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EBNet Newsletter - October 2021

News

EBNet welcomes a new Working Group!

"<u>Process Integration and Sustainability Assessment</u>", led by Dr Jhuma Sadhukhan, University of Surrey aims to create awareness on the theme *Technology Interfaces*. Do contact her for more information if you are interested.

Did you miss the first in a new series of webinars by the Working Group "<u>Environmental</u> <u>Sensors and Wastewater Surveillance</u>"? Catch up with the video <u>here</u> and be sure to sign up for the next in the series - coming soon.



Now Open

EBNet funding opportunities for academia and industry are highlighted below.

NEW! Joint EBNet/IBioIC: Business Interaction Voucher Call Call Opens: 18 October 2021. Deadline: 19 November 2021 Want support to work with industry? For UK projects up to £20K.

EBNet Placement Call - Always open These are worth up to £1,500 for UK-based placements and £3,000 for overseas placements.

ECR Conference Travel Bursary - Always open

Looking to present your work at a major conference and lack funding? We have support worth up to $\pounds1,500$ - ask for details.

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.



IEA Bioenergy is an organisation set up in 1978 by the International Energy Agency with the aim of improving cooperation and information exchange between countries that have

national programmes in bioenergy research, development and deployment. There are a whole spectrum of <u>Tasks</u> including some which may be of interest - <u>Material and Energy</u> <u>valorisation of waste in a Circular Economy</u> and <u>Biorefining in a Circular Economy</u> amongst others. You can keep an eye on the wider field through their free reports and case studies.



Forthcoming Events

Find selected upcoming events below. For more, go to: <u>Events Roundup</u>.

KTN: Circular Economy for SMEs Competition Briefing 18 October 2021

Anaerobic Digestion, Quo vadis?

21 October 2021

IChemE webinar: Engineering to Enable a Circular Chemical Economy 25 October 2021

The Carbon Recycling Network: Policy Engagement Workshop 27 October 2021

UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) 1–12 November 2021, Glasgow

E3BNet: Cleaning Up Biocatalysis with Hydrogen: from recycling NADH and flavin cofactors for biotechnology to spin-out of HydRegen Ltd and beyond 18 November 2021

BioVale: Intellectual property workshop for bio-based companies and entrepreneurs 17 November 2021, Bioeconomy Outreach Centre, York

Algae-UK: A Festival of Algae 17-18 November 2021, Birmingham Science Museum

Funding

Funding opportunities for academia and industry are highlighted below. For more, go to: <u>Funding Roundup</u>.



Joint Algae-UK/BBNet/IBioIC PoC Call: Biorefining Marine Biomass Expression of interest: 15 October 2021. Deadline for full application: 26 November 2021

E3BNet POC/BIV Call – Australia/Canada collaboration 27 October 2021

EPSRC: Research the production and integration of zero carbon hydrogen 2 November 2021

UKRI: Improve the sustainability of urban systems and infrastructure 9 November 2021

BBSRC: Partner with global bioscience laboratories
11 November 2021

NERC: Incorporating nature into decision making in the finance sector 18 November 2021

JSPS London: Call for the Short-Term Pre-/Post-doctoral Fellowship for Research in Japan 29 November 2021

Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTP): Round 4 1 December 2021

InnovateUK: Circular economy for SMEs: innovating with the NICER programme

8 December 2021

The Sanger Prize Competition 2021

11 December 2020

EPSRC: Business and academia prosperity partnership: Round 5 11 January 2022

NERC: standard and new investigator grants - environmental science 18 January 2022



Jobs, Training, Awards & PhDs

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

Training

EMBL-EBI: Introduction to Multiomics Data Integration and Visualisation Applications close: 3 December 2021. Course: 21-25 March 2022

Awards and Competitions

Processes 2022 Travel Awards - 31 March 2022 IWA Global Water Award 2022

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

Postdoc in Bio-manufacturing Textiles from Waste - Royal College of Art (Material Science Research Centre) - 24 October 2021

PhDs (see FindaPhD)

Future proofing sludge treatment centres for AMP7 and beyond - Cranfield University, 26 November 2021

Investigating a nature-based solution for agricultural runoff in Ireland: Identification of nutrient/trace element accumulator plant species and their microbial interaction - Trinity College Dublin, 30 November 2021

Publications

Dynamic changes in anaerobic digester metabolic pathways and microbial populations during acclimatisation to increasing ammonium concentrations Wei Zhang, Anna M. Alessi, Sonia Heaven, James P. J. Chong, Charles J. Banks Waste Management. Volume 135, November 2021, Pages 409-419

A critical review of decision support systems for brownfield redevelopment Ellis B. Hammond, Frederic Coulon, Stephen H. Hallett, Russell Thomas, Drew Hardy, Andrew Kingdon, Darren J. Beriro Science of The Total Environment. Volume 785, 1 September 2021, 147132

The Mathematics of Life Cycle Sustainability Assessment Jhuma Sadhukhan, Sohum Sen, Siddharth Gadkari Journal of Cleaner Production. Volume 309, 1 August 2021, 127457

Biosurfactants and their Applications in the Oil and Gas Industry: Current State of Knowledge and Future Perspectives Christina Nikolova & Tony Gutierrez Front. Bioeng. Biotechnol., 15 February 2021



Did you know that there is an entire sub-category called "**Biopunk**" in science fiction? It focuses on the implications of biotechnology & synthetic biology, although with a dystopian twist. Not new - the iconic "*The Island of Doctor Moreau*" by H. G. Wells dates back to 1896!

Organised by the University of Southampton, <u>Green Stories</u> are a series of **free writing competitions** across various formats to solicit stories that showcase what a **sustainable society** might look like. The competitions have cash prizes and are open to all. Now open: the <u>Adult Novel Competition</u> (December 2021), the <u>Adult Short Stories Competition</u> (February 2022) and the <u>Under 18s Short Stories Competition</u> (March 2022).

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