

MY IBMS NEWS

GOVERNMENT SPENDING

IBMS WELCOMES FUNDING



The IBMS has welcomed the news that the government plans to invest £160m in the life sciences.

The news comes following an independent review by geneticist Sir John Bell.

Sarah May, IBMS Deputy Chief Executive, said: "The Institute of Biomedical Science welcomes the government's recognition that investment in life sciences and diagnostics is key to ensuring that patients have access to the best treatments available.

"We will continue to press the message that proper investment in research and laboratory diagnostic services is the key to delivering better diagnosis and treatment.

"The UK has a wealth of good scientists graduating from our accredited biomedical science degrees that will be undertaking the research, developing treatment trials, using the new technologies and sharing best practice that will shape the delivery of our health and social care system."

QUALITY STANDARD

Survey is now open

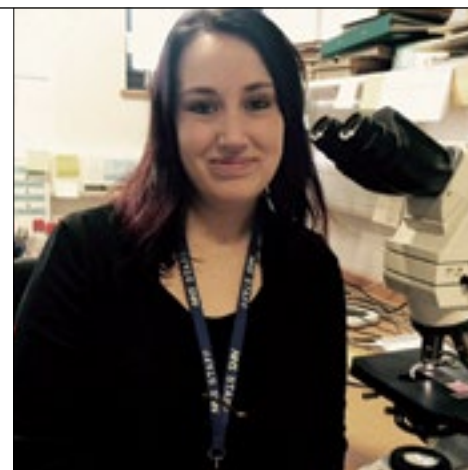
Members are encouraged to complete a survey related to ISO15189:2012.

The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) technical committee's working group on quality and competence in the medical laboratory (ISO/TC212 WG1) is due to review the quality standard ISO15189:2012.

A survey has been developed and users working in laboratories, accreditation bodies and agencies and accreditation assessors are encouraged to participate, in addition to any professional who might have reason to use the standard.

Feedback from the participants will be shared with the members of the ISO/TC212 WG1 and be consulted with the results of the review, to determine the extent of the revisions necessary to be made to the standard.

→ To take part in the survey, visit bit.ly/BS_survey



WISE FELLOWSHIP

IBMS member joins programme

Dr Joanne Horne is one of four successful candidates for the Chief Scientific Officer's (CSO) WISE Fellowship

Joanne is an HCPC-registered biomedical scientist and works in cellular pathology at the University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust.

In this prestigious 12-month programme, Joanne, along with the other candidates, will act as a role model to inspire the next generation of scientists.

Candidates will receive coaching, mentoring support, communication and leadership training, as well as ambassadorial opportunities in the CSO and WISE networks.

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

HCPC RENEWAL REMINDER

All IBMS members renewing their HCPC registration must ensure they complete a professional declaration and pay their registration fee before 30 November.

Payment alone is insufficient to keep your name on the register.

Members are reminded that their IBMS membership includes Group Medical Malpractice cover – saving money and time and ensuring that HCPC registration requirements are met.

The HCPC website features a guide to helping users renew, and information can be found in the "Registration" section of the IBMS website.

→ Visit ibms.org

PRESIDENT'S PRIZES

Continuing the coverage of winners from around the country

PRESIDENT'S PRIZE WINNERS

A further selection of winners of this year's President's Prize.

STAFFORDSHIRE SUCCESS



George Machin, this year's President's Prize winner at Staffordshire University, graduated with first-class honours in Applied Biomedical Science.

He undertook his clinical placement at Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, where he is now working as a registered biomedical scientist, and has now embarked on a Masters in Biomedical Blood Science.

George is pictured above receiving his award from Dr Gary Reynolds.

INSPIRING AWARD FOR AMY



Amy Charles is this year's recipient of an IBMS President's Prize at the University of Westminster, and received her award from Sue Alexander, watched by Dr Ian Locke.

Amy found the course to be

engaging, due to the breadth of information taught, the practical elements and final-year project, and the enthusiasm of the lecturers.

She says she met some amazing and inspiring people and aims to continue with postgraduate education.

AWARDED AT ASTON



Georgina O'Connor was awarded the IBMS President's Prize at Aston University, having gained first-class honours on the Applied Biomedical Science programme. Georgina completed the IBMS Registration Portfolio at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham in the haematology and transfusion department. She is currently working as a Higher Healthcare Technical Officer at NHS Blood and Transplant Birmingham in the red cell immunohaematology laboratory, with the hopes of gaining a biomedical scientist position in the near future.

Georgina is pictured with Dr Ann Vernallis, Programme Director for the BSc Biology, Biomedical Science and MBiol courses at Aston.

SUCCESS IN ESSEX



Joshua Barnes received an IBMS President's Prize at a University of Essex graduation reception.

During his course, Joshua undertook a placement year in histopathology at Queen's Hospital in Romford, and completed a dissertation on the combined effects of the topoisomerase 2 inhibitor, etoposide, and the poly ADP-ribose polymerase (PARP) inhibitor, 3-aminobenzamide, on cancerous myeloid cells (KMS5 cells) to find a new treatment for multiple myeloma.

Joshua, pictured receiving his prize from Robert Keeble, aims to continue his studies in cellular pathology.

PRIZE AWARDED AT NTU



At Nottingham Trent University (NTU) the IBMS President's Prize was awarded to

Rebecca North, pictured with Course Leader and IBMS representative Beverley Peel.

Rebecca, who graduated with first-class honours (BSc Biomedical Science), completed her Registration Training Portfolio while on placement at Source BioScience, where she has now secured a permanent position.

PASSION FOR RESEARCH



Natalia Ewa Bezuch was awarded the IBMS President's Prize at Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU), presented here by Dave Eccleston.

Natalia graduated with a first-class BSc (Hons) Biomedical Science degree.

In the final year of her degree, Natalia completed her dissertation entitled "Association of IL-6 G-634C polymorphism with cognitive performance and bone mineral density in healthy young and older adults".

This has given Natalia a passion for research and a desire to pursue a research career. She has now begun studying for an MRes at MMU.