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RSB Member Organisation (MO) Newsletter: August 2020

Dear Ms Newband

This month we feature our recent policy lates event, in which panellists and guests discussed [research in the COVID era](#), and invite you to reserve your place at our [online AGM](#), taking place on 24th September.

Please feel free to share this newsletter throughout your networks, and do let me know if you have any queries regarding the RSB, or your organisational membership.

I would also encourage you to let me have details of initiatives or events that you would like to feature in future editions.

Best wishes
Mark

Mark Leach AMRSB
Associate Director

RSB Updates



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Biology Week 2020

Whilst we aren't planning any physical events for the remainder of this year, we are pleased to confirm that the RSB's ninth Biology Week will be taking place via a series of virtual events from **3rd-11th October 2020**. We will soon be producing a guide to run your own online event, and you can take a look at [past events](#) for inspiration on how MOs can help us to celebrate the life sciences.

Policy Lates looks at research in 'the COVID era'

The RSB's second online Policy Lates event saw a panel of experts discuss the strategies and policies driving research on COVID-19, and the lessons that can be taken from this period of intense scientific activity. Read our [news story](#), and watch the event back on the [RSB YouTube channel](#).

RSB Annual General Meeting

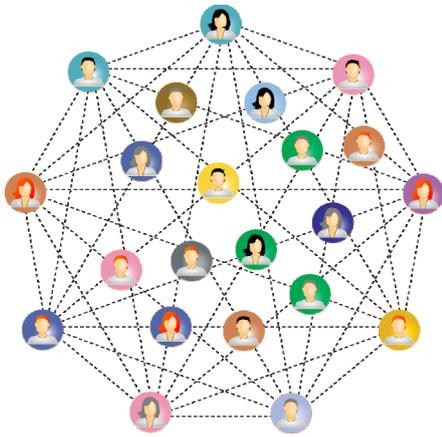
The meeting will include a presentation of the Trustee's Report and Accounts, followed by a Charter Lecture delivered by Dr Jacqui Piner CBiol FRSB. Register to attend on our [website](#).

Thurs 24 Sept | 11:00-12:30
| Zoom

The Biologist

The August issue of *The Biologist* explores the [often-overlooked link between biodiversity loss and public health disasters such as COVID-19](#). The issue also looks at the [signs of resistance to ash dieback emerging in UK woodland, artificial photosynthesis, and how spiders use ballooning silk to fly huge distances](#). Plus the RSB policy team looks at how [economic recovery packages could be used to help improve the environment](#), instead of aiming for a return to 'business as normal'.

RSB Opportunities to share



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

[View all RSB events...](#)

The Higher Education Bioscience Teacher of the Year Award is now open for nominations

The award aims to identify the UK's leading bioscience higher education (HE) teachers, recognising the invaluable role they play in educating and inspiring the next generation of biologists. If you know a bioscience lecturer who deserves recognition for their passion and ideas, encourage them to submit an application this year.

Deadline: 29 November 2020

RSB Policy Internships

The RSB has one internship position available for current PhD students who are funded by [AHRC](#), [BBSRC](#), [EPSRC](#), [ESRC](#), [MRC](#), and [NERC](#). The successful applicant will spend three months working at the RSB in 2021. Start and end dates can be negotiated as appropriate.

Deadline: 10 September 2020

RSB Professional Registers

Achieve recognition for your skills and experience by applying to join one of the our [professional registers](#). Applications are open to

RSB outreach activities at online science festivals

[GSF 2020: Science on the Sofa, 9 Sept - 9 Nov 2020](#)

This online science festival has a digital programme of hands-on activities, talks, shows and more, to entertain and inspire.

[Swansea Science Festival, 24 - 25 October 2020](#)

Our hands-on science videos will also be available at this online science festival. With a digital programme of presentations, talks, interactive workshops and demonstrations, there will be something for everybody to enjoy.

Training courses and events

[Presentation Skills - Thu 17 Sept, 14:00-16:00, Zoom](#)

Explore what makes a good presentation and a good presenter, and identify key learning to help the novice presenter build self-confidence in presenting and answering questions.

[Virtual Biology Quiz - Fri 28 Aug, 19:00-20:00, Zoom](#)

Test your knowledge on human biology.

[Virtual Quiz: Eat, Drink and Breathe - Fri 4 Sept, 19:00-21:00, Zoom](#)

Test your biology knowledge on all things surrounding the theme of eat, drink and breathe.

members of the RSB and can be submitted for consideration at any time via [MySociety](#).

Online talk: The well-tempered mind - Thurs 17 Sept, 19:00-21:00, Zoom
A talk from Professor Marcus Kaiser FRSB exploring how brain connectivity is linked to cognition.

External Opportunities



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

[View all MO events...](#)

Biochemical Society survey reveals concerns from ECRs

Earlier this year, the Biochemical Society launched a [community survey](#) amongst its members and other key stakeholders to assess the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on researchers in the molecular biosciences. These results have revealed principle concerns around the future of early career researchers (ECRs) and the funding landscape. Read more in their [news story](#).

UKRI - Innovate UK hiring for Executive Chair position

UKRI is looking for an inspirational leader with extensive business experience to be Innovate UK's next executive chair. Further information about the role can be found on UKRI's [website](#).

Deadline: 28 September 2020

Genetic Shambles web series

This 12 episode series presented by The Cosmic Shambles Network in association with the Genetics Society and The Milner Centre for Evolution at the University of Bath will discuss research surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic before focussing on the wider wonders of genetics. Watch current episodes on the [Genetic Shambles website](#).

Could nature be the solution?

How can we work with nature to address the climate, nature and health crises? The Natural Capital Initiative – which is a partnership between the RSB, British Ecological Society, UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology, and the James Hutton Institute – discusses nature-based solutions in its [latest blog](#).



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