

In this newsletter, we share the latest news and events from the RSB and our MOs. You can also learn more about the Biochemical Society which is profiled below as our featured MO of the month.

For any news or opportunities that you would like to share in future newsletters, or to discuss making the most of your RSB membership, please feel free to get in touch with me.

Best wishes
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RSB News and opportunities

Have your say: new RSB Pulse Survey

The RSB is launching a new series of ‘pulse check’ calls for evidence, to hear directly from the bioscience community on key policy issues. Our first call focuses on research funding in UK research organisations, and we are keen to hear from anyone working in or with these organisations across the sector. Complete our 15 minute survey by **Friday 7 August** to share your evidence-based insights and

help shape our recommendations to policymakers. If you have any questions, please contact consultation@rsb.org.uk

Parliamentary Links Day 2026: science and politics come together

Organised by the RSB on behalf of the STEM community, Parliamentary Links Day is the largest science event in the annual Parliamentary calendar. Held this year on Tuesday 16 June at the House of Commons, Westminster, the event brought together scientists, learned societies, and Members of Parliament. Over 90 attendees were present.

Former RSB CEO recognised alongside members in King's Birthday Honours 2026

The RSB is pleased to announce that our former Chief Executive, Dr Mark Downs MBE FRSB, has been recognised in the 2026 King's Birthday Honours in addition to five other members and Fellows.

Plant Health Visit to Oxford Botanic Garden

Taking place on **Thursday 15 October** part of the RSB's Plant Health Series, this event will involve talks from plant health professionals and poster submissions from RSB studentships. There will also be opportunities to network with different members of the plant health community. Following the talks, attendees will receive a guided tour around Oxford Botanic Garden.

Biology Week 2026

This year the RSB is inviting all bioscientists to take part in Biology Week, from **8–18 October**. Members with events taking place during Biology Week are encouraged to submit details via the Biology Week [events form](#) for promotional support.

News and Opportunities from our partners

British Society of Nanomedicine annual meeting 2026

The British Society for Nanomedicine (BSNM) is excited to announce that its annual meeting for 2026 will be held in University College London's architecture-award winning UCL East from **26–28 August**. The event will include workshops, academic and industry taskforce meetings, and presentations (including opportunities for early-career researchers).

Machine Learning Tools for Modern Bioscience workshop

Are you looking to build practical machine learning skills for bioscience research? Join scriptIQ in London from **29–30 September** for an in-person workshop: Machine Learning Tools for Modern Bioscience, designed specifically for researchers, life scientists, and professionals who want to apply machine learning methods to real biological and medical data.

New SEB podcast launch: Living Biology

The Society for Experimental Biology has launched a new podcast, *Living Biology*, exploring the people behind the science and the diverse career paths within experimental biology. Each episode features an in-depth conversation with a biologist, discussing their career journey, motivations, challenges, and

experiences both inside and outside the laboratory. The first two episodes are available now, with more episodes to follow throughout the year.

Royal Society Entrepreneur in Residence (EiR) grants

Applications for the next round of the Royal Society Entrepreneur in Residence (EiR) grants are now open and will close on **Wednesday 19 August**. The Society is also hosting a webinar on building a competitive EiR application. The session is designed to support prospective applicants by providing practical guidance on developing a strong application and understanding the role of an EiR. If you have any questions, please contact Hannah Talebi (Hannah.Talebi@royalsociety.org).

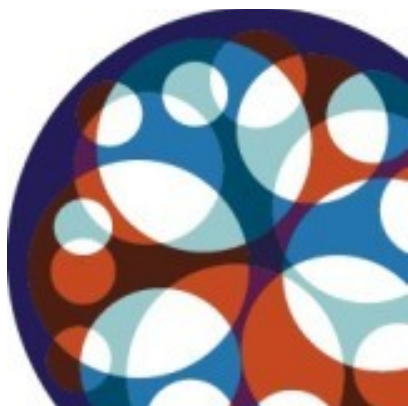
Adelphi Genetics Forum Annual Conference

The 2026 Adelphi Genetics Forum annual conference aims to explore how our understanding of brain function, and more generally biological mechanisms, has evolved through the study of neural diseases. The conference takes place on **Thursday 22 October** at the Royal Society, London.

RNA in physiology and disease

The Genetics Society's international conference, RNA in physiology and disease, is from **7-9 September** in Newcastle. The programme will explore RNA mechanisms in health and disease, featuring leading researchers from across the field. Registration and abstract submissions are now open, and a draft programme is available online.

Featured Member Organisation



Founded in 1911, the **Biochemical Society** has been at the forefront of advancing molecular bioscience for over 100 years, promoting its importance as a discipline, facilitating the sharing of knowledge and expertise, and supporting molecular bioscientists across all career stages.

The society is focused not only on supporting those already established in the field, but also on nurturing students and early-career professionals, and inspiring future generations. By investing in sustainable growth and forward-thinking initiatives, it aims to remain at the forefront of molecular bioscience - empowering its community to thrive in a rapidly changing world.



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