

PIPS News

Well done 2013 cohort of students and supervisors, there were some great ideas approved in the 'PIPS Planning Sheets'. EASTBIO also hopes to offer PIPS with the Royal Society of Edinburgh, EMBO Press, British Council, Worldwide Cancer Research charity and BigDNA.

2015 PIPS Q&A event will be in Dundee on 20th February. Attendance is mandatory for the new 2014 cohort and students from 2012 and 2013 who have not yet completed their professional internship. Supervisors very welcome!

The event will be delivered collaboratively with the local Careers and EASTBIO PIPS coordinator. Students will have an opportunity to ask essential questions and hear an employer's perspective of hosting an internship. There will also be presentations from students who have completed PIPS, where they will share insights into the sector, based on their unique PIPS experiences, and reflect on the skills they developed and whether PIPS has updated their career aspirations.

Welcome to our 2014 cohort



A warm welcome to our new PhD students who attended the Induction Day in Dundee on 21st October 2014. The EASTBIO Management Group wishes all an excellent start to their doctoral studies.

The student reps for this cohort are now contactable and keen to organise socials at each partner university location. Get in touch with your local rep!

Training Update

Training Strand 1: The delivery of our Research Skills Training (Strand 1) changes! Each thematic group will hold 3-4 yearly meetings in each partner institution, each covering a topic that reflects a key issue in that area. Under the guidance of a supervisor acting as the meeting's theme leader with the help of volunteer student(s), each session will address the focus topic in a structure combining student presentations, invited talks, journal club. Details of the programme for each theme will be advertised on the website and via our mailing list. Be involved, suggest ideas, stay in touch!

Training Strand 2: SysMIC - module 1 starts April 2015 - online. More information: www.sysmic.ac.uk. This intensive course is particularly suitable for those doing systems biology projects. However, it includes a significant maths component including use of MATLAB and so students may find it useful to complete part of the course and access the resources. Those who completed Module 1 last year are eligible for a place on Module 2. **Genetic Engineering and Genomic Analysis Course** at the University of Edinburgh, School of Biological Sciences, 1-11/12/14, 9-4 every day. The course, intended primarily for first year BBSRC-sponsored students, will cover theoretical principles and practical techniques for modern genetic engineering and genomic DNA analysis. For both courses, contact Francesca Filiaci at f.filiaci@ed.ac.uk.

EASTBIO STP website

Our redesigned website at <http://www.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk> was launched in the summer 2014. Featuring news from the DTP and BBSRC-funded training opportunities, it requires your proactive input: log in to access secure content and write on our Forum.

EASTBIO Symposium 2015

This year our symposium will focus on the industrial impact of research. The programme, to be drawn up by our student reps committee, will also feature invited talks and our students' research via poster and oral presentations. Please keep these dates free in your diary:

15-16 June * University of Edinburgh

Quick reminders... ***For 2014 students, please remember to submit your Skills Audit and Record Plan by week 10 of your PhD. *** For all cohorts: If you have any publications, scientific presentations or an interesting knowledge exchange experience, please email EASTBIO Administrator, Maria.Filippakopoulou@ed.ac.uk, who will be happy to publicise your outputs on the website and via twitter.