

Environmental Biotechnology Network Membership

Terms and Conditions

By opting in to become a member, you accept these terms and conditions and agree to act in accordance with them. If you have any queries, please contact the Network Managers using the contact details below.

1. Introduction

The Environmental Biotechnology Network (EBNet) is one of 6 Phase II Networks in Industrial Biotechnology & Bioenergy (NIBB) funded by the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) and Engineering and Physical Science Research Council (EPSRC) in order to create networks of interaction between industry and academia. The Networks' objectives are to generate collaborative, interactive research projects to maintain and enhance the strength of the UK Industrial Biotechnology sector.

EBNet's Executive Group is Professor Sonia Heaven (PI), Professor Frederic Coulon, Professor Tom Curtis, Dr Tony Gutierrez, Dr Jhuma Sadhukhan, (Co-I's) and joint Network Managers Dr Louise Byfield and Angela Bywater. The Management Group includes the above, plus additional representatives from industry, academia and government.

The Network Managers' contact details are:

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2. How to become a Network member

You can apply to be a member by submitting your details to the Network Manager using the membership form which can be emailed to you or obtained from the website: <http://ebnet.ac.uk/>. You will be required to complete all fields asterisked as 'essential' but you may choose to provide additional information. You may correct your details or terminate your membership at any time by contacting the Network Manager on EBNet@EBNet.ac.uk. It is the individual members' responsibility to ensure that their information is up to date and inform the Network of any required changes. We may use a 3rd party organisation to collect, store, process and analyse these personal details (e.g. Mail Chimp; Eventbrite; Survey Monkey etc.) and by proceeding you confirm that are aware of, and agree to any separate conditions attached by them for their use.

Your name, affiliation, website and post code may be put in the public domain on the website, but the rest of your personal details will only be available to other members of the Network. You can opt out of this at any time by contacting the Network Managers.

In choosing to submit your personal data, you understand and agree that this data will be:

- Collected for the purpose of building critical mass and enabling research consortia to respond to funding opportunities in the research area of environmental biotechnology

- Uploaded to the secure BBSRC/EPSRC NIBB extranet in line with Research Council reporting and data collection requirements (See [Further Information](#) below).
- Accessible to other Network members, some of whom may live outside of the European Economic Area (EEA), but not to non-members
- Stored by EBNet on a secure server and used to keep you up to date by email with relevant Network activities and funding opportunities
- Processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998/General Data Protection Regulation

3. Your interactions with other Network members

As a Network member, you can receive other members' personal details with a view to exchanging research ideas and establishing research consortia. You will be able to access reports of Network workshops and events and may be able to view research outputs resulting from the use of Proof of Concept (POC) awards; Business Interaction Voucher (BIV) awards or other funds before such outputs become publicly available.

In becoming a Network member, you understand and agree that:

- Any material displayed on the website is subject to copyright and is provided without any guarantees, conditions or warranties as to its accuracy. Your use of the website and its contents is at your own risk.
- You should seek advice from your Institution's knowledge transfer/research support service prior to establishing consortia with other Network members. The Network is not liable for losses resulting from your decision to engage in consortia building discussions with other Network members.
- Should a secure area be developed for Network members, it will be made available to Network members only and should not be passed to third parties. You must not share your unique login details with any other person and you must take immediate steps to change your login details if you suspect that another person is using them to gain access to the secure area.
- You will not use contact details obtained from the member's directory to send unsolicited emails for the purpose of direct marketing or other activities which are not in line with the BBSRC/EPSRC NIBB Network's aims of building research consortia.
- The Network owns all Intellectual Property Rights contained in works which are created by us or on our behalf. You will not modify the paper or digital copies of any materials you have printed off or downloaded and you must not use any illustrations, photographs or graphics separately from any accompanying text. You will acknowledge the source of any material downloaded or printed from the Network website.
- Materials may be made available to selected members for peer review during funding Calls. If acting as a reviewer during an EBNet funding call, you agree to abide by the Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest stipulations as laid out in the "Guidance for Reviewers".
- Materials will be made available on the website in accordance with BBSRC's data sharing policy statement <http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/web/FILES/Policies/data-sharing-policy.pdf> which expects that research data generated as a result of BBSRC support will be made available with as few restrictions as possible in a timely and responsible manner to the scientific community for subsequent research.
- Materials will be made available on the website in accordance with BBSRC's knowledge exchange management policy <http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/web/FILES/Policies/knowledge-exchange-commercialisation-policy.pdf> which states that BBSRC has a responsibility to enable the optimal and successful application of the outcomes of the excellent research it funds and must ensure the widest benefit to society and the economy both within and beyond the UK.

