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RSB Member Organisation (MO) Newsletter: June 2020

Dear Ms Newband

I hope that all is well with you and your colleagues, as the lockdown continues.

At the RSB, we continue to circulate our [COVID-19 bulletin](#), featuring the latest news and science behind the outbreak and the response, with the eighth issue having been sent out on 29th June. All previous editions are still available on our [website](#). Please let me know if you would like to receive this.

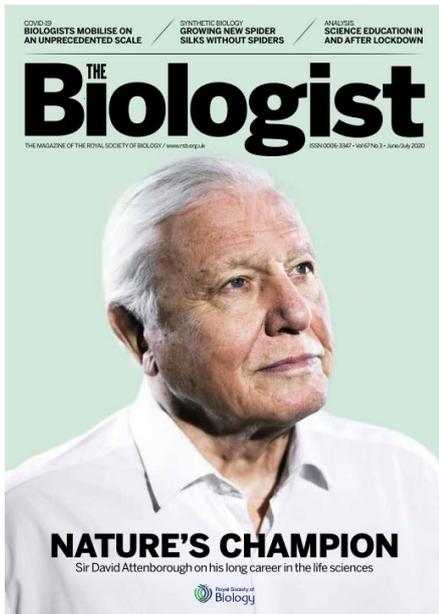
In this month's newsletter you will find a round-up of news and events of interest to organisational members – including next month's Parliamentary Links Day with the theme 'Public Trust in Science'. The event, which will be held online, is expected to feature contributions from a number of prominent figures, including Amanda Solloway MP, Minister for Science. More information is available below, and on our [website](#).

As ever, please let me know if you have any queries about any of the below, or regarding your organisation's interactions with the RSB.

Best wishes
Mark

Mark Leach
Associate Director

RSB Updates



[Read more RSB news...](#)

RSB and ITN Productions partner for new documentary

The latest news-style programme '[Biology for the Future](#),' will showcase the technological innovations and game-changing initiatives that are advancing the understanding of bioscience, and the potential to protect and enrich all areas of life.

RSB COVID-19 Survey

The RSB will soon be closing its [short survey](#) on how the research community has been affected by the pandemic. If you haven't already, please do fill in the 5-10 minute survey to help inform how we support the research community now and in the period afterwards.

RSB Policy Resource Library online

The RSB has created a searchable, digital library of more than 800 statements, responses, briefings and other policy resources produced by the RSB and our Member Organisations across the biosciences. If your organisation would like to submit published policy resources to the [Library](#), please contact policy@rsb.org.uk

The Biologist

In the latest issue of *The Biologist*, we speak to [Sir David Attenborough](#) about his long association with the life sciences as he accepts a life-time achievement award from the RSB. The packed June issue also looks at how synthetic biologists are [creating custom spider silks without spiders](#); the possibility of [engineering trees to store more carbon](#); and the challenges of [teaching](#) and [lecturing](#) during lockdown. Plus, we explore the idea of a [new natural history GCSE](#), the [problematic language of invasive species](#), and speak to the biologists [taking action with activist groups like Extinction Rebellion](#). And for the first time, our [digital edition](#) features a special double-cover.

Policy Lates online

More than 150 people joined a panel of experts online on 20th May as part of the RSB's [Policy Lates series](#) to discuss the challenges and potential solutions to antimicrobial resistance, and how the One Health approach can tackle this complex issue. Read more in our [news story](#), and watch the full discussion back on the [RSB YouTube channel](#).

RSB Opportunities to share



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

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

Parliamentary Links Day

This year's [online event](#) is on **Tuesday 14th July** from 10:00 BST and the theme is Public Trust in Science. Links Day will feature contributions from many distinguished speakers from Parliament, Government and the science community including Amanda Solloway MP, Minister of Science, and Sir Patrick Vallance, Government Chief Scientific Adviser.

Virtual branch events

Family Biology Quiz

3 July 2020 | 17:00-19:00

Test your biology knowledge on all things furry, scaly and slimy.

Pandemic - real stories from the COVID-19 frontline

14 July 2020 | 18:30-20:15

Short talks from a panel of scientists and clinicians on the COVID-19 pandemic.

Talk on arctic terns

16 July 2020 | 19:00-21:00

Talk and Q&A with Dr Chris Redfern, Newcastle University.

Enterprising Biology

23 July 2020 | 11:00-12:30

Linking businesses on Norwich Research Park with early career scientists,

Photography Competition

'Our changing world' is the theme of this year's RSB [Photography Competition](#). Life on Earth is dynamic and we invite you to capture these transformations. Submit your entries by **24th July** for your chance to win up to £1000.

RSB online training courses

Navigating the Patent System for Biologists * - Microsoft Teams

This course will give you an overview of the patent system and provide practical tips to scoring successes and avoiding pitfalls.

Copyright Awareness for Researchers * - Zoom

This course will help introduce researchers to the key laws and rights associated with copyright, case studies, and how to manage risks.

Leadership in a Laboratory Environment - Zoom

A course for Laboratory team leaders who want to improve the way they manage their teams and Postdoctoral researchers who aspire to team leadership positions.

Unconscious Bias * - Online course

students, and potential mentors.

[View from the frontline in the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

29 July 2020 | 18:00-18:45

A panel discussion sharing how a health system responded to the COVID crisis.

The Nancy Rothwell Award

A specimen drawing competition for 7 – 18 year olds is open for submissions. Prizes include art materials for students and their school can also win £100. Visit the RSB [website](#) for more information.

This half day awareness building course aims to educate staff and managers so that they can lead by example in the quest to change mind-sets and create a more diverse and inclusive workplace.

Industry Skills Certificate

The [Industry Skills Certificate](#) is an RSB initiative to support the employability of scientists into industry, either for the first time or from academia.

* courses that contribute to the Industry Skills Certificate

External Opportunities



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

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

Organ-on-a-chip digital conference

Last year, the [Biochemical Society](#) organised a scientific meeting to discuss the developments in Organ-on-a-chip technology. These presentations were recorded and are now available to watch on demand between **29th June-19th July**. Speakers will also be available to participate and answer questions. Book your place at bit.ly/Organ-on-a-chip

19th World Congress of Basic & Clinical

Society for Experimental Biology - online public engagement events

SEB is running two online events aimed at researchers who want to learn more about why public engagement is useful, how to include more public engagement in their work, and developing public engagement skills.

[Public Engagement 101: The what, why and how of public engagements.](#)

16 July 2020 | 12:00-13:00 BST

Pharmacology 2022

WCP2022 will unite the global pharmacology and therapeutics community to focus on collaboration, innovation and discovery underpinned by scientific excellence. The WCP2022 International Scientific Committee is now seeking proposals.

Free for members and £4 for non-members.

Three Minute Pitch:
Developing your elevator pitch to summarise the highlights of your work in three minutes

**30 July 2020 | 11:30-15:00
BST**

Free for members and £12.50 for non-members



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