

## **AGM**

# John McIntyre Conference Centre Edinburgh University

Thursday, 29th June 2023



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#### The Pentland Room, John McIntyre Conference Centre, **Edinburgh University**

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74th Annual Meeting of the British Microcirculation and Vascular Biology Society

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**University of Bristol** 



# Agenda item 6 BMVBS Online Series - ECR

- 16 sessions completed:
  - 9 career development workshops
  - 7 technique workshops
- Recorded and shared
  - Recordings uploaded to the members-only section on the website.
  - Snippets uploaded regularly on social media.
  - Session open to members and non-members
- Total (for all 11 workshops):
  - Registrants 561
  - Attendees 343 (61%)

# Season 1 – 2020/21

#### BRITISH MICROCIRCULATION & VASCULAR BIOLOGY SOCIETY

- 6 X 1-hour workshops between November 20 June 21
   Career development and technique workshops
   Join by 200M
   12,00 13,00



#### A Career in Academia or Industry? - 23/11/2020

- -Dr Maria Teresa Baltazar Science Leader at Unilever -Dr Shankar Suresh UK Product Manager at Janssen •Dr Julie Rayes - Lecturer at University of Birmingham
- Intravital Microscopy 25/01/2021
- •Dr Tal Arnon Associate Professor at University of Oxford



### Fellowship/ Grant Writing - 22/02/2021 -Professor Lorna Harries - Deputy chair of BBSRC Committee C & Professor of Molecular Genetics, University of Exeter Medical School

Flow Assay - 29/03/2021



Professor David Bates - Director of the Centre for Cancer Sciences and at University of Nottingham

Animal Models - 28/06/2021 - TBC

For further Information contact: Juma El-Awaisi (JXE839@student.bham.ac.uk) University of Birmingham, www.microcirculation.org.uk



### **MEET THE HOSTS**

- · Advance microcirculation and vascular biology research
- · Presentations from 6 early career researchers
- · Prize for the best oral presentation
- · Opportunity to discover new techniques
- · Workshops designed to develop your career
- · All sessions hosted by early career researchers
- · Certificate upon completion of series (for attendees)

Joining the BMVBS is easy!

Simply visit www.microcirculation.org.uk/membership/apply-for-membership Yearly membership is £20 for students and £60 for non-students

Want to be a part of the second series (21/22)? Contact Juma El-Awaisi (JXE839@student.bham.ac.uk) for more information



#### A CAREER IN ACADEMIA OR INDUSTRY?

**British Microcirculation Society Online Series** Monday - 23/11/2020 12:00 - 13:00 by ZOOM



Science Leader at Unilever



UK Product Manager (Oncology) at Janssen, Johnson & Johnson



Birmingham



Registration - <a href="http://htt.hr/bmi.online.series">http://htt.hr/bmi.online.series</a>
Series open to BMS members. Joining the BMS is easy! The yearly membership is £20 for students and £60 for non-students. Once you've registered for this series, head over to <a href="https://www.mcincicrulation.org.uk">www.mcincicrulation.org.uk</a> for more information about memberships:

#### Fellowship / Grant Writing

**British Microcirculation and Vascular Biology Society Online Series** Monday - 22/02/2021 12:00 - 13:00 by ZOOM



**Professor Lorna Harries** 

Deputy Chair of BBSRC Committee C and Professor of Molecular Genetics, University of Exeter Medical School



Registration - http://bit.ly/hem/bs-senies-session-3

#### **How To Write A Paper From Scratch**

British Microcirculation and Vascular Biology Society Online Series Monday - 10/05/2021 12:00 - 13:00 by ZOOM



**Professor Dave Bates** 

Director of the Centre for Cancer Sciences and Head of Division of Cancer and Stem Cells at University of Nottingham



Registration - http://bit.ly/bms-series-3

#### Intravital Microscopy

British Microcirculation and Vascular Biology Society Online Series Monday - 25/01/2021 12:00 - 13:00 by ZOOM



Associate Professor at University of Oxford



University of Birmingham





#### Flow Assay

**British Microcirculation and Vascular Biology Society Online Series** Monday - 29/03/2021 12:00 - 13:00 by ZOOM



Registration—bit.ly/BMVBS-Online-Series-2
Series open to BMVBS members. Join the BMVBS at <a href="https://www.microcirculation.org.uk">www.microcirculation.org.uk</a>
The yearly membership is £20 for students and £60 for non-students

