

6th Annual EBNET EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER CONFERENCE

24 July – 26 July 2024

The Frederick Douglass Centre, Newcastle University

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, ECR24 is certain to be both absorbing and enlightening. Make connections with the latest developments in EB this autumn – details [HERE](#).

We invite all ECR researchers and young professionals working in this field – in whatever discipline - to join us. Everyone participates. There are competitions and prizes for best abstract, best presentation & best poster. This year we offer an optional site visit to BEWise – the largest wastewater research facility of its type in Europe. Sessions will reflect the latest work from across the UK. From new PhD students/PDRAs to new lecturers and young professionals – all are welcome.

The Event

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

WEDNESDAY 24th July: [Site Visit] Arrival - informal Drinks Reception (pm)

THURSDAY 25th July: Presentation & poster sessions - plus Evening dinner (all day)

FRIDAY 26th July: Presentation & poster sessions (all day)

To participate first [REGISTER](#) and then provide a short [ABSTRACT](#) for either a poster or a presentation. We'll be in touch to confirm and offer a place. Not yet a member? 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.

Registration

Register your details through Eventbrite ([HERE](#)).

Abstract

Send us your brief 300-word abstract to EBNet@EBNet.ac.uk as soon as possible. We use these to select our platform and poster presentations and to promote you in the event brochure, so early submission is best.

Key Dates

Registration/Abstract deadline: **20 May 2024**.

Notification/Confirmation of Agenda position: **From early June 2024**.

(Late? Contact us direct to see if we can still help.)



All attendees **must submit an abstract and contribute by platform presentation, poster or otherwise contribute to secure a place at the event.** You are welcome to attend if you have just started a PhD; simply provide an abstract on what you *plan* to do. Note: we cannot accept undergraduates to this conference.

EBNet- a BBSRC/EPSRC 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

***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.

Posters will be displayed in a relevant session. Send a copy of your Poster to us in advance for **FREE** printing and we will do the rest. Alternatively, bring your own and display on the day. Format: **A1 Portrait**. Final printing deadline: **3 weeks in advance**.

Platform presentations will be **15 min.** (+ 5 min. Q&A at the Chair's discretion), describing your current work, either planned or completed. Your place will be confirmed after the abstract submission deadline.

***Travel Bursary**

These are available to UK-based (not Intl.) EBNet ECR members up to **£200** (max.) towards travel and a further £165 towards accommodation. Conditions apply and full details will be sent out at notification. Do not book travel until notified of a place.

***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. We welcome new PhD to new lecturers (but not MSc students). Applicants at the time of submission:

- 1) *must have no more than 3 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.*
- 3) *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.*

