



## British Microcirculation and Vascular Biology Society Autumn Newsletter

Dear BMVBS members

Hope you have had a lovely summer, which included exclusive research time as well as the all-important annual holidays which refresh and allow us to start the new academic year with the vigour needed to continue the important vascular research you do. My personal apologies for the delay in writing to you, September and October always seem to have too many International Society meetings! On that front, the next IVBM 2024 will be in Amsterdam (2-5 July). Our society plays an important role here and I have been in several talks with the organisers. The website is live: <https://www.ivbm2024.com/> and abstracts are being solicited from 1 November, 2023.

BMVBS sponsored relevant sessions/speakers/Chairs at the ESM 2023 earlier in the year in Aarhus, Denmark. Many of you attended, and our presence of course contributed hugely to make this a glittering success and cutting edge (I would say that!). At the BMVBS AGM in Edinburgh Professor Angela Shore indicated that she was stepping down as our Representative on the ESM executive Committee. (Thank you Angela for giving your valuable time). I was asked and am happy to take on that role, I have written to the President of ESM informing him of this. The next ESM meeting will be in Hungary, dates will be announced soon.

On UK matters, we have been talking to the Royal Society of Biology (we are a member organisation, MO) and giving them the new names etc, given the changes in exec committee members (Pres and Hon Sec), see below. They have also asked me to be a member of their Diversity and Inclusion Group (DIWG), I have accepted. RSB were very impressed by the EDI moves our Society has implemented and have asked us to consider writing an article in the Biologist about this.

We need a new member representing us at RSB meetings, please write to me if you are interested. Thank you Dr Richard Siow, Kings College, for holding the fort for us for the last few years.

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Yours

Lopa, President BMVBS  
Professor Lopa Leach FRSB, FAS  
Professor of Vascular Biology  
University of Nottingham.

# Looking ahead to future BMVBS meetings:

And finally to our own 2024 meeting which will be in Bristol. (See below). Note, there will be an extra half-day dedicated to the endothelial glycocalyx.

It is with great pleasure that we look forward to welcoming you to Bristol for the 74th Annual Meeting of the British Microcirculation and Vascular Biology Society. The meeting will be held on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th July 2024 at the Wills Hall conference centre. An additional Endothelial Glycocalyx symposium will be held on Wednesday 17th July 2024 at the Dorothy Hodgkin Building. Gala dinner will take place on Monday 15th July at the Orangery at Goldney Hall. On behalf of myself and the organising team, we look forward to seeing you there.

Dr Raina Ramnath

Dr Becky Foster

Prof Simon Satchell

Dr Monica Gamez

Dr Aldara Martin Alonso

Dr Matt Butler

Dr Nicholas Beazley-Long

We know, it will be an excellent meeting given the fantastic contributions we heard in Edinburgh, which covered new imaging techniques, more physiological in vitro models, molecular biology, signalling and microRNAs. Some of us grumpy old Professors talked about revisiting old Physiology papers (looking at you Stuart Eggington!) and the possibility to have a session on this too, many agreed. I have written to the organisers, of course it is completely up to them.

The new committee have been discussing the possibility of having a multi-society meeting in the UK for 2025; London could be a fantastic venue, we have not been there for a while. Andy, Dean and I have started the conversation Professor Anna Randi (Imperial), we will keep you updated.



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# Edinburgh Meeting, 29-30<sup>th</sup> June



The 73rd British Microcirculation and Vascular Biology Society Annual Meeting (BMVBS23) has been a successful 2-day event. The meeting took place at the John Macintyre Centre in Edinburgh. Last, but not least, I would like to thank the past President and Hon Sec, Dave Bates and Jacki Whatmore, for being such a brilliant duo in looking after the Society and ensuring that our science continued to be presented and discussed through these covid and post-covid times. This is a tough act to follow, but Andy and I promise to do our best. On June 29-30th, 2023. The meeting theme was “New Insight into Microcirculation and Vascular Biology”. The local organising committee comprised Dr Andrea Caporali, a BMVBS committee member bringing the meeting to Edinburgh, with Drs Tijana Mitić and Gianfranco Matrone from the University of Edinburgh. We hosted nearly 120 scientists over two days, with an amazing lineup of invited speakers. We were pleased to see new connections, collaborations, and engagement with the sponsors.

## ECR update

We bid farewell to ECR committee member Juma El-Awaisi and welcomed Ellie Bunce, who recently joined the ECR committee. Meanwhile, Victoria Balasubramanian continued to serve in her role as an ECR committee member. We hope everyone is settling into the new academic year well and has plenty of opportunities to learn and research. Lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes and broaden their horizons! As we head into the dark and gloomy winter months, we have something that can help brighten your days: the BMVBS seminar series. We will be hosting our Online Seminar Series again this year, featuring technical and career talks, interesting workshops on imaging techniques, lab techniques, publishing, career pathways, scientific figure design and more. We are kicking off the series this November with a workshop on publishing directly from a publisher. Keep an eye out for more information on this year's seminar series!

