



LCA Training by the EBNet Working Group - 28-30 October 2024, University of Surrey

# **EBNet Newsletter - November 2024**

### New

#### **EBNet: 2nd Bioelectrochemical Systems Workshop**

12/13 December 2024, Newcastle University

Following last years popular event, the <u>Bioelectrochemical Systems Development Working Group</u> are offering a workshop of knowledge and interaction for researchers working or interested in bioelectrochemical systems for the environment. This event will strengthen your knowledge on bioelectrochemical systems, provide training, and give you tools to improve the impact of your research. Places are limited and heavily subsidised.

Register your Expression of Interest <u>HERE</u>.

#### IFEAA Deep Dive: Reducing GHG emissions in agriculture

19 November 2024, University of Bath (IAAPS facility) and online, 10:00-16:30

Agriculture is the largest source of CH4 and N2O emissions in the UK. This event will bring together the latest insight into measurement and abatement of these emissions to support action to reduce the environmental impact of farming. Sessions will include expert presentations on emissions sources, measurement techniques, and methods to reduce emissions or prevent their escape into the atmosphere. Register HERE.



# **Now Open**

EBNet funding opportunities for academia and industry are highlighted below.

#### ECR Conference Travel Bursary, Placement Award and SWAP Travel Bursary

Always open

Applications for support are now considered on a case-by-case basis, but *must* occur well prior to the end of the Network in March. Enquire early to see if we can help.

# CIWEM: Water and Environment Journal - Call for Papers - Environmental Biotechnology

Submission deadline: 31 January 2025

The guest editors are Dr Tao Lyu, Cranfield University and Dr Anjali Jayakumar, Newcastle University; heads of our PFAs and ECR <u>Working Groups</u> respectively. This special issue is open for participants of the EBNet ECR conference AND also the whole EBNet community.

Get involved to promote research that impacts EB. Take a look <u>HERE</u>.

# Spotlight On...

Do you have any good news to share with other members? Email us details if you want a shoutout in the next newsletter.



#### Tender Opportunity: Risk Assessments for Compost and AD

Deadline: 6 December 2024

REAL's Research Hub Project: Risk assessments to inform the revision of End of Waste Frameworks for compost and digestate have a Tender open. For full project details and submission instructions, refer to the Tender Invitation Document (TID) linked <a href="here">here</a>.

#### **New UKWIR Report published**

Find the 'Response to National Bioresources Strategy - Prioritisation of Resource
Recovery Opportunities' and other reports here.

#### Report: The Global Hydrogen Review

This is an annual publication by the International Energy Agency that tracks hydrogen production and demand worldwide, as well as progress in critical areas such as infrastructure development, trade, policy, regulation, investments and innovation. Find it here.

#### Report: Innovate UK materials and manufacturing vision 2050

This is aimed at stimulating interest, focus and action to make the UK a leading, worldclass destination for advanced low carbon manufacturing. Find it <a href="here">here</a>.

#### **IWA Publishing**

So far this year, IWA Publishing have published 13 Open Access eBooks, all available to download and read for free! Titles include topics like: Resource Recovery from Industrial Wastewater through Microbial Electrochemical Technologies and Detection and Treatment of Emerging Contaminants in Wastewater. Find more here.

#### WASTE

WASTE is an international development organisation catalysing sustainable solutions to urban challenges. Find out more about their work with plastics <a href="here">here</a>.

#### Are you getting the latest information from us?

More people are turning to EBNet for speedy access to events, reports, jobs, PhD/Postdoc positions etc.

Join us on <u>LinkedIn</u> and <u>Twitter</u>.



## **Forthcoming Events**

Find selected upcoming events below.
Find more at: KTN events

NBIC: #Biofilm Week & WHO: World AMR Awareness Week - 18-24 November 2024

IEA Bioenergy: Mixed plastic waste – Sustainable valorization solutions for material and energy recovery - 18 November 2024

RSC: Carbon dioxide detection in biological systems - 18/19 November 2024

Aqua Enviro: A Conversation about Residual Emissions - 19 November 2024

<u>Navigating Net Zero: Understanding the Role of Hydrogen</u> - 28 November 2024

<u>IPACT @ Portsmouth Historic Dockyards: Wastewater, the Cinderella of Infrastructure</u> – 28 November 2024

The British Society of Soil Science Annual Conference - 4-6 December 2024, Cardiff

BBSRC Follow-on Fund Showcase Webinar 2024 - 5 December 2024

Climate-Smart Agriculture Partnership Scoping Projects: Introduction & Networking Webinar - 11 December 2024

The Continuous BioFlow Network Launch – 10 January 2025, Edinburgh

ISP55 - Sensing Technologies for Digital Agriculture - 29 January 2025, Manchester

BBNet: Industrial collaboration workshop: building stronger applications and

<u>relationships</u> - 4/5 February 2025, York (EoI by: 24 November 2024)

17th European Conference on Fungal Genetics - 2 March 2025, Dublin

The Carbon Recycling Network: Annual Conference - 9-12 March 2025, Shrigley Hall,

Cheshire

Biologists @ 100 conference - 24-27 March 2025, Liverpool

The Microbiology Society Annual Conference - 31 March-3 April 2025

Biosystems Engineering 2025 - 7-9 May 2025, Estonia

IWA Resource Recovery Conference 2025: From Novel Concepts to Business - 19-23

May 2025, the Netherlands

14th IFAC Symposium on Dynamics and Control of Process Systems, including

Biosystems (DYCOPS 2025) - 16-19 June 2025, Bratislava, Slovakia

AquaConsoil 2025 - 16 June 2025, Liège, Belgium

# **Funding**

Funding opportunities for academia and industry are highlighted below.

