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NEWS

[RSB to help coordinate support for technicians who provide students with vital pastoral care](#)

The RSB, in partnership with a number of other organisations, is looking to coordinate support and training for technicians who are providing vital support for postgraduate research students. Read more about this in our [news item](#).

[Statistics of animals used in science released for 2017](#)

The Home Office has released the statistics of animal use in science in Great Britain throughout 2017. Read more about this in our [news item](#).

[Education Awards Ceremony 2018](#)

Outstanding school pupils and teachers were recognised for their success at our [Education Awards Ceremony](#). The afternoon celebrated the students' achievements in our school competitions, and outstanding teaching of biology in primary and secondary education. Read more about this in our [news story](#).

[RSB Fellows respond to the European Court of Justice decision on genetically modified organisms](#)

The European Court of Justice has announced that organisms produced by directed mutagenesis techniques are considered genetically modified organisms in EU law, and will be subject to the same regulatory obligations. Read more about this in our [news item](#).

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POLICY

[Brexit preparations](#)

Currently, many organisations are considering what specific issues might arise for them, or their community, in the event of a no-deal Brexit, or an outcome closer to that outlined in the White Paper. We would be grateful to know in particular any issues you have identified as either short or long-term issues that require attention. We would be happy to hear from you via [email](#).

[Society workshop leads to paper on ecology policy](#)

A policy paper on a new direction for conservation in England has been published in the [Journal of Applied Ecology](#) following work by the Natural Capital Initiative, a partnership between the RSB, the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, the British Ecological Society and the James Hutton Institute. The paper describes a conceptual basis for defining and assessing a network of wildlife areas following the announcement of the Government's ambition to create 500,000 hectares of wildlife habitat.

[UK Bioscience Sector Coalition \(UKBSC\)](#)

The [UKBSC](#) gathers input from across the bioscience community (including researchers, animal technologists, and funders) who carry out and provide support to scientific research activities involving the use of animals. It thereby provides expertise and advice to policymakers to support the best environment for the bioscience sector in the UK, recognising that good science and good animal welfare go hand-in-hand. Member

Organisations who are engaged directly with the use of animals in research and the implementation of the [Animals \(Scientific Procedures\) Act 1986 \(ASPA\)](#) are welcome to get in touch with [UKBSC](#).

[Balance and effectiveness of research and innovation spending inquiry launched](#)

The House of Commons Science and Technology Select Committee is undertaking an inquiry on the balance and effectiveness of research and innovation spending. The RSB response to this consultation is currently in draft and we would welcome relevant evidence and advice from Member Organisations. Please contact the [policy team](#) for more information or to contribute. Closes **28 September**.

[Select Committee report on the Government's 25 Year Environment Plan published](#)

Following an inquiry into the Government's 25 Year Environment Plan, the [Environmental Audit Committee's latest report](#) includes evidence [submitted by the RSB](#), critiquing the Plan's lack of concrete targets and milestones, and emphasising the importance of natural capital management in the built and urban environment.

Opportunities and public engagement

[The RSB is looking for authors](#)

As part of the forthcoming series of biology primers published by Oxford University Press, the Society is looking for book and chapter authors in the following fields: proteomics, transcriptomics (and other 'omics' technologies), plant development, domestication of plants as crop, plants and soils, the human microbiome in health and disease, infectious disease, immunology, and brain and behaviour. For more information please contact [Tom Ireland](#). Please circulate this opportunity among your networks.

[RSB policy internships](#)

The RSB has two internship positions available for current PhD students who are funded by BBSRC, MRC or NERC. Successful applicants will spend three months working at the RSB in Charles Darwin House, London, during the first half of 2019. Start and end dates can be negotiated as appropriate. **Closes 13 August**. For further details and eligibility criteria please visit our [website](#). Please circulate this opportunity among your networks.

[Plant Science Newsletter](#)

Did you know the RSB produces a [monthly round-up](#) of plant science policy headlines and stories? Individuals can subscribe to this, and other RSB publications, by logging into [mySociety](#) and choosing 'My Subscriptions' under 'Me and the RSB'. Please promote this within your networks.

[Upcoming training with the Royal Society of Biology](#)

Staff and members of RSB Member Organisations are eligible for **discounts of up to 50%** on our training courses.

Additionally, **group-booking discounts of up to 10%** are now available for Member Organisations who would like to send four or more of their staff on the same course.

We are also able to offer [training in-house at your organisation](#). **To make a group booking, or to enquire about in-house training, please contact the [training team](#).**

To see a full list of our [upcoming training courses](#) and to book onto a course, or to see [how Royal Society of Biology Training supports our Registers Competencies](#) please see our website.

Forthcoming events

[Biology Week: Members' Reception - Northern Ireland](#) **8 Oct**

[Science and Stormont 2018](#) **8 Oct**

[Biology Week: Parliamentary Reception 2018](#) **10 Oct**

[Bioscience Careers Day](#) **27 Oct**

[Science and the Parliament 2018](#) **14 Nov**

A full list of events is available on [our website](#)

Society training events

[Laboratory Health and Safety including COSHH](#) **14 Sep**

[Beginners Video Workshop](#) **26 Sep**

[Train the Trainer](#) **5 Oct**

[Minute-taking Masterclass](#) **13 Nov**

A full list of training events is available on [our website](#)

MO events

Research animals curriculum: educators workshop	10 Sep
Statistics for Nutrition Research	13 Sep
Tackling Antimicrobial Resistance	17 Sep
Genotype to Phenotype to Fitness	22 - 23 Nov

A full list of MO events is available on [our website](#)

We very much appreciate and value your organisational support – which, thanks to your assistance, enables us to represent a diverse, and ever growing proportion of the biology community. Please do [let us know](#) if you have any queries, or if you would like your organisation to become more involved in our work.

Please promote...

Discounted individual membership for your members and staff who can save 50% on their first two years of individual RSB membership.

Staff and members of our Member Organisations receive up to 50% discount on all our [training courses](#).

Get in touch

Please [get in touch](#) if there is anything you would like to promote in the next MO Bulletin.

For more information

Visit our website for more information on [science policy](#), and a list of current [open consultations](#). More [information on our work in Higher Education](#) is also available.

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