts

Dr Mark Downs CSci FRSB, chief executive of the RSB, has written to the Prime Minister voicing sector concerns following the announcement of a £120m cut to the Global Challenge Research Fund. Dr Downs wrote in his letter that the reduction could “leave a lasting scar on the progress and capacity of UK science”. Read more and download the full letter in our [news story](#).

Engaging with Parliament events

Carol Monaghan MP for Glasgow North West joined RSB members and MO representatives online on 25th March to discuss spending cuts, policy work, and the activity of the House of Commons Science and Technology Select Committee. Watch the discussion on the [RSB YouTube channel](#), and read our [news story](#) for a summary of the event. Keep an eye on our [events pages](#) for details of the next event.

In *The Biologist*

The theme of the first quarterly issue of *The Biologist* is 'listening in': Read articles on [eavesdropping animals](#), the [best biology podcasts](#),

Research celebrated in this year's STEM for BRITAIN competition

Three early career researchers have received medals as part of the largest scientific poster competition to take place in Parliament. The event, organised by the [Parliamentary & Scientific Committee](#), brings together scientists, engineers, technologists and mathematicians to showcase their research and engage directly with politicians and policymakers. Read more about the winners from the biological and biomedical sciences category in our [news story](#).

Oxford Biology Primers: new titles

The latest titles in the RSB's Oxford Biology Primers series to be published are *Microbial Biotechnology* and *Power Analysis*, with *Cell Signalling*, *Protein Science* and *Evolution* now available to pre-order ahead of publication later in the year. The series of primers introduces prospective and current students of undergraduate-level bioscience to a broad range of topics, with earlier titles in the series exploring *Human Infectious Disease & Public Health*, *Genomics*, *Hormones*, *Mammalian Synthetic Biology and Plant*

and how bacteria can **signal the presence of antibiotics to help others**. Plus, features on the potential impact of a **plant virus pandemic**; the scientists who discovered **living cells in 100 million year old sediment**, and **how viruses can be used to treat cancer**.

Disease & Biosecurity.
Contact Tom Ireland at tom.ireland@rsb.org.uk for more information.

RSB Opportunities to share



Upcoming opportunities you may wish to share with your members or staff

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RSB Annual General Meeting

The RSB AGM will take place online on **Wednesday 19th May 2021**. The meeting will include a presentation of the Trustee's Report and Accounts, followed by a Charter Lecture delivered by RSB Trustee Professor Stefan Przyborski FRSB. Up to two representatives from each **Member Organisation** can attend the AGM. Only **full Member Organisations** may vote and only one representative is entitled to vote. For more information and to register to attend, please visit the [event page](#).

The Nancy Rothwell Award 2021

The **Nancy Rothwell Award** 2021 specimen drawing competition for 7 – 18 year olds is now open for submissions. Prizes include art materials for students and their school can also win

Translating potential into progress – COVID-19 vaccines

The second Policy Lates event of 2021, chaired by Professor Sheila Graham FRSB, will take place on **Tuesday 25th May** at 18:30. The panel will discuss the research realisations and lessons learned in COVID-19 vaccines development, and the wider impact of this for the biosciences in improving global health. Visit the [event page](#) for full details and to book your place on this free online event.

Training courses Laboratory Health & Safety (& COSHH)

Date: 12 May

A course for those working in biological containment laboratories.

Leadership in a Laboratory Environment

Date: 7 – 11 June

£100. The deadline for entries is **Friday 30th July 2021**. Visit [our website](#) for more information.

Photography Competition 2021

'*Interconnected*' is the theme of this year's RSB

Photography Competition.

Life on Earth is connected and this year, entrants are invited to capture these interactions. The competition has two age categories, each with a cash prize: 18 and over (£1000) and under 18s (£500). Submit your images by **Friday 23rd July 2021**.

A course for those in, or aspiring to, a leadership position.

In-house training

If your organisation has identified a training need, we can organise a course for your staff or book your staff on to an existing course. Bulk-booking discounts are available for existing courses. Please email Cara Froggatt at training@rsb.org.uk for more information.

External Opportunities



Activities shared by the RSB Member Organisations (MOs) and partners.

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Inspire the next generation of researchers

The Nuffield Research Placements (NRP) programme will provide supervised online research projects for post-16 students this summer. These virtually supervised research projects in July and/or August are a great opportunity to benefit from a highly motivated student's help on a current problem. Express your interest in providing a placement via this [short form](#) before **30th April 2021**.

Appointment to the Nuffield Council on Bioethics

Call for applications to the Science Technology Facilities Council (STFC) advisory bodies and peer review panels

STFC is seeking applications from academia, government, industry, and the 'third sector' or civil society communities (including charities) relevant to STFC's grant programmes, and from the communities supported by STFC facilities. STFC is committed to promoting equality, diversity and inclusion, and the diversity of its panels is a priority. The

The Nuffield Council on Bioethics (NCOB) is an independent body that informs policy and public debate about the ethical questions raised by biological and medical research. The NCOB is looking to recruit a number of new Council members from a broad range of disciplines. Visit the [NCOB website](#) for further information and apply before **Friday 7th May 2021**.

COP26: Water Adaptation & Resilience talk

In the run up to COP26, the water sector is coming together to hold a series of global online [Water Climate Discussions](#). On **Thursday 13th May**, experts from WaterAid and Water Resources South East (WRSE) will be sharing the latest developments in water-sector adaptation & resilience, required due to the impacts of climate change. [Register to attend](#) this free event.

closing date for applications is **Monday 17th May 2021**. To find out more, visit the [STFC website](#).

Water Industry Film Shorts contest

Water Industry TV's new video competition aims to build awareness about the challenges facing the world's water systems ahead of COP26 and show how the research community is driving towards solutions. The competition is open to all and you can enter by submitting a short video of your water based project and the challenges you are trying to address. Find out more at [waterindustrytv.com](#) or on [YouTube](#) and enter by **Saturday 15th May**.



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