Senior Lecturer at University of Birmingham



Franziska Krautter University of Birmingham



Registration - http://bit.ly/online-series-2

#### Optical Coherence Tomography Angiography in Microcirculation Research

**British Microcirculation and Vascular Biology Society Online Series** Monday - 28/06/2021 12:00 - 13:00 by ZOOM



University of Surrey



**Professor Christian Heiss** Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine at the University of Surrey



**Gavrielle Untracht** PhD Candidate at the University of Western Australia / University of Surrey



Registration - http://bit.lv/BMVBS-Online-Series-June

# Season 2 – 2021/22

#### **BRITISH MICROCIRCULATION** & VASCULAR BIOLOGY SOCIETY

6 X 1-hour workshops between January 22 to

A career in academia or industry? - 3//01/2022

Dr. Laura Carney - UK and European Patent Attorney at Creaves Brewster LLP

Dr. Elvin Fortie - Editor in Nature Cardiovascular Research

Dr. Xwechong (Stells) Hong - Associate Principal Scientist, Cell Therapy at Astra/Zeneca

Join by ZOOM

Advanced Electron Microscopy - 28/02/2022 Dr. Kenton Arkill - Assistant Professor in Endothelial and Vascular

Commercialization of Academic Research - 28/03/2022

Dr. Derek Gilchrist - Co-founder and CEO of Causeway Therapeutics

naging the Beating Heart - 25/04/2022 Dr. Neena Kalia - Reader in Microcirculation Research - University of Birmingham

low to get published - 23/05/2022

Dr. Vesna Todorović - Chief Editor in Nature Cardiovascular Research

Patient Engagement and Involvement-27/06/2021 - TBC





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Advance microcirculation and vascular biology research

Presentations from 3 early career researchers

Prize for the best oral presentation

Opportunity to discover new techniques

Workshops designed to develop your career

All sessions hosted by early career researchers















# Season 3 – 2022/23

# **BRITISH MICROCIRCULATION**& VASCULAR BIOLOGY SOCIETY

6 X 1-hour workshops between Jan 23 to June 23

Career development and technique workshops

Join by Zoom

Series open to all



How to complete a systematic review? - 30/01/2023

. Dr Aoife Healy - Associate professor, Staffordshire university

#### Flow cytometry - 27/02/2023

Dr Guillaume Decanti - Flow

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#### Becoming an educator post-PhD - 27/03/2023

. Prof. Emma Taylor - Associate Professor, University of Exeter

#### Becoming a PI post-PhD - 22/05/2023

. Dr Katja Gehmlich - Associate professor, University of Birmingham

#### Microcirculation measurements of the foot - 19/06/2023

. Professor Naemi Roozbeh - Professor, Staffordshire University

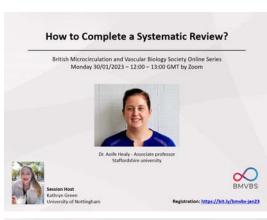
#### Imaging the beating heart – 24/07/2023

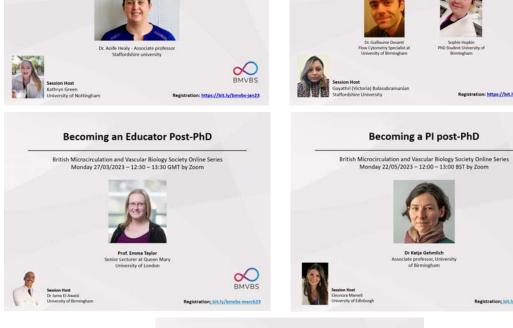
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Flow Cytometry British Microcirculation and Vascular Biology Society Online Series Monday 27/02/2023 – 12:00 – 13:00 GMT by Zoom

Associate professor, University of Birmingham

BMVBS

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Registration; bit.ly/bmvbs23-may

Registration: https://bit.ly/bmvbs-feb23

### **National**















**UNIVERSITY**OF **BIRMINGHAM** 











The University of Nottingham













University of Dundee











### **International**













## **BMVBS Online Series - ECR**

Please get in touch for season 3 (2022/23):

- Session idea
- Speakers
- Hosts

### Agenda item 7. Changes to the Terence Ryan Award Eligibility Criteria



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### Agenda item 8. BMVBS Awards 2023



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- Lab visit award: Dr Juma El-Awaisi (Birmingham) to visit the laboratory of Dr. Aran Singanayagam (Imperial College London) to develop mouse this COPD model and learn the techniques used to measure lung function and pathology
- Summer Studentship 2023 Dr Juma El-Awaisi (Birmingham)
- **SAS Awards** Nada Ahmed (*Nottingham*); Jasmine Aldam (*Bristol*); Jessica Bates (*Nottingham Trent*); Laura Carey (*Bristol*); Ezra David (*Wolverhampton*); Kathryn Green (*Nottingham*); Kinza Khan (*Wolverhampton*); Teja Kola (*Wolverhampton*); Lorna Milne (*Nottingham*); Yaamini Mohan (*Wolverhampton*); Lillana Som (*Oxford*); Zarah Tabrizi (*Nottingham*)
- 1 x Carers/Childcare Grant

