



Society news

BioScience2004 — from molecules to organisms

BioScience2004 is the first Biochemical Society Annual Meeting, and it will be held at the Scottish Exhibition Conference Centre (SECC) in Glasgow, from 18–22 July 2004. For the latest in up-to-date information on the meeting, visit the dedicated website: www.bioscience2004.org.

The Chair of the Scientific Programme Committee, Professor Robin Irvine (Cambridge, UK), will provide a first-rate programme of science comprising Symposia, Plenary Lectures, Oral Presentations and Poster Sessions, plus the Biochemical Society Annual Symposium: *Lipids, Rafts and Traffic*.

BioScience2004 will also provide a mix of Industrial Workshops, Policy Sessions, Science and Society Sessions, Education Workshops, Research Colloquia, and Independent Scientific Presentations. There will also be a prestigious Introductory Plenary Lecture by Nobel Prize winner Sir Paul Nurse (Cancer Research UK, London). Confirmed Plenary speakers also include Stephen O’Rahilly (Cambridge, UK), Tony Pawson (Toronto, Canada) and Karen Vousden (Beatson, Glasgow, UK).

Focus topics for the meeting are:

- Lipids, Rafts and Traffic
- Structure Related to Function: Molecules and Cells
- Signalling Outwards and Inwards
- Genes: Regulation, Processing and Interference

- Energy: Generation and Information
- Ethics, Education and Employment

Poster presentations and oral communications will be a high priority at BioScience2004, being an integral part of the Scientific Programme. This will ensure maximum communication and sharing of information between the presenters, speakers and scientists attending the meeting to provide a stimulating and inspiring forum. To encourage young scientists, there will be poster awards from Promega, New England Biolabs and Pfizer. The poster abstract deadline is 23 April 2004, and the early registration deadline is 18 May 2004.

Registration fees for the meeting are £190 for Society members, £65 for student members, £250 for full members of sister societies and £350 for non-members. Of course, it makes sense to become a member of the Society for £49 and save instantly (only £14 for student membership!). Travel grants are also available to support attendance at the meeting for both full and student members of the Biochemical Society (see www.biochemistry.org

for more details of how to apply).

BioScience2004 is part of the Society’s newly re-organized meeting programme, which provides a wide breadth of current science. There will be up to 20 Focused Meetings in the UK and Ireland, plus the Annual Meeting, which will be held each summer, from 2004 to 2007, at the SECC, Glasgow. The Harden programme of conferences will continue. Keep an eye on the Future Events Supplement to see the changes as they happen!

