

4th Annual EBNET EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER CONFERENCE

12-14 September 2022, Jubilee Conference Centre, University of Nottingham

Showcasing the latest research and innovation with a selection of Early Career Researcher presentations and posters, opportunities to network across disciplines and a chance to explore the wider world of Environmental Biotechnology, ECR22 is certain to be both absorbing and enlightening. Make connections with the latest developments in Environmental Biotechnology this autumn – details [HERE](#).

EBNet- a BBSRC/EPSC NIBB

EBNet is one of 6 [free-to-join](#) Networks in Industrial Biotechnology and Bioenergy. Its aim is to develop and strengthen cross-disciplinary links between advanced molecular and applied microbiology, engineering, systems optimisation and social science to maximise the societal impacts and benefits of UK research. Its overall goal is to take fundamental discovery science towards practical application in key areas of the human/environment interface.

EBNet consists of 3 inter-related themes:

- Pollutants and media, covering both traditional and emerging pollutants
- Biosciences to engineering to develop and improve technology for pollution control, resource recovery and bioenergy generation
- Technology interfaces for process integration, techno-economic and sustainability assessment



We invite all ECR researchers and Young Professionals (YP) working in this field – in whatever discipline - to join us for this entirely FREE online conference. Gather to share your research through short presentations and poster sessions amongst your peers. There are competitions for best abstract, best presentation & best poster, with prizes for the winners. Sessions will showcase current work from across the UK and abroad. From new PhD students to recently graduated professionals/lecturers – all are welcome.

The Event

Participants benefit from an **entirely free 2-day conference, including 2 nights' accommodation and dinner**. There are also pre-approved Travel bursaries available to all our UK-based ECR members.

MONDAY 12th September: Arrival (informal)

TUESDAY 13th September: Presentation & poster sessions – plus evening dinner

WEDNESDAY 14th September: Presentation & poster sessions - plus workshops; depart

To participate just [REGISTER](#) and provide a short [abstract](#) for either a poster or a presentation. EBNet membership is free and open-to-all – [join](#) now (and do tell your friends & colleagues). If you have any questions, including those on eligibility, please contact Angie and Louise at: EBNet@ebnet.ac.uk.

Abstract

After registration, send us your brief 300-word abstract as soon as possible to secure a presentation slot. We use these to select our platform and poster presentations**, so early submission is best. **DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION IS: 26 August 2022.**

Further details

Dates:

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| Abstract Submission Deadline | 26 August 2022 (Late? Contact us direct to see if we can still help.) |
| Abstract acceptance and confirmation of agenda position | Late August/Early September |
| Conference | 12-14 September 2022 |

All attendees **must submit an abstract and contribute by platform presentation, poster or ‘networking talk’ in order to secure a place at the event.** We will select presentations from the submitted abstracts and inform delegates that they have secured a presentation position by email by early September, latest. It is still possible to attend if you have just started a PhD; simply provide an abstract on what you *plan* to do.

**Posters and Platform Presentations

Conference sessions will be organised around the abstracts we attract. On the abstract form, you can state a preference for poster or platform presentation. Please do not be discouraged if you fail to be offered a platform presentation – the session may be oversubscribed and there will be further opportunities in subsequent years. If not selected for a presentation slot, you will be offered a poster position. If neither are available, you will be required to produce a 2-3 minute pre-recorded ‘networking talk’ which briefly describes who you are and your research for attendees to view.

Poster presentations will be scheduled in a relevant session. Posters must be sent to us in advance as they will be made available online for delegates to view early.

Platform presentations will be **15 min.** (+ up to 5 min. Q&A at the Chair’s discretion), describing your current work, either planned or completed. These will be arranged into sessions and places offered after the abstract submission.

*ECR/YP Definition

To be considered an Early Career Researcher (ECR) for this event, you must be an academic/postgraduate/post doctorate in a permanent position in a UK institution. This need not be full-time. Applicants at the time of submission:

- 1) must have no more than three years’ full-time employment (or the full-time equivalent taking account of career breaks, part-time employment, etc.) at lecturer or equivalent level, and*
- 2) should not exceed 10 years in active postgraduate research studies and postdoctoral research employment.*

To be considered a Young Professional (YP) for this event, you must have been employed, post-graduation, for no more than 3 years outside academia in some form of R&D capacity.