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# RSB Member Organisation (MO) Newsletter: June 2021

Dear Ms Newband

I am delighted to have assumed the role of Chair of the College of Organisational Members, following the recent RSB AGM, at which Paul Hoskisson FRSB (the previous Chair) reached the end of his term on Council. Many thanks to Paul for his work, and in particular for his involvement with the RSB's organisational members.

I look forward to meeting you when circumstances are more favourable, but in the meantime I am pleased to highlight the September MO event (more details below) in which the chief executive of UKRI, Professor Dame Ottoline Leyser FRS FRSB presents the keynote address. We will also take this opportunity to hold an MO discussion meeting, in which MOs have an opportunity to raise any issues of concern.

If you have any matters of interest or concern to raise in the meeting, or to flag in general, please contact me via **Mark Leach** at the RSB.

Best wishes

**Professor Patricia Kuwabara FRSB**  
Chair, RSB College of Organisational Members

## RSB Updates



### Summer issue of *The Biologist*

In the latest issue of *The Biologist*, we look at how **understanding biofilms will be key to fighting antimicrobial resistance and future pandemics.**

Plus, we explore calls to **trial the reintroduction of lynx to the UK**, how **even casual biological recording can**

### Employer Advisory Group (EAG)

Following reflections on the role of the RSB's **Employer Advisory Group (EAG)**, to maximise its effectiveness as we increase our work in this area, the EAG will furthermore be made up of a more informal group of advisors. The group will not formally meet, and will not



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**make a difference to conservation**, and a project to **conserve bats and the churches they roost in at the same time**. For information on getting coverage of the latest research from your field in *The Biologist*, please contact Tom Ireland at [tom.ireland@rsb.org.uk](mailto:tom.ireland@rsb.org.uk)

## RSB members recognised in Queen's birthday honours list

Members of the bioscience community have been recognised for their work in this year's birthday honours list, with many having been directly involved in COVID-19 efforts. RSB Fellows recognised in this year's birthday honours list include Professor Guy Poppy FRSB, appointed Companion of the Order of the Bath for services to food safety and security, Professor Evelyn Telfer FRSB, who has received a CBE for services to female reproductive biology, and Professor James Wood FRSB, who has received an OBE for services to veterinary science. Read more in our [news story](#).

## Celebrating Pride month at the RSB

In line with our diversity and inclusion work we are marking Pride month by temporarily updating our logo across social media with our own tribute to the **progress pride flag**, designed by Daniel Quasar. The flag embodies the six stripes of

have a chair position. Instead, the group will advise on a more ad-hoc basis on areas of our work where industry/employer input is needed. To learn more, contact Rosie Wakeham at [rosie.wakeham@rsb.org.uk](mailto:rosie.wakeham@rsb.org.uk)

## Bioscience Teacher of the Year 2021 winner announced

Dr Nigel Francis CSciTeach FRSB, an associate professor at Swansea Medical School, has been announced as this year's Higher Education Bioscience Teacher of the Year. The award celebrates the country's leading bioscience teachers in higher education. Dr Francis, whose teaching focuses on immunology, has been recognised for his outstanding work in optimising his students' learning experiences through the use of digital tools. Read more about Dr Francis' work in our [news story](#).

## Policy Lates panellists come together to discuss vaccine development and lessons learned from the pandemic

Chaired by Professor Sheila Graham FRSB, the panel discussed the translational research successes and lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic. Questions ranged from the potential to develop an oral COVID-19 vaccine to the effect the pandemic may

the classic Pride flag and also features chevrons representing the trans, non-binary and LGBT+ BAME communities in recognition of the need for intersectionality across liberation efforts. We'll also be sharing information about LGBT representation on social media, as well as advice and best practice on how to make a workplace more inclusive.

effect the pandemic may have had on other common diseases. The panellists also touched upon lessons learned for the future, highlighting the need to vaccinate every country and policy makers becoming more aware of the need to tackle other major issues for global health such as antimicrobial resistance. Read our [news story](#) and watch the event on the RSB's [YouTube channel](#).

## RSB Opportunities to share



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

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### Addition to MO twilight event: keynote address by Ottoline Leyser FRSB

All MOs are invited to attend the above online event on **Thursday 9th September 2021 from 16:00 BST**.

Following the recent appointment of Professor Patricia Kuwabara FRSB as Chair of the RSB's College of Organisational Members, this is also a useful opportunity to hold an MO discussion meeting, where MO representatives have an opportunity to raise questions and discuss matters of relevance. The meeting will include an introduction from Professor Kuwabara and a brief update from chief executive Dr Mark Downs. Please let [Mark Leach](#) know if there is anything that you would particularly like to raise. Bookings can be made via [event page](#).

### RSB journal seeks emerging topics from across the life sciences

*Emerging Topics in Life Sciences*, the journal co-owned by the RSB and Biochemical Society, aims to cover the newest and most important emerging topics from across all of the life sciences. If there is a topic you want to suggest we explore in a future issue, or you would be interested in proposing an issue with yourself as guest editor, please do get in touch with the editorial team at [editorial@portlandpress.com](mailto:editorial@portlandpress.com) for more details.

### The Apprentice of the Year Award has launched

The RSB's Apprentice of the Year Award is open for entries. The Award, now in its second year, has been set up to celebrate apprentices

## The Nancy Rothwell Award 2021

The **Nancy Rothwell Award 2021** 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. The deadline for entries is **30th July**. Visit the **RSB website** for more information.

## Outreach and Engagement Award 2021

Are you a bioscience researcher involved in science communication? If you work in any sector of UK biosciences, apply for the RSB **Outreach and Engagement Award 2021** and win up to £1,500. Submit your applications by **6th August**.

working in the bioscience sector and recognise their contribution to their teams and the wider bioscience community. Further details about the award including how to apply, key dates and application forms can be found on the **RSB website**.

## Photography Competition 2021

'Interconnected' is the theme of this year's RSB **Photography Competition**. Life on Earth is connected and this year we invite you to capture these interactions. The competition has two age categories each with a cash prize: 18 and over (£1,000) and under 18s (£500). Submit your images by **23rd July**.

## External Opportunities



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

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

## COP26: Energy Transition

On **Thursday 1st July**, from **09:00-10:00 BST**, sector experts from Scottish Water Horizons and VCS Denmark will lead the discussion on the Water Sector's Energy Transition for the third in the series of the **Water Climate Discussion webinars**. As well as providing inspiration on how others in the sector are achieving their energy transitions, attendees will be asked for their input, which will be included in a report on the discussion. **Register to attend** this free event.

## Science Council CPD Awards

The CPD Awards celebrate outstanding professional development in science, showcasing examples of good practice and continuous improvement. The awards celebrate the professional development efforts and achievements of registrants across the four **Science Council registers**: RSciTech, RSci, CSci and CSciTeach. Find out more and apply before **Sunday 4th July**, via the **Science Council website**.



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