If you have any great ideas for future seminar series or ECR events, or if you're interested in hosting a session, please don't hesitate to reach out to Victoria ([gayathri.balasubramanian@research.staffs.ac.uk](mailto:gayathri.balasubramanian@research.staffs.ac.uk)) or Ellie ([Ellie.Bunce@cruk.cam.ac.uk](mailto:Ellie.Bunce@cruk.cam.ac.uk)). They are both more than happy to chat with you!

Lastly, we would like to remind you to visit the BMVBS website to check out funding opportunities available for ECRs, such as the Sumer studentship, Laboratory Visit Grant and the Early Career Symposium grant. If you are not already an ECR member, we encourage you to join our fabulous society

# Parent and Carer Support

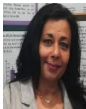
The society were delighted to award Nada Ahmed, University of Nottingham a parent/carer grant to attend the Edinburgh meeting. We hope to be able to continue supporting members in such a way.

“I would like to express my gratitude to the BMVBS conference committee for their consideration to parents in science. Being a PhD student, conferences are excellent opportunities not only to learn but also to get feedback about your work from different perspectives. On the other hand, I am also a mother to a 5-year old son. Preparing for any conference, I am always tormented between following my passion to learn more and the safety of my child and his wellbeing. But thanks to the childcare grant, I was able to bring my son along with me to do them both as well as sharing quite a memorable moment of winning the poster prize and enjoying how he is proud of me. “

## Updated committee information

Presidentç	Prof Lopa Leach		
Honorary Secretary	Dr Andy Benest	Membership Secretary	VACANT
Honorary Treasurer	Dr Dean Kavanagh	Editor of Proceedings	Dr Andrea Murray
Website Officer	Dr Andrea Caporali	Social Media Officer	Dr Paola Campagnola
Ordinary Members	Prof Angel Armesilla	Dr Raina Ramnath	Dr Gianfranco Matrone
ECR Members	Victoria Balasubramanian	Ellie Bunze	

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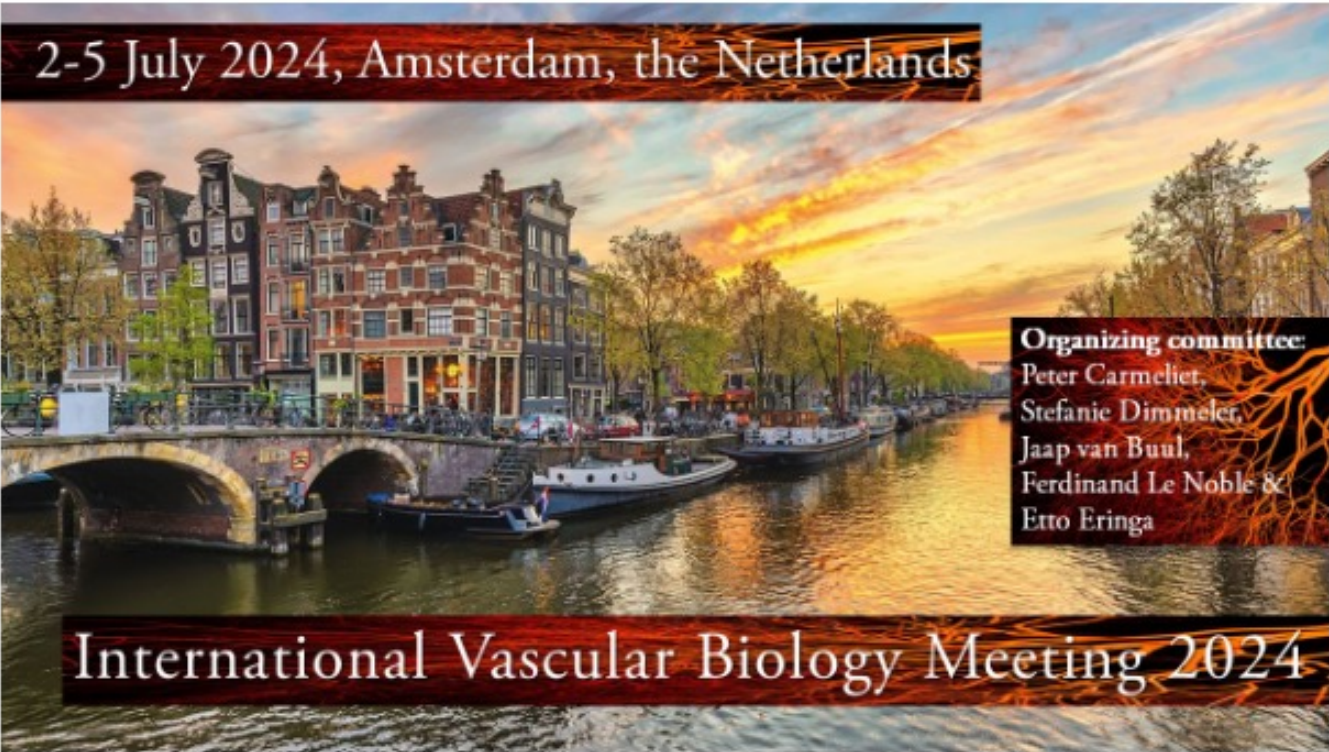
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