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RSB Member Organisation (MO) Newsletter: September 2021

Dear Ms Newband

Please see below this month's MO newsletter, which you are encouraged to share throughout your networks as appropriate.

MOs are reminded that Biology Week, our annual showcase of the biosciences is almost upon us. We are grateful that many MOs are hosting events, and details of how you can still get involved can be found below. We also include a write up of the recent MO exclusive event, where MOs heard from Professor Dame Ottoline Leyser FRSB, UKRI CEO, Dr Mark Downs FRSB, RSB CEO and Professor Patricia Kuwabara FRSB, Chair of the RSB's College of Organisational Members. Please do let me know if you have any suggestions for future RSB MO events.

MOs may be interested in the recent letter sent by the RSB to the Prime Minister ahead of the forthcoming COP26 conference in Glasgow (more below). Additionally, ahead of the Spending Review, the RSB recently wrote to Chancellor, Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP, to stress the importance and value of overall investment in science, allied with the need for a steady increase in order to reach the target of 2.4% of GDP invested in R&D by 2027.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the United Kingdom Society for Extracellular Vesicles, who have recently joined us as a full MO.

Please contact **Shameema Haque** if you have anything that you would like us to include in future newsletters, and, as ever, let me know if you have any comments or queries about your organisational membership.

Best wishes

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RSB Updates



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Biology Week 2021

This year's **Biology Week** will be taking place from **2nd – 10th October 2021**, and will be showcasing the important and amazing world of the biosciences. Find out more about how you can get involved on our [website](#); this could include highlighting your public events taking place during Biology Week, or sharing an update about the week with your members.

UKRI chief executive briefs RSB MOs on the future of UK research

UKRI chief executive Professor Dame Ottoline Leyser FRSB has set out her vision for the UK's research landscape in the coming years at an online meeting exclusively for representatives from the RSB's MOs. Read the event [news story](#) and watch a hidden recording of the event for MOs on the [RSB YouTube channel](#). Attendees were also introduced to Professor Patricia Kuwabara FRSB who spoke about her new role as chair of the Society's College of Organisational Members.

Society urges PM to take the lead in tackling 'deadly' climate crisis

The [RSB has written to the prime minister](#) Boris Johnson ahead of November's COP26 climate summit in Glasgow, urging his Government to do justice to the UK's history of leadership on environmental issues.

The latest from *The Biologist*

In *The Biologist*, we look at how heightened sanitising during the pandemic is driving the [emergence of drug-resistant bacteria](#) that can evade common disinfectants. The issue also looks at why [psychedelic substances show promise](#) for the treatment of depression, and how the [COVID-19 'anthropause'](#) represents a unique research opportunity for ecologists and conservationists. Highlights from the latest issue are now free to read and share online, with articles on the wonders of [super resolution microscopy](#), trends in Britain's 900+ [moth species](#) and the RSB's view on [regulating GMO's](#).

RSB Opportunities to share



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

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Training courses

Members of RSB MOs can access exclusive discounts to our training courses, please get in touch with Cara Froggatt at training@rsb.org.uk to enquire.

Introduction to Reproducible analyses in R

7 January 2022 | Online

Learn to experiment with R to make analyses and figures more reproducible.

Laboratory Health and Safety

27 January 2022 | Online

A course for those working in biological containment laboratories.

Policy internships

The application window is now open for two UKRI **policy internship positions with RSB**. The scheme is open to current PhD students who are funded by **AHRC**, **BBSRC**, **EPSRC**, **ESRC**, **MRC**, and **NERC**. Successful applicants will spend three months working at the RSB in 2022. For further information and to apply, visit the **UKRI Policy Internships Scheme webpage**. Applications will close on **4th October 2021**.

Policy Lates: Rethinking our food system

This free online event, chaired by Dr Simon Doherty FRSB FRCVS, will take place on **Monday 4th October** at 18:30. The panel of expert speakers will discuss the complex development of food policy nationally and internationally. The discussion will chart the balancing act this involves; food security, reversing biodiversity loss and achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions. Register to attend via the **[event page](#)**.

Higher Education Bioscience Teacher of the Year Award

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](#)** before **30th November 2021**.

Animal Science Meeting 2021

The RSB **Animal Science Group** and the Home Office **Animals in Science Regulation Unit** annual Animal Science Meeting is taking place online in early December. This **meeting** is for researchers, support staff and administrators in animal research. Contact Harriet McAra at events@rsb.org.uk for information regarding applications before **8th November**.

External Opportunities



Activities shared by RSB
Member Organisations (MOs)
and partners

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

The Apprenticeship Forum

The Apprenticeship Forum aims to give apprentices a voice, one that can be heard by their peers, training providers, and employers. It discusses important aspects of science apprenticeships, from the way they are delivered in the workplace, to the prospects they yield for recent graduates. To do this, it needs to make sure it fully represents the already large community of apprentices and their vastly different experiences. To be a part of this Forum, contact the Apprenticeship Forum at scienceapprenticeshipsforum@gmail.com

STEM for BRITAIN 2022

STEM for BRITAIN is a poster competition for early-stage researchers which is held in the Houses of Parliament. Applications are invited in five subject categories: biological and biomedical sciences, physics, engineering, mathematical sciences and chemistry. Finalists will be invited to an event in the Houses of Parliament where they will present their poster to Parliamentarians and the subject judges. Further details can be found on the [STEM for BRITAIN webpage](#). The closing date for applications is **Monday 6th December 2021**.



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