Dear EASTBIO students,

Please see below for an update on EASTBIO news, events and activities for the month of April.

# EASTBIO Training activities in April 2023

Training [updates are here](http://www.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk/foundation-masterclasses).

## Thematic Group Meetings

* Crops and Soil: Science in Society – Aberdeen, 17 April 2023
* Livestock and Aquaculture: Introduction to Systems Thinking – Aberdeen, 21 April 2023
* Understanding Rules of Life: Rules of Life on the Cellular Level – Aberdeen, 28 April 2023
* Health: Data-driven and computational approaches - Dundee, 24 April 3023
* Clean Growth: tbc
* If you have attended any thematic meetings recently, please ensure you have completed the feedback form here: <https://forms.office.com/e/da9eCkVqZe>
* All thematic groups will hold their final session on the 14 June in Edinburgh, so that students who will be attending the EASTBIO Symposium will be able to remain in Edinburgh and join the session planned with support from EASTBIO.

## Foundation Masterclasses:

* [Introduction to Biology for Chemists and Chemical Engineers](http://www.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk/foundation-masterclasses) - Online, 20 April 2023, 09:00-13:00 (rescheduled from the 3rd of March)
* If you have attended any Masterclasses recently, please ensure you have completed the feedback form here: <https://forms.office.com/e/y1VTzRLAKB>

EASTBIO partner IBioIC news:

Join the IBioIC mailing list to receive news about industry-relating news, funding & opportunities via emailing [membership@ibioic.com](mailto:membership@ibioic.com).

## External Training & other opportunities in April 2023:

* Charity organisation [Sense about Science](https://senseaboutscience.org/), promoting the public interest in sound science and evidence, is running a [Standing up for Science workshop](https://senseaboutscience.org/activities/voys-workshop/) for early career researchers (ECRs) on 14 April at the University of Manchester, as part of their [Voice of Young Science](https://senseaboutscience.org/what-we-are-doing/voys/) network. For details, visit the [webpage](https://senseaboutscience.org/voys/workshops/standing-up-for-science-manchester-april-2023/) and apply [bit.ly/2023WorkshopApplication](https://bit.ly/2023WorkshopApplication) for your free place at @voiceofyoungsci's ‘Standing up for Science’ workshop on 14 April at the University of Manchester .

# News from EASTBIO

## REP scheme launch and induction:

* EASTBIO has launched the Widening Participation Research Experience Placement scheme that is open to first- and second-year UGR students to do a 2-month lab placement in the summer of 2023. Successful students will also attend a 2-day Induction 22nd-23rd May in Dundee). Please get in touch if you want to be involved with this Induction and meet the UG students!

## EASTBIO Symposium on Industrial Impact of Research– Edinburgh, 12-13 June 2023

**On twitter:** #eastbioSymposium2023

* Please get in touch if you would like to get involved with the symposium planning, or help out on the day.
* CASE students, and those who have completed their PIPs are invited to present a poster. Please confirm whether you will be taking part in this way.

# EASTBIO Management Committee Updates

The details of the EASTBIO subcommittees are:

**Equality, Diversity & Inclusion subcommittee**

Chair: Dr Thomas Otto [to7@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:to7@st-andrews.ac.uk) (EDI data at recruitment)

Deputy Chair 1: Dr Toni Dismore[Toni.Dismore@sruc.ac.uk](mailto:Toni.Dismore@sruc.ac.uk)

Deputy Chair 2: Dr Maria Filippakopoulou [Maria.Filippakopoulou@ed.ac.uk](mailto:Maria.Filippakopoulou@ed.ac.uk)

Student reps (lead & reserve): TBC out of the existing EDI group

EASTBIO EDI Statement published at <http://www.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk/equality-diversity-and-inclusion>. Concrete actions arising from the EDI plan to be agreed by the EDI subcommittee and implemented by the EASTBIO team.

**Industry Engagement subcommittee**

Chair: Dr Ian Archer  [Ian.archer@ibioic.com](mailto:Ian.archer@ibioic.com)

Deputy Chair: Professor Eileen Wall  [eileen.wall@sruc.ac.uk](mailto:eileen.wall@sruc.ac.uk)

Lead Student Rep: Yuxin Shen [Y.Shen-80@sms.ed.ac.uk](mailto:Y.Shen-80@sms.ed.ac.uk)

Student Rep (reserve): Christoph Wagner [christoph.wagner@ed.ac.uk](mailto:christoph.wagner@ed.ac.uk) & Cristina Ponce Lilly [C.Ponce-Lilly@sms.ed.ac.uk](mailto:C.Ponce-Lilly@sms.ed.ac.uk)

**Training and Development Subcommittee**

Chair: Edgar Huitema

Deputy Chair: tbc

Lead Student Rep: Rosie Gallagher [r.l.gallagher@dundee.ac.uk](mailto:r.l.gallagher@dundee.ac.uk)

Student Rep (reserve): Benjamin Thompson [bt64@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:bt64@st-andrews.ac.uk), Andrew Nicoll [Andrew.Nicoll@ed.ac.uk](mailto:Andrew.Nicoll@ed.ac.uk) & Cathrine Baungaard [c.baungaard.22@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:c.baungaard.22@abdn.ac.uk)

**Recruitment subcommittee**

Chair: Dr Sam Miller [sam.miller@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:sam.miller@abdn.ac.uk)

Deputy Chair: Dr Jo Stevens [Jo.Stevens@roslin.ed.ac.uk](mailto:Jo.Stevens@roslin.ed.ac.uk)

Lead Student Rep:  Cristina Ponce Lilly <C.Ponce-Lilly@sms.ed.ac.uk>

Student Rep (reserve): Max Charles Vallarino [m.charlesvallarino.22@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:m.charlesvallarino.22@abdn.ac.uk)

## Training and Development Subcommittee

* This committee met in March for the first time and discussed the current training provision and upcoming events, as well as student feedback and the upcoming overall training experience survey. The committee aims to integrate feedback into future training provision and ensure that insights from the EDI and MHFA groups are considered and acted upon.
* It was also mentioned that transparency is an important aspect of these subcommittees, hence reporting in the newsletter and listing the details of the subcommittee members.

# Useful contacts

## EASTBIO Student Reps

For details of our student reps, see <http://www.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk/student-representatives-2022> and [EASTBIO EDI student reps](http://www.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk/equality-diversity-and-inclusion), for details. Contact your local student rep to report an issue, convey a query or share your views on the EASTBIO training; their role is to help the central team and Management to keep in touch with all students.

## EASTBIO Mental Health First Aiders group

* The EASTBIO Mental Health First Aiders can be contacted via email at [eastbio.mhfa@eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk](mailto:eastbio.mhfa@eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk) Mental Health First Aiders will be available for 1-1 appointments. A booking form is currently being created and will be circulated shortly.
* Interesting resource shared by our group members regarding mental health while doing a PhD:

<https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/impactofsocialsciences/2022/01/12/is-doing-a-phd-bad-for-your-mental-health/#:~:text=Using%20the%20same%20measures%20as,have%20more%20severe%20symptoms%20overall>

## Stay in touch!

Please email [enquiries@eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk) to share something of interest to our students.