Any contravention of our conditions may result in your Network membership being revoked.

4. Attending Network events

As a Network member, you will have the right to apply to attend Network workshops and events.

In becoming a member, you understand and agree that:

- Only registered network members (or invited guests of the Management Group) can attend events organised solely by EBNet.
- Submission of an application to attend a Network event does not constitute a confirmed place. Where we use Eventbrite or similar, a ticket confirmation only guarantees a place if your EBNet membership/contact details are correct.
- If you are successful in your Network event application, you will receive a confirmatory email.
- Network events will normally be free to attend to EBNet members. Should joint events be conducted with partners, any costs will be clearly pointed out in advance.
- Attendees will be responsible for any travel and subsistence costs incurred up to the point of their arrival at the event venue and for their return journey at the end of the event.
- The Network will not be held liable for any costs incurred by you prior to a confirmed place being awarded.
- The Network will not be held liable for costs incurred due to circumstances outside of our control, such as transport delays or late changes in venue availability.
- We understand that sometimes cancellations are unavoidable, but we ask that you inform us as soon as you are aware of a problem, so that your place can be awarded to somebody else. Charges may be incurred in the event of uninformed non-attendance.
- Promotional photographs, video or webinar footage may be taken at events and may be uploaded onto our website or used for EBNet/BBSRC/EPSRC publicity purposes. Please inform us in writing if you do not wish to be included in these.
- For the purposes of networking, your contact details, usually title, name, position, department, organisation, email and network theme interests may be provided to other Network members attending the event. For organisational purposes in joint NIBB events, these details may be shared with another NIBB which you may not be a member of. Some venues/third parties require names of attendees and we will provide those for organisational purposes only.
- Sensitive information may be shared at some events; we ask that you treat information shared at events as confidential, unless it is already in the public domain or you have received express permission from the authors. Although, as a Network, we take every precaution to keep such information confidential, the Network cannot take responsibility for any damages incurred from information being inappropriately shared.

5. Updates to terms and conditions

The Network may revise these terms and conditions of membership at any time. We will post a notification of any changes we make on the website and notify you by email. You will have the option to terminate your membership if you do not agree with future changes to terms and conditions.

5. Further Information

In relation to BBSRC-UKRI use of the BBSRC NIBB data.

All the membership data will be transferred to BBSRC-UKRI.

All personal data provided to BBSRC, as part of UK Research and Innovation, via the membership application form will be processed in accordance with current UK data protection legislation and the EU General Data Protection Regulations 2016/679 (GDPR) where appropriate. Further information on how BBSRC, as part of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), uses personal data, and how you can exercise your rights as a data subject, can be found in the UKRI Privacy Notice (<https://www.ukri.org/privacy-notice/>). BBSRC-UKRI may use the information transferred from EBNet to BBSRC for research related activities, including but not limited to, statistical analysis in relation to evaluation of the BBSRC NIBB, study of trends and policy, and strategy studies. Retained statistical data will be anonymised.

Data Responsibility

The PI of the BBSRC NIBB grant has the responsibility for keeping data relating to the grant secure and safe and this includes data relating to the Network membership. The designated PI is: *Prof Sonia Heaven, University of Southampton*.

Links

Further information on the current UK data protection legislation can be found on the Information Commissioner's Office website: <https://ico.org.uk/>. Information on how personal data is handled by BBSRC, as part of UK Research and Innovation, can be found at: <http://www.ukri.org/privacy-notice/>.

6. Updates & Changes

March 2020: Industry members. As part of the evaluation of the BBSRC NIBB, it is now a BBSRC requirement to collate publicly available information gathered from Companies House (Company number, Turnover, Number of employees) for industry members. To opt out, you may either leave your affiliation blank or register as a "Private Individual" on our membership form.