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EBNet Newsletter - September 2021

News

The EBNet Working Group Environmental Sensors and Wastewater Surveillance, led by Dr Zhugen Yang, Cranfield University and Dr Martin Spurr, Newcastle University, is holding a series of specialist webinars to explore the topic. Join Dr Andrew Singer, UK CEH on Wednesday, 29th September at 12.00-13.00 for: "Developing the Next-Generation of Monitoring for Human and Environmental

Protection".

Register for your free place now here.



Now Open

EBNet funding opportunities for academia and industry are highlighted below.

EBNet BIV Call

Watch this space - next Call coming soon!

EBNet Placement Call

Always open

With society opening up again remember that we have support worth up to £1,500 for UKbased 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? Arrange support in advance through us - up to £1,500 available. Contact us informally if you want to know more

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.



Virtual conferences continue – like the forthcoming <u>9th Microbial Ecology & Water</u> Engineering Specialist Conference (18-20 October 2021), [Our EBNet Co-PI Prof. Tom Curtis is on the committee]. But despite the uncertainties, travel is rapidly re-opening, so perhaps it is time to look ahead to meeting people in person again? EBNet support is available to help if your abstract has been accepted. Upcoming dates for relevant conferences include: the <u>22nd World Congress of Soil Science</u>, Glasgow (31 July to 5 August 2022) - abstracts by 31 October 2021, <u>ISME18</u>, now Lausanne, Switzerland (14-19 August 2022), <u>ISMOS-9</u>, Edinburgh (June 2023). Or interested in FOG? The upcoming <u>European FOG Summit</u>, Brighton is soon - 14 October. There is a free site visit and we have ECR bursaries available to help... preference will be given to EBNet members who attended last years EBNet FOG webinar so get in touch if you want to apply.



Forthcoming Events

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

UKRI: The Net Zero series - Sustainable Supply Chains/Materials/Energy 21 September/ 19 October/ 16 November 2021

World Biogas Association "Open House" 28 September 2021

Policy engagement for Early Career Researchers: The biomass strategy and beyond 7 October 2021

E3BNet: The London Metallomics Facility 12 October 2021

European FOG Summit Brighton, 14 October 2021

9th IWA Microbial Ecology and Water Engineering Specialist Conference: Microbial Ecology Data & Principles for Water Systems and Industries 18-20 October 2021

KTP: Digital Business Meetup - Sustainability 20 October 2021

RSC: Chemistry for a Greener World 27 October 2021

The Microbiology Society: Annual Conference 2022 4–7 April 2022, Belfast

Global Water Summit 16-18 May 2022, Novotel Madrid Center

IWA World Water Congress & Exhibition 11-15 September 2022, Copenhagen, Denmark

Funding

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

DEFRA Blue Planet Fund TBC - Future engineering for oceans



Help to Grow – Management/Digital Various - these SME support programmes are 90% funded by government. ICE: R&D Enabling Fund

Open

IBioIC: Spin Out Support Programme Open

The British Academy: Knowledge Frontiers: International Interdisciplinary Research 2022

29 September 2021

InnovateUK: ISCF transforming foundation industries: small scale R&D strand 1 29 September 2021

InnovateUK: ISCF transforming foundation industries: small scale R&D strand 2 29 September 2021

NERC: Synthesising evidence in economics of biodiversity

5 October 2021

InnovateUK: Women in Innovation Awards 2021 to 2022 6 October 2021

EPSRC: Equality, diversity and inclusion in the energy research community 4 November 2021

The Fulbright Commission Scholarship programme

9 November 2020

Dorothy Hodgkin Fellowship

10 November 2021

NERC Independent Research Fellowship 2021

14 October 2021

British Council: Commonwealth Scholarships

As part of the UK's ongoing commitment to the Commonwealth, each year around 800 students are given the chance to undertake postgraduate degrees with UK universities. Annual deadlines for applications are usually in December



Jobs, Training, Awards & PhDs

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

Training

RSB: Programming for Biologists - 27 September to 8 October 2021 RSC: Secrets of Batch Process Scale-Up - 27 September to 1 October 2021

Awards and Competitions

Privilege Finance Climate Change Thought Leadership Award: £1000 - 24 September 2021

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

Research Associate in Downstream Processing - 26 September 2021, Heriot-Watt University Senior Bioinformatician Digital Biology - 30 September 2021, Earlham Institute Frank Jackson Foundation Professor of the Environment - 25 October 2021, Gresham College

PhDs (see FindaPhD)

Lipidomic and Antibiotic Resistance Characterisation of Activated Sludge Wastewater Reactors - 31 October 2021, Sheffield Hallam University Investigating a nature-based solution for agricultural runoff in Ireland - 30 November 2021, Trinity College Dublin

Publications

Environmental connectivity controls diversity in soil microbial communities

Manupriyam Dubey *et al.* Communications Biology volume 4, Article number: 492 (2021)

Granular biofilms: Function, application, and new trends as model microbial communities

Anna Christine Trego, Simon Mills & Gavin Collins Critical Reviews in Environmental Science & Technology; 2021, Vol. 51 Issue 15, p1702-1725, 24p

Remobilization of pollutants during extreme flood events poses severe risks to human and environmental health

Sarah E. Crawford et al.

Journal of Hazardous Materials, Volume 421, 5 January 2022, 126691

Still here?

In 1683, on the 17th September, Antonie van Leeuwenhoek sent a letter to the Royal Society of London with the first description of a single-celled organism. The date is now celebrated as <u>International Microorganism Day</u>. Winning entries from the FEMS microbe art competition will be showcased at the International Microorganism Day live stream. Like science cartoons? Find more at the <u>Morgridge Institute for Research</u>, <u>TwistedDoodles</u> or even learn how to do your own with the <u>Cartoon Museum</u>.

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