

**EASTBIO Annual Symposium**  
27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> August 2013, Aberdeen

Our student led symposium this year is on the theme:

**SCIENCE & SOCIETY**

Confirmed speakers include Professor Verity Brown from St Andrews and Professor Sir Ian Diamond from Aberdeen. Workshop sessions will develop skills in writing impact statements and presenting to and engaging with the public. There will also be a chance for students to workshop their plans for the PIPS and for supervisors to meet with members of the Management Group.

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[www.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk](http://www.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk)

**Student Feedback 2012/13**

The student representatives from Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh and St Andrews shared their feedback on EASTBIO at a meeting with the Management Group on 17<sup>th</sup> June. They also met with Dr David McAllister, Head of Skills and Careers at the BBSRC, over lunch. It was a very productive day and we'll be sharing the results of our feedback survey and the notes of the meeting with you later this summer.

Thanks for your feedback!

**PIPS News**

The EASTBIO DTP Approach is that internships should be student led, taking place between month 9 and 39 of the PhD. Of the 2012 cohort of PhD students many are currently scoping out internship ideas or have submitted their plan. Others have applied for advertised PIPS opportunities with Novabiotics Ltd., Life Technologies, Midlothian Science Festival, and Edinburgh Research and Innovation.

There is now a fantastic set of resources and forms on the 'Student Resource Section' of the website which will be explored at the Annual Symposium PIPS workshop with Dr Caroline Pope. There will be opportunities then to ask any questions.

**Update on Research Theme Training**

Our theme leaders will be working with supervisors in each of the four research themes - Ageing; Bioenergy & Industrial Biotech; Food Security; World Class Underpinning Bioscience - this summer to develop the programme for these online sessions. The sessions will start in October 2013. As well as the online sessions, we plan to have one or two face-to-face meet ups for each theme so you can spend more time together in person.

**Promoting your work through EASTBIO**

If you have new publication out, or a story to tell about your research, please get in touch with our EASTBIO administrator, 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.

**Quick reminders ...**

Please remember to submit your training record for the year to your local DTP administrator and your PIPS planning document to Dr Caroline Pope by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

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