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## **RSB Member Organisation (MO) Newsletter: April 2024**

This month we're pleased to share a host of events and opportunities from our Member Organisations, and share the RSB response to the Spring Budget. Our featured Member Organisation this month is the Linnean Society of London, whose profile you can find below.

For any news or opportunities you would like to share in future newsletters, please feel free to get in touch with me.

Best wishes  
Chris

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## **RSB News**

### **RSB responds to Spring Budget 2024**

With the Chancellor recently setting out Government's spending commitments for the coming year, RSB responds to the news that the promise of spending £20 billion on R&D in 2024-25 will not be upheld.

### **Biology Week 2024**

This year Biology Week will take place from **7th-11th October**. Our new logo, event guides and outreach grants will be available soon and you can check out what happened in 2023 for inspiration.

## Heads of University Biosciences launch new strategy at parliamentary reception

The Heads of University Biosciences (HUBS) met at the House of Commons recently to unveil its new strategy for 2024 to members of the Higher Education community.

## RSB opportunities to share

### Annual General Meeting and charter lecture

The RSB AGM takes place on **Wednesday 8th May** from 11:00-14:00, with attendees invited to join in-person or virtually. Professor Dame Melanie Welham FRSB is delivering a charter lecture entitled reflections on career paths - life at the science policy interface and opportunities for bioscience.

### RSB policy networking event for MOs

Join RSB's associate director of policy and publishing to learn more about RSB's policy priorities and engage with RSB's strategy development for 2025-2030. This networking event directly follows the AGM on **Wednesday 8th May** from 14:00-16:00.

### RSB co-hosting joint professional body QP symposium

Hosted by the RSB, Royal Pharmaceutical Society and Royal Society of Chemistry, the Qualified Person (QP) symposium brings together peers across pharmacy, chemistry and biology. The theme is "Future Proofing the QP Role" and the event is aimed at eligible QPs and trainee QPs. The symposium is on **Wednesday 15th May** at BMA House in London.

## News and opportunities from our partners

### Innovate UK Horizon hub supports the search for research partners

The UK is now a part of Horizon Europe, which means more opportunities for R&D collaboration. Visit the Innovate UK Horizon Hub for tools to search for Horizon Europe partners.

### ZSL land use summit

Join the Zoological Society of London (ZSL) on **Tuesday 16th April** for a one-day land use summit focussing on strategic land use prioritisation in the midst of an unparalleled triple planetary crisis, and the opportunities and challenges associated with biodiversity recovery in times of rapid global environmental changes.

### John Maddox prize nominations open

A joint initiative between *Nature* and Sense about Science, applications for The John Maddox Prize - Standing Up For Science 2024 are now open. The application window will close on **Monday 20th May**, and will look to award a researcher who is standing up for science and advancing public discourse.

## The science of saving species with ZSL

Join the Zoological Society of London (ZSL) on **Tuesday 23rd April** to explore how understanding health, welfare, behavioural and nutritional needs of animals can aid species recovery programmes and help bring species back from the brink of extinction. Speakers will discuss a range of case studies where animal care sciences have been fundamental to ensuring the viability of a population and the welfare of captive individuals.

## Visit park grass with ECT and RSB's London branch

On **Saturday 11th May** join the Ecological Continuity Trust (ECT) and the RSB London branch for a visit to park grass, and hear from Andy Gregory and Jonathan Storkey, both Rothamsted Research, as well as Keith Goulding, ECT trustee and Rothamsted Research.

## Coding the future live: AI, data science and machine learning

Learn to Discover (L2D) hosts a live event on **Wednesday 8th May** showcasing the breadth and scope of the Learn to Discover project. Keynote lectures, live coding demonstrations, and presentations of training materials make it an event not to be missed.

## International festival of neuroscience 2025 - submit your proposals

Shape the scientific programme for BNA2025, the British Neuroscience Association's flagship conference, taking place in Liverpool from **27th-30th April 2025**. Submit your session proposal by **Friday 31st May 2024** and take an active role in making BNA2025 an innovative and engaging conference experience for the international neuroscience community.

## Free secondary teacher genetics conference

The Adelphi Genetics forum hosts the 5th annual teacher's conference on **Friday 28th June**. The conference aims to update secondary teachers' knowledge of genetics.

## Featured Member Organisation



The **Linnean Society of London** is the world's oldest active society devoted to natural history. The Society takes its name from the Swedish naturalist Carl Linnaeus whose botanical, zoological and library collections have been in their keeping since 1829

The Society aims to promote the study of all aspects of the biological sciences. Through awarding medals and grants, the Society acknowledges and encourages

excellence in all of these fields. Thanks to the wide ranging expertise of their Fellowship and unique collections, they are a hub for science communication through interdisciplinary learning and engagement.



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