Find more at: **UKRI funding** 



Data sandpit for metascience - 21 November 2024

Spring Accelerator 4: How can we better understand, monitor and manage emerging contaminants in wastewater? - 25 November 2024

<u>UKRI: Access to high performance computing facilities – autumn 2024</u> - 28 November

BBNet: BIV funding - 30 November 2024

Leverhulme Trust: Research Project Grants - 1 December 2024

Knowledge transfer partnership - 4 December 2024

Eureka Globalstars Japan Round 3 - 4 December 2024

Supergen Bioenergy: Extraordinary flexible funding call on bio-based chemicals and

materials - 8 December 2024 (briefing webinar: 20 November 2024)

Innovate UK: Launchpad: bio-based manufacturing, Scotland - 11 December 2024

Innovate UK: Launchpad: bio-based manufacturing, Scotland, round two CR&D - 11

December 2024

 $\underline{Innovate~UK: Launchpad: agri-tech~and~food~technology, Mid~and~North~Wales~MFA} -\\$ 

11 December 2024

Innovate UK: Launchpad: life and health sciences, Northern Ireland round two

**CR&D** - 11 December 2024

BBSRC: UK-Singapore engineering biology for specialty chemical production - 12

December 2024

Innovate UK: Innovation loans future economy: round 18 - 8 January 2025

BBSRC: Mid-range equipment for biosciences research: ALERT 2024 - 9 January 2024

<u>Leverhulme Trust: Emeritus Fellowships</u> - 30 January 2025

Industrial Doctoral Landscape Award 2024/25 - 18 February 2025 (notification of intent by: 17 December 2024)

Leverhulme Trust: Early Career Fellowships - 20 February 2025

Pre-announcement: Future Leaders Fellowships: round 10 - 18 June 2025



# Jobs, Training, Awards & PhDs

Did you know we have funds available to help members access placements in industry or academia?

Jobs (also see FindAPostDoc & Jobs.ac.uk)

<u>Lecturer / Senior Lecturer / Reader / Chair / Professor in Chemical Engineering (or a closely related subject)</u> - 15 November 2024, Imperial College London

BBSRC: professional internships for PhD students - up to eight placements available each year

JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship Call for the Humanities and Social Sciences - 11
December 2024

#### **Training**

 $\underline{\text{In situ structural biology: expanding the toolbox for structural cell biology.}} \text{- 4-7}$ 

February 2025, EMBL Heidelberg and Virtual

Wild frontiers of model organisms - 8-11 April 2025, EMBL Heidelberg and Virtual

#### **Awards and Competitions**

The Microbiology Society: 2025 Prize Lectures and 2026 Prize Medal - nominations now

The BSSS: David S Jenkinson Knowledge Exchange Grant - open quarterly

PhDs (see FindaPhD)

Rotation PhD Programme in Plant and Microbial Sciences - 14 November 2024, John Innes Centre

<u>Functional Sugar-derived Polymers for Sustainable Agricultural Applications</u> - 15 November 2024, University of York

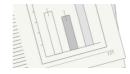
Research Studentship in Control and Engineering Biology. - 3 December 2024, University of Oxford

Bacterial sRNAs: Critical yet overlooked regulators of nitrous oxide emissions - 8
January 2025, University of East Anglia

#### **Publications**

Have you seen something, or published anything recently, that you would like us to highlight?

By: Li, H., Lin, J., Shao, Q. et al. In: J Soils Sediments (2024)



Synchronous and efficient removal of carbon, nitrogen, and phosphorus from actual rural sewage by composite wetlands enhanced with functional fillers

By: Bing-Xu Guo et al. In: Bioresource Technology. Volume 414, December 2024, 131566

Microbial Chemotaxis in Degradation of Xenobiotics: Current Trends and
Opportunities

By: Zhipeng Zhuang et al. In: Microbiological Research. Available online 22 October 2024, 127935

Microbial groups containing alkaline phosphatase accelerate soil phosphate

mineralization in two soil patterns with contrasting pH levels

<u>First Evidence of Microplastic-Associated Extended-Spectrum Beta-Lactamase</u>
(ESBL)-Producing Bacteria in the Red River Delta, Vietnam

By: Le Thanh Thao et al. In: Journal of Hazardous Materials Letters. In Press. Journal

<u>Dynamic feed scheduling for optimised anaerobic digestion: an optimisation approach for better decision-making to enhance revenue and environmental benefits</u>

By: Meshkat Dolat *et al.* In: Digital Chemical Engineering. Available online 9 October 2024, 100191

<u>Challenges with Bioaugmentation and Field-Scale Application of Bioremediation</u>

<u>Processes for Petroleum-Contaminated Sites: A Review</u>

By: Koolivand, A., Coulon, F., Ball, A.S. et al. In: Indian J Microbiol (2024)

#### Still here?

#### **Bigshots**

Amongst the UK contenders for this years' <a href="Earthshot Prize">Earthshot Prize</a> were <a href="MiAlgae">MiAlgae</a> for their work on fermentation processes to grow Omega-3-rich algae - and <a href="NatureMetrics">NatureMetrics</a> - for simplifying the collection and reporting of environmental DNA. Nominations are open for the next one! For help getting started with entrepreneurship check out <a href="ICURe">ICURe</a> - the UK's pre-accelerator programme for researchers.