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Annual Research Symposium: To Biology and Beyond!

University of Dundee, Dalhousie Building - 13-14 June 2019

Dear Symposium delegates,

You will be attending the "EASTBIO Research Symposium: **To Biology and Beyond!**" at the **University of Dundee** on **Thursday the 13th and Friday the 14th of June 2019**. Please read carefully the following information.

Information and updates about the Symposium event on our website at:
<http://www.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk/eastbio-symposium-2019>.

Final programme is attached and also found on the symposium web page above - a hard copy of the Symposium Booklet will be provided at registration.

#eastbio19 – please use our hashtag before and during the Symposium if you are on Twitter. We are proud of our students' work and want to show it off!

Venue:

The Symposium will be mainly held at the University of Dundee, **Dalhousie Building** see [Campus map](#). Please note that registration, as well as lunch on both days will be held at **The Street, School of Life Sciences building** (5-minute walk from Dalhousie). Our student reps will guide delegates to and from the two buildings throughout the 2-day event, as needs be.

Accommodation is booked at the [West Park Conference Centre](#), for students, the [Best Western Invercarse Hotel](#) and the [Best Western Queens Hotel](#) for our supervisors and guest speakers (check-in approximately 14:00). The Symposium dinner, followed by a Ceilidh dance, will be held at the [Best Western Queens Hotel](#).

Privacy notice:

Delegates/Students group photo (non-mandatory; for publicity purposes): Thursday the 13th of June, approximately 10:50 on the steps of the Dalhousie Building.

Please note that on the 13th of June, from 10:50 to 13:00 approximately, a professional photographer will be taking photos of delegates, some of which may be used for our website (<http://www.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk/>), the annually updated 'EASTBIO Student Handbook' and various EASTBIO publicity materials, such as presentations slides, webpages, blogs, etc. by EASTBIO, EASTBIO partner institutions and the UKRI BBSRC.

For delegates who wish to opt out - a designated photo-free zone at Dalhousie will be advised upon registration. Please speak to the organisers if you have further concerns in this respect before or during the Symposium.

Travel:

You will need to make your own travel arrangements with the aim of arriving to the venue (Dundee, School of Life Sciences for registration, and Dalhousie for the actual proceedings) for registration **on Thursday the 13th June, at 10:30**. The first keynote talk is scheduled for 11:10 after a short welcome by the student organisers and the University of Dundee academic representative at 11:00. For those attending only the second day, we will begin promptly at 10:10 after a short welcome.

A coach booked by EASTBIO will take delegates to and from the Symposium venue, hotels and the dinner venue.

Visitors' Parking:

Parking is free at all three hotels delegates will be staying. Parking near the Symposium venue in the nearby area is limited; information can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/y2mpq4ld>.

Accommodation:

Bed & Breakfast accommodation – single occupancy twin or single bedroom - is booked for all registered delegates at the [West Park Conference Centre](#) (for students), the [Best Western Invercarse Hotel](#) and the [Best Western Queens Hotel](#) (for our supervisors and guest speakers). All hotels are within short distances from the Symposium venue. Delegates will be contacted by the EASTBIO administrator with details of which hotel they should check in to. Recommended check-in is from 14:00 onwards on the 13th of June. Luggage storage is available at the Dalhousie Building during the Symposium.

Symposium Dinner:

The dinner will be held at the [Best Western Queens Hotel](#). Coach to pick up delegates at approximately 18:45, arrival at Queens Hotel at 19:00, with dinner at 19.30 pm, followed by a Ceilidh dance by [Norman's Law](#) band (~21:30-23:30). The coach will take delegates back to their hotels at approximately 23:30. You are asked to confirm your attendance at the time of registration, if not earlier. We have registered all dietary requirements at the time of your online registration for the Symposium.

Student contribution & prizes:

- All cohorts will prepare and deliver a 3-minute presentation on their research in one of the five thematic sessions planned by the student reps. There will be 3 best talk award for each panel and each cohort awarded at the conclusion of the Symposium, based on student votes and supervisor's feedback.
- Nineteen third-year students will present a poster on either their research or their PIPS experience. There will be one prize for each of the two categories, awarded at the conclusion of the Symposium.
- There will be a group award for best Science Pub Quiz.

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

Feedback:

Leave your feedback at the completion of the Symposium via the link below (a separate reminder will be sent out too):

<https://forms.gle/ob5ea1ZnC2o236P16>

Deadline: 22 June

General:

Maria Filippakopoulou (Edinburgh 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-2017-2018> & <http://www.eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk/student-representatives-2018-2019>) and look for us on the day. Look for us, clad in white and blue t-shirts with the EASTBIO logo!

Useful tel. numbers:

- 07734 436 389 (Maria) – use in case of emergency prior to and up to the start of the Symposium.
- University of Dundee (during the Symposium: 01382 384880/381397
- Taxi numbers: 01382 669333/225825

For further queries, email enquiries@eastscotbiodtp.ac.uk.

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone in Dundee on the 13th of June.

On behalf of the EASTBIO Symposium Organising Committee