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Over the coming months, the IBMS is due to launch it's own podcast – the IBMS Biopod.

odcasts are free audio programmes distributed over the internet, which you can stream or download. Any internet-connected computer can play podcasts, although they are most easily listened to on mobile devices. The upcoming IBMS podcast will have a different theme for each instalment, including upcoming episodes based around point-of-care testing, education, accreditation and quality, haematology and

chemistry, microbiology and virology and cellular pathology and cytopathology.

Each episode will feature experts from the field discussing their research and talking about the latest developments.

With self-directed learning becoming increasingly important for staying up to date with the latest research and news and developing knowledge for the wide range of IBMS exams, the podcast is hoped to be a valuable learning and CPD resource for members.

For those who can't wait for the launch the IBMS Biopod, to the right is a column of some other science and health podcasts recommendations.



RECOMMENDED LISTENING

The BMJ Podcast

This aims to provide up-to-date interviews and debate with opinion leaders from health and medicine. The journal also has the *BMJ Best Practice Podcast.*

The Life Scientific

A BBC Radio 4 science programme, presented by Professor Jim Al-Khalili, in which each episode is dedicated to the biography and work of one living scientist.

Everything Hertz

A podcast by scientists, for scientists. Featuring methodology, scientific life, and some bad language. Episode 28 – "Positive developments in Biomedical Science" will be of particular interest.

The Bio Report

A US podcast hosted by award-winning journalist Daniel Levine, which focuses on the intersection of biotechnology with business, science, and policy.

Nature Podcast

Features highlighted content from the week's edition of *Nature*. This includes interviews with and commentary from the people behind the science.



Podcasts can often be accessed through podcast apps available on smartphones and tablets. The IBMS Biopod will be available from the IBMS website.