Dear EASTBIO students and supervisors,

You will be attending the EASTBIO Annual Symposium on 'Debating and delivering research to society' at the University of Aberdeen on Sunday 11 to Monday 12 June 2017. Please read carefully the following information.

#EASTBIOSYMP17 – if you do Twitter, please use our hashtag!

**Venue:**

The Symposium will be held at the Central Building, Hillhead Student Village, University of Aberdeen (Sunday the 11th) (link) and King's College Conference Centre (link) (Monday the 12th). Campus map is attached.

**Travel:**

You will need to make your own travel arrangements with the aim of arriving to the venue for registration either on Sunday the 11th, at 15:30 (keynote at 16:00), or Monday the 12th, at 9:00 (Symposium introduction scheduled for 9:20). For those attending only the second day, we will begin promptly at 9:30 with the first-year Targeted Audience Stalls.

Getting to Aberdeen:

https://www.abdn.ac.uk/about/campus/maps/travelling-to-aberdeen.php

**Visitors’ Parking:**

Day 1 – there are no parking restrictions at the Hillhead site. Day 2 – reserved parking accessible from Regent Walk, adjacent to the playing fields; entrance opposite building @23 on the campus map (attached).

**Accommodation:**

Bed & Breakfast accommodation is booked for all registered students and supervisors at the Hillhead Student Village, Central Building (link). Recommended check-in between 2-3 pm, 11 June. Locked store room for luggage is available on Day 2 (ask at registration desk).
Symposium Dinner:

The dinner will be held at the Works, Central Building at the Hillhead Student Village (link). Arrival at 6.30, dinner at 7.00 pm, followed by a Ceilidh.

Delegates group photo: Monday 12 June, before lunch.

Please note that the Scientific Debate will be filmed and made available to all attendees and EASTBIO students and supervisors upon request.

Student contribution:

- First-year students will do targeted audience presentations.
- Second-year students will present controversial science topics.
- Third-year students will do poster presentations of their PIPS.

All presentations will receive feedback in various formats by all delegates.

You can view the abstracts of all the students’ presentations in advance of the Symposium via the link below:

http://www.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk/eastbio-symposium-2017

The Symposium booklet can be browsed at http://www.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk/eastbio-symposium-2017 (hard copies will be handed out at registration)

You are encouraged to spend as much time as possible interacting with your peers, supervisors in attendance and invited speakers to make the most of the exposure the Symposium provides the platform for, both during presentations and the breaks and the social events in the evening.

Feedback:

Leave your feedback at the completion of the Symposium via the link below:

https://goo.gl/forms/WrB5P5MuRnf0paNG3 Deadline: 19 June

General:

Maria Filippakopoulou (Edinburgh EASTBIO Administrator), Karen Slessor (Aberdeen EASTBIO Administrator) and our student reps will be around both days and keen to help, so please identify everyone beforehand (http://www.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk/student-representatives-2015 & http://www.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk/student-representatives-2016-2017) and look for us on the day.

For further queries, email enquiries@eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk or Karen Slessor at k.e.slesser@abdn.ac.uk.

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone in Aberdeen on the 11 or 12 of June.

On behalf of the EASTBIO Symposium Organising Committee