

### PIPS News

Following the EASTBIO PIPS Induction event, the PIPS coordinator will meet 2013 students as a group for the PIPS Q&A session. There will be an overview of the PIPS scheme and what is expected followed by input from a local representative about the local support available. This is an excellent opportunity to discuss PIPS related questions. Attendance for 2013 students is mandatory. Supervisors and 2012 students are very welcome to come along.

**Edinburgh:** 27th February 2014, 11-1. Seminar rooms 3.16/3.17 in George Square Careers Service, Edinburgh

**Dundee/ St Andrews:** 5th March 2014, 12-2. Careers Service, University of Dundee, 1 Airlie Place, Dundee DD1 4HN

**Aberdeen:** 27th March 2014, 12-2. Duncan Rice library building, meeting room 1, Old Aberdeen Campus

Finally, a big thank you to supervisors who got in touch with excellent contacts in organisations such as the Scottish Government which Caroline Pope is following up for policy related internships.

### Undergraduate Summer Placements

The BBSRC's annual scheme offering research experience to undergraduates is now open for applications. EASTBIO will award 9 placements, providing a small stipend and contribution towards research costs. Supervisors wishing to host a student this summer should apply by 28<sup>th</sup> February

Further information can be found on our website and will be sent out locally by email:

<http://www.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk/bbsrc-summer-research-experience-placements-2014>

### Training Update

**Training Strand 1:** The **World Class Bioscience** theme group, led by Anton Gartner, have had their first meeting and started online sessions. The **Ageing** theme group, led by Dan Nussey and Clare Blackburn, and the **Industrial Biotech/Bioenergy** theme group, led by Dominic Campopiano and Gary Loake, have both had meetings and are planning their online session programmes. The **Food Security** theme group, led by Chris Secombes, will be meeting from March. We would like to thank all those contributing to these sessions, staff and students, and especially the theme leaders.

**Training Strand 2: R/Bioconductor & Unix - 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> June** - University of Edinburgh. Booking Link: <http://goo.gl/7PkNPc> Data analysis approaches, principles and common pitfalls; an introduction to R, Bioconductor and other resources for data analysis; analysis of microarray gene expression data and of next-generation sequencing data (RNA-seq). Day 3 is an optional session for attendees to drop in and work through problems with support from the course leader, Dr Simon Tomlinson. **SysMIC - module 1 starts April 2014 - online.** More information: [www.sysmic.ac.uk](http://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. To request the full syllabus or to register please email Caroline Proctor at [caroline.proctor@ed.ac.uk](mailto:caroline.proctor@ed.ac.uk) by 28<sup>th</sup> February.

### BBSRC News

Updated BBSRC Strategic Plan:  
<http://goo.gl/OPWjLH>

BBSRC celebrates 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary:  
<http://goo.gl/EfpLe4>

### Symposium 2014

Our symposium will be focused on research across the partnership this year. The programme is currently being drawn up by our student reps committee. Please keep the dates free in your diary:

EASTBIO Symposium 2014  
28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> August \* University of Dundee

**Quick reminder ...** If you have a new publication out, or a story to tell about your research, please get in touch with our EASTBIO administrator, [Maria.Filippakopoulou@ed.ac.uk](mailto:Maria.Filippakopoulou@ed.ac.uk). She can promote your work through our website and twitter feed, a direct way to communicate with the wider BBSRC community.