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RSB Member Organisation (MO) Newsletter: March 2024

This month sees a wide range of events and opportunities shared by our Member Organisations. We continue to highlight the RSB AGM and Member Organisation Networking event in May, and share the dates for Biology Week 2024. Our featured Member Organisation this month is the British Mycological Society, 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
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RSB News

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.

RSB Annual General Meeting

The RSB AGM takes place on **Wednesday 8th May** from 11:00-14:00, with attendees invited to join in-person or virtually. Voting on the day will only be available to eligible members and Full Member Organisations attending in-person. Two Council vacancies (for the Colleges of Individual and Organisational Members) are to be elected, with nomination forms and role descriptions available **online**. After the AGM there will be an opportunity for RSB Member

Organisation representatives to attend a networking event at the same location. This will be an opportunity to hear from the RSB education and science policy teams and network with other representatives.

HUBS annual meeting

Future priorities for biological sciences in higher education will be discussed at the HUBS annual conference from **29th-30th April** in London. Buy your tickets to the conference and networking dinner via the RSB website

RSB opportunities to share

Vacancy: RSB Council members

RSB Council vacancies are now open for nominations and close on **Thursday 21st March**. Vacancies are available for one new member to be elected to each of the College of Individual Members and College of Organisational Members. Nomination forms and role descriptions are available online and the appointments will be confirmed at the AGM on **Wednesday 8th May**.

RSB Plant Health Series: Australia's plant health and biosecurity system

Keynote speaker Dr Gabrielle Vivian-Smith, Australia's chief plant protection officer, will be discussing the policies that are in place to protect Australia's plant health and biosecurity. Funded by Defra and taking place **Wednesday 20th March** from 09:30 - 10:30 via Zoom, the talk will be followed by an opportunity for an audience Q&A and discussion.

News and opportunities from our partners

Bioscience to education research training

The Biochemical Society and Anatomical Society will host educational research in the biosciences in-person training from **13th-14th May** in London. Attendees will discover how to transition from bioscience to education research, with a focus on design, data collection, and publishing. Perfect for bioscience academics, postgraduates, and early-career researchers in education roles, this event offers the opportunity to engage in dynamic discussions. The earlybird deadline is **Wednesday 13th March**.

New edition of Concise Guide to Pharmacology

This free guide from the British Pharmacological Society provides brief overviews of the key properties of over 1,800 human drug targets, and is an essential resource for anyone interested in the search for and development of new drugs.

One health and antifungal resistance conference

Taking place from **4th-5th April** in Bath, this 1.5 day conference hosted by the British Mycological Society highlights current research to address the increasing concern of antifungal resistance in plants, crops and agriculture, human and animal health, and urban environments. Speakers from a range of research disciplines will offer insight into new methods for controlling fungal pathogens, taking a One Health approach to tackling antifungal resistance. The deadline for registration is **Friday 15th March**.

British Ecological Society pedagogical grants

The BES has launched a new grants portfolio, including pedagogical grants. Their pedagogical grants aim to facilitate research that improves learners' experiences while promoting excellence in teaching within ecology. The deadline to apply is **Friday 8th March**. A second round of funding will open on **Friday 5th July**.

Free secondary teacher genetics conference

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

SEB workshop on narrative in communicating research

Taking place from **12th - 13th March**, this workshop hosted by the Society for Experimental Biology deals with concerns some scientists have with the concept of "story", and provides them with some simple frameworks and narrative structures that they can use in conversations, presentations, elevator pitches and even in abstracts.

MBA offers an introduction to programming in R

From **19th-21st March**, the Marine Biological Association (MBA) will be providing a course on the statistical programming tool R, an important asset in modern data science. The three day course takes place online, with registration open on the MBA website.

Abstract deadline: SEB annual conference Prague 2024

The Society for Experimental Biology's annual conference will take place from **2nd-5th July**, with sessions covering animal, cell, and plant biology. Abstract submissions are now open, and will close on **Friday 8th March**.

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

ECT webinar series returns

The Ecology Continuity Trust (ECT) webinar series returns **Friday 15th March** with "The Park Grass Long-term Experiment: 168 Years and Still Delivering New Science". Register to attend this event via the ECT website.

Featured Member Organisation



The British Mycological Society (BMS) is open to all who are interested in supporting, promoting and learning about the exciting world of fungi. Sections of the BMS are devoted to different aspects of the fungal world including cutting-edge research in fungal science, the conservation and recording of fungal fruitbodies and the provision of educational resources for use at all ages and experience.

The Society produces four journals: *Fungal Biology*, *Fungal Biology Reviews*, *Fungal Ecology* and *Fungal Interactions*. Co-ordinated by the Fungal Biology Research Committee (FBR Committee), the BMS also promotes and supports fungal biology research, creating a community of academic, industrial and other professional fungal biology researchers.



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