**Thematic Research Training 2022/23**

**THEMATIC group**

**Chairs: NAME & Affiliation of EMG academic lead who acts as the Group’s Chair**

***Quick guidance:***

* ***Goals of thematic training: cohort building, critical thinking, collaboration across the DTP, exploring new research skills & methods, shared ground, broadening of horizons***
* ***Each session is to be held in a different EASTBIO institution in alternating months***
* ***Each topic to be agreed preferably at the Induction and finetuned at a follow-up (online) meeting organised by the group***
* ***Each session to be led by one or two volunteer students and their supervisors; the planning is to be discussed and agreed with the whole group with tasks to be shared equally***
* ***Preference is to run sessions face-to-face but consider a hybrid format to enhance accessibility and facilitate access by students with additional responsibilities***
* ***Modest budget of £15/student for catering; travel expenses for guest speakers; contact EASTBIO for additional estimated costs***

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| **Session 1: “Bending the Rules of Life”** | | **Session 2: “Rules of Life on the Cellular level”** | | **Session 3: “Rules of Life on the Organismal level”** | | **Session 4: “Rules of Life on the Populational level”** | |
| **Session 1 leaders** | | **Session 2 leaders** | | **Session3 leaders** | | **Session 4 leaders** | |
| **Host supervisors:**  Ramon Grima | **Host students:**  Andrew Nicoll  Simon Harnqvist  Tamsin Woodman | **Host supervisors:** | **Host students:**  TBC | **Host supervisors:** | **Host students:** | **Host supervisors:**  Andrea Weiße | **Host students:**  Christoph Wagner |
| **Date & times**: December 2022  **Location (hybrid an option):**  **University of Edinburgh** | | **Date & times**: 13th February 2023  **Location (hybrid an option):**  **University of Aberdeen** | | **Date & times**: April 2023  **Location (hybrid an option):**  **University of St Andrews** | | **Date & times**: 14 June 2023 (*after the Symposium, 12-13 June*)  **Location (hybrid an option):**  **University of Edinburgh** | |

*Check the training page* [*http://www.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk/thematic-training*](http://www.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk/thematic-training) *frequently for meeting updates.*

**EASTBIO thematic meetings Rules of Life**

In the meetings, we will explore the various connections our respective projects have to life and how it works. To fit this into four meetings, we have split it into life from four perspectives: Molecular, Cellular, Organismal and Populational. The goal is for us to take a step back, allocate our project to one of those hierarchies, consider how the project is connected with life and possibly present that at the corresponding meeting.

The other half of the meeting day will be dedicated to a separate skills/input session. This lends itself to inviting guest speakers or preparing other activities.

**December**

* Host: Andrew Nicoll (Ramon Grima)
* Date: Friday, 16th of December
* Institution: University of Edinburgh
* Session: Rules of Life on the Molecular level
* Activity: Getting to know each other

**February**

* Host: TBA
* Date: Monday, 13th of February
* Institution: University of Aberdeen
* Session: Rules of Life on the Cellular level
* Activity: Research ethics and the FAIR principles

**April**

* Host: TBA
* Date: Friday, 14th of April
* Institution: University of St. Andrews
* Session: Rules of Life on the Organismal level
* Activity: Outreach and public engagement

**June**

* Host: Christoph Wagner (Andrea Weisse)
* Date: Wednesday, 14th of June
* Institution: Edinburgh
* Session: Rules of Life on the Populational level
* Activity: Impact and outlook