Dear EASTBIO students,

Please see below for an update on EASTBIO news, events and activities for the month of June.

# EASTBIO Training activities in June 2023

Training [updates are here](http://www.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk/foundation-masterclasses).

## Thematic Group Meetings

* Clean Growth 3: Biotechnology in Food Production – tbc
* Livestock and Aquaculture 4 – Edinburgh, 14 June
* Understanding Rules of Life 4: Rules of Life on the Populational Level – Edinburgh, 14 June
* Health 4: Science Communications – Edinburgh, 14 June
* Crops and Soil 4: Net Zero and Agriculture: bridging science and policy – Edinburgh, 14 June

If you have attended any thematic meetings recently, please ensure you have completed the feedback form here: <https://forms.office.com/e/da9eCkVqZeh>.

## Foundation Masterclasses:

* [Primer for Synthetic Biology](http://www.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk/foundation-masterclasses) – Online, 5 June 2023, 11:00-16:30
* Primer for Advanced Omics Approaches – Day 1 Online, 6 June 2023, Day 2 Edinburgh, 7 June 2023 10:30-17:00

If you have attended any Masterclasses recently, please ensure you have completed the feedback form here: <https://forms.office.com/e/y1VTzRLAKB>

EDI Training

A pilot training on Inclusive Communication has been offered to EASTBIO student reps on the 14 June, 9:00-10:30 (Edinburgh, Pollock Halls, St Leonard’s Hall). We anticipate delivering this training to the new student intake at the Induction Day.

## External Training & other opportunities in June 2023:

* University of Edinburgh Centre for Statistic and Centre for Engineering Research Day: [Recent developments in statistical modelling of RNA velocity](https://centreforstatistics.maths.ed.ac.uk/cfs/events/upcoming-events/research-day-recent-developments-in-statistical-mo). 27th June.
* Dr Mhairi Towler has recently launched a new podcast that may be of interest to PhD researchers: [Opportunities in Science](https://anchor.fm/opportunitiesinscience)
* [FREE Grand Challenges for Synthetic Biology Skills School.](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/grand-challenges-for-synthetic-biology-skills-school-registration-43660268037) Monday 24-Thursday 27 July, University West of England (UWE) Registration deadline: Midday, Tuesday 13 June.

# News from EASTBIO

EASTBIO partner IBioIC news:

Join the IBioIC mailing list to receive news about industry-relating news, funding & opportunities via emailing [membership@ibioic.com](mailto:membership@ibioic.com).

## EASTBIO Student Reps:

Cathrine Baungaard has written a blog about the recent L&A thematic meeting which can be read here: <https://www.abdn.ac.uk/rowett/blog/a-reflection-on-the-introduction-to-systems-thinking-event-by-rowett-phd-cathrine-baungaard/>

## REP scheme induction:

* We held the [induction event](http://www.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk/research-experience-placements) for the EASTBIO widening participation Research Experience Placement scheme, in Dundee last month. Many thanks to students reps Temitayo Ademolue, Alistair Bonsall, Rochelle Kennedy and Josh Richards for coming along to speak to the undergraduate students about their experiences as PhD students. More details [here](http://www.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk/research-experience-placements).

## EASTBIO Symposium on Industrial Impact of Research – Edinburgh, 12-13 June 2023 – updates [here](http://www.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk/eastbio-symposium-2023).

**On twitter:** #eastbioSymposium2023

* The symposium is coming up fast and we can’t wait to see you there! Thanks to all the student reps who are working hard to put on amazing sessions throughout the 2 days.
* Please get in touch if you would like to help out on the day of the symposium.
* Final details will be sent out the week prior to the symposium but if you have any questions, please get in touch.

## Annual Student Survey:

* Thank you to everyone who completed the Annual Student Survey. We have received 100 responses and will be discussing this in depth at the upcoming EMG meetings, using the responses to drive changes in the DTP.

# EASTBIO Management Committee Updates

## EMG meeting:

## The Recruitment Committee has been working on collecting quantitative data and qualitative feedback on the 2023 recruitment and will be reporting on this to both UKRI BBSRC and the Management Group. More importantly, we will be reviewing our recruitment process on the basis of what the analysis will show in terms of diversity and inclusion.

# Useful contacts

## EASTBIO Student Reps

For details of our student reps, see <http://www.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk/student-representatives-2022> and [EASTBIO EDI student reps](http://www.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk/equality-diversity-and-inclusion), for details. Contact your local student rep to ask help organising a meetup, to report an issue, convey a query or share your views on the EASTBIO training; their role is to help the central team and Management to keep in touch with all students. Although EASTBIO funding for social events is very limited, we and our partners will try out best to support you with any costs!

## EASTBIO Mental Health First Aiders group

* The EASTBIO Mental Health First Aiders can be contacted via email at [eastbio.mhfa@eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk](mailto:eastbio.mhfa@eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk) Mental Health First Aiders will be available for 1-1 appointments. A booking form is currently being created and will be circulated shortly.
* If you are not sure how a First Aider can help you, please drop them or us an email and ask… over coffee or a walk on campus!

## Stay in touch!

Please email [enquiries@eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk) to share something of interest to our students.