

- Next LBNet PoC workshop 4-5 November 2015. Application deadline: 9th September 2015

Apply to attend our free workshop to develop concepts and teams to take on our Grand Challenge in the area of "Valorisation of lignocellulosic polysaccharides". Team up with partners from complimentary industries and leading researchers from academia to develop ideas for innovative processing routes. Attendees will be encouraged to apply for up to £50,000 in proof of concept funding to explore ideas originating in the workshop. Venue: Waterton Park Hotel, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, WF2 6PW. For more information visit our website: www.lb-net.net

- LBNet Business Interaction Vouchers (BIV)

A reminder to apply for a £5,000 BIV to be used to encourage and support collaboration between academics and industrialists within the BBSRC NIBB framework. Seven have been awarded by LBNet so far. Read about them in <http://lb-net.net/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/BIV-funded-by-LBNet-June2015.pdf>. For more information about BIVs and other funding opportunities visit: <http://lb-net.net/funding/>

- Renewable chemicals from waste – securing the molecular value from waste streams - 20 November 2015, Royal Society of Chemistry, London

The symposium will cover the following four topics with a range of presentations from UK and international speakers from both academia and industry including case studies of concrete applications of new approaches in waste treatment 1) Chemicals from waste; 2) High value metals and other inorganic chemicals; 3) Bio-refinery approaches to recover molecular complexity as well as energy; 4) New approaches/horizon scanning. The programme will feature oral and poster presentations and the scientific committee look forward to welcoming delegates interested in this subject to London in November.

Poster abstract deadline 27 September 2015 . Booking deadline 6 November 2015. More information from [RSC website: http://rsc.li/waste-2015](http://rsc.li/waste-2015)

- Workshop on Synthetic Biology for Biotechnology and Bioenergy, sponsored by a BBSRC International Partnering Award. Dates: 7-8 September 2015.

Place: University of Surrey. For more information please contact the organiser: Dr Claudio Avignone-Rossa (c.avignone-rossa@[surrey.ac.uk](mailto:c.avignone-rossa@surrey.ac.uk))

- Biochemical Society Awards 2017

*Do you know of an outstanding bioscientist who deserves recognition? In 2017 the Biochemical Society Awards will recognize established researchers as well as scientists in the early stages of their career. The deadline for nominations is **31 January 2016**. Nominations can be submitted by both members and non-members of the Biochemical Society. For more information: <http://www.biochemistry.org/Awards/Nominations.aspx>. or contact **Laura***

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- Newton Advanced Fellowships and Newton Mobility Grant

CONFAP-The UK Academies. Fellowships, Research mobility, and Young Investigator wards for UK researchers in Brazil.

Application deadline: October 23rd 2015 at 12:00 midday Brasilia time.

Information about the call can be obtained at: fundonewton@confap.org.br

- The British High Commission in New Zealand is pleased to announce that it will host a UK-to-NZ mission on Agricultural and Bio-technologies in September 2015.

The mission is planned to coincide with the NZBIO, New Zealand's annual biotechnology conference (September 23 and 24) in Wellington, New Zealand, and UK mission participants are encouraged to register and attend the event. Conference registration is available via the NZBIO website (<http://events.nzbio.org.nz/courses/46-nzbio-annual-conference-2015>)

- Relevant reports

Two independent reports from Capital Economics have been published which highlight how bioscience is benefitting the UK economy. The press release and reports can be found on the BBSRC website here:

<http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/news/industrial-biotechnology/2015/150720-n-reports-highlight-economic-benefits-bioscience/>