

### EASTBIO Annual Symposium 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> August 2014, Dundee

Our student-led symposium this year is on the theme:

#### BIOSCIENCE RESEARCH FOR THE FUTURE

Confirmed speakers include Regius Professor of Life Sciences Mike Ferguson (University of Dundee) and Professor Keith Lindsey (University of Durham). The 2013 cohort will present posters and 2012 students will give a short talk about their research. There will also be a chance for students to workshop their plans for the PIPS. The symposium dinner and ceilidh will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> August. All students and supervisors are encouraged to attend.

Registration: <http://goo.gl/c5zOa7>

#### PIPS News

This is an exciting time for the 2012 cohort of EASTBIO students. Three of them have successfully completed the BBSRC PIPS placement report and case study. Many others are working on the mandatory PhD Internship Agreement which outlines the parties, roles and responsibilities and project details of their internship. Professional internships are being developed in organisations including: i2Eye Diagnostics Ltd., BioAscent Discoveries Ltd.; Association for International Cancer Research; Wildlife Information Centre; The Royal Society London; Cults Academy.

The deadline for the 2013 cohort to submit their 'PIPS Planning Sheet' is September 30<sup>th</sup> 2014. We encourage students to plan a meeting with their local University Careers Service to discuss ideas for PIPS, seek advice on designing CVs and tips on marketing previous experience to organisations.

#### Training Strand 2 June Courses

Two bioinformatics courses running in Edinburgh this June are open to all EASTBIO students. The courses are free to attend, though you will need to cover any travel and accommodation costs required. Places are limited.

\* R/Bioconductor and Unix \*  
10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> June 10:00-17:00  
Course Leader: Dr Simon Tomlinson  
Booking Link:  
<http://goo.gl/7PkNPc>

\* Introduction to Python \*  
23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> June 09:00-17:00  
Course Leader: Dr Martin Jones  
Booking Link:  
<http://goo.gl/0tRrBZ>

For full details please see the news item on the homepage of the EASTBIO website:  
[www.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk](http://www.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk)

#### Website improvements

We will launch our improved website in June, look out for details in your email inbox. We hope it will be a more exciting and interactive format; it will include student research profiles and a secure forum for you to exchange ideas and ask questions.

#### Quick reminders ...

Please remember to submit your training record for the year to Dr Maria Filippakopoulou and your PIPS planning document to Dr Caroline Pope by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014.