

## HERE TO HELP

# CPD EVENTS & COURSES

## Are you an event organiser or course provider?

We want to help our members meet the CPD requirements for maintaining their HCPC registration, so feel free to submit a “CPD Events and Courses Advertisement Application” to reach a wider audience for your biomedical science-related event or course. The benefits of submission include a listing in *The Biomedical Scientist* and searchable content in the CPD activities section of our website using chosen key words and phrases. You can find the application form on our website.

## Can I register my lunchtime meeting or internal training course as a CPD event or course?

There is no need to submit an application for a closed meeting or internal training course. CPD users are expected to add their own CPD activities to their CPD digital archive. If you want your attendees to gain CPD through your internal meeting or course, remind them to record a CPD activity when they get home and perhaps provide them with a hand-out detailing your learning outcomes and some potential subjects to reflect on. We have a template that might be useful for you on the website.

## What happened to CPD credits and “recognition”?

Our CPD Scheme has adapted to fully reflect the needs of our members and the CPD requirements of maintaining HCPC


registration. We no longer award credits to recognise CPD activities because it is up to our members to decide upon the value of their CPD and reflect on how they have developed professionally through their activities. CPD reflects the personal choices an individual has made to enhance their knowledge and practice, advance their career and professional engagement, and explore their pathway through a workplace that continues to change and evolve.

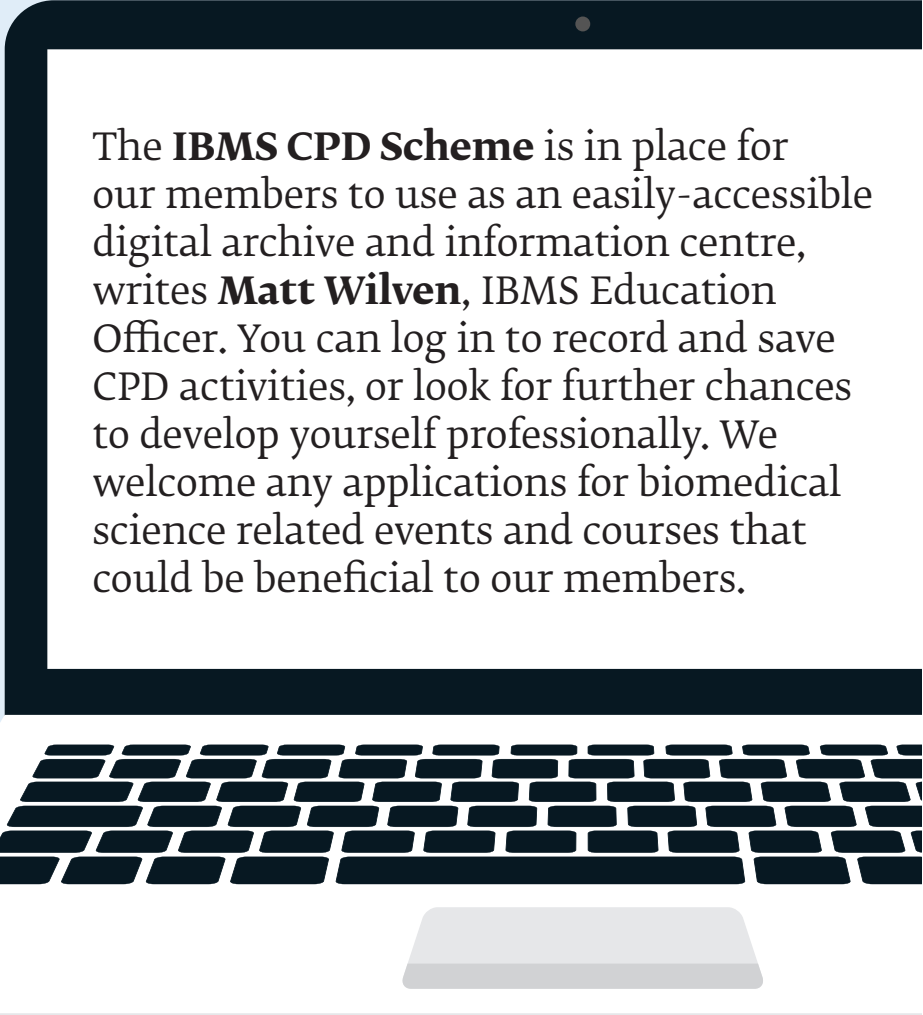
## Does the IBMS still give credits for CPD activities?

CPD codes and credits have been defunct since May 2016. Valid CPD Diplomas are now an acknowledgment of having completed 24 activities within 24 months – with reflective writing for each activity and spanning at least three of the five CPD categories (formal education,


professional activity, work-based learning, self-directed learning and other).

## Why did you keep the IBMS CPD Diplomas?

We still think IBMS CPD Diplomas are a great way to structure and incentivise the scheme. They form a framework intended to guide our members in how to approach their CPD; encouraging them to do consistent amounts and varied types of CPD activities. Completed correctly, an IBMS CPD Diploma should meet a member’s CPD requirements for maintaining their HCPC registration. In the event of an HCPC audit, you can simply log in, click to download the file and then have all the information you need at hand. 



The **IBMS CPD Scheme** is in place for our members to use as an easily-accessible digital archive and information centre, writes **Matt Wilven**, IBMS Education Officer. You can log in to record and save CPD activities, or look for further chances to develop yourself professionally. We welcome any applications for biomedical science related events and courses that could be beneficial to our members.

 For more information on CPD,  
visit [www.ibms.org/cpd](http://www.ibms.org/cpd)