# Agenda item 9 BMVBS Treasurer's Report

# Financial year 2022

• BMVBS accounts run with the calendar year, January - December

# **Receipts**

	2022	2021
Receipts	£	£
Voluntary receipts – Donations	450	-
Members' Subscriptions	7481	7912
Members' Subscriptions (refunds and unpaid DDs)	(490)	(320)
Meeting Registrations <sup>1</sup>	641	-
Total receipts	8082	7592

# **Expenditure**

Expenditure	2022	2021
Charitable activities	£	£
Awards – Prizes	200	-
Awards – Student Assistance Scheme <sup>2</sup>	3441	-
Awards – Terence Ryan Award	215	-
Awards – Moor Instruments Travel Award	750	-
Awards – Summer Studentship	2500	2500
Memberships – ESM	2206	1911
Memberships – Society of Biology	310	310
Joint Meeting Payments	3981	-
Sponsorship – IVBM 2022	2070	-
Bank Charges	184	189
IT Support/Website	1984	1200

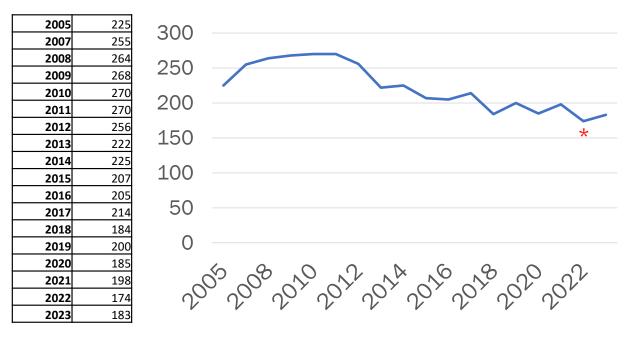
# **Expenditure**

		2022	2021
Governance costs		£	£
Accountancy		540	540
<b>Committee Expenses</b>		304	454
	Total expenditure	18685	9280
	Excess of payments over receipts	(10603)	(1257)
	Bank balance brought forward	31582	33270
	Bank balance at 31 December	20979	31582

# **Current Membership**

Ordinary	107
ECR	2
Student	63
Honorary	8
Retired	3
Total	183

# **Trajectory**



### 10.Any Other Business – suggested revision of eligibility of Laboratory Visit Grant



### **Current: Laboratory Visit Grant**

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#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023**

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#### MINUTES

The meeting was Chaired by David Bates (DB) with contributions from other officers as appropriate.

#### 1. Approval of Minutes

The AGM approved the minutes of the AGM held on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at the Kaiserin-Friedrich Foundation, Berlin.

#### 2. Committee Changes

David Bates (DB) stepped down as President at this AGM 2023 and President Elect Lopa Leach (LL) assumed the role of President for a three-year term as agreed at the AGM in 2022. The membership present expressed their thanks to DB for all his hard work on behalf of the Society since he became President Elect and subsequently President. The Membership also welcomed LL to her new role for the next three years.

The Honorary Secretary, Jacqueline Whatmore, (JW) also stepped down at this AGM. The Membership present at the AGM expressed their thanks to JW for all her work on behalf of the Society for the past 5 years.

The post of Secretary was advertised to the membership, but no applicants came forward. Thus, the BMVBS Committee nominated current committee member Andrew Benest (AB) to the membership at as the new Honorary Secretary. This move would create one committee vacancy, which was also advertised to the membership. One application was received from Gianfranco Matrone (GM) from Edinburgh. Both appointments were approved by the Membership with no ballot required. Both AB and GM were welcomed to their new roles.

The Membership were also informed of a change in the ECR membership on the BMVBS committee. Juma El-Awaisi (JE-A) stepped down, creating one vacancy for an ECR which was advertised to the Membership. One application was received from Ellie Bunce (EB) of Cambridge. The Committee previously approved EB's appointment and EB has already been in touch with JE-A and Victoria Balasubramanian (VB) to ensure that there is a smooth transition. This position is a co-opted position and therefore does not need AGM approval. The AGM thanked JE-A for all his hard work on behalf of the Society for the last three years and welcomed EB.

#### 3. Honorary Memberships

Due to the passing of Honorary Members Professors Colin Caro and Eugene Renkin, the Society had vacancies for at least two new Honorary members. The Committee put forward Professors Jeremy Pearson and Nicola Brown in recognition of their service to the Society. Both appointments were approved unanimously by the AGM.

#### 4. BMVBS 2023 Update

Andrea Caporali (AC) updated the Membership on the Edinburgh meeting. He said the meeting currently had 104 registrants and 60 abstracts - 21 of which will be short talks and 39 posters. There are seven trade stands and sponsorship received from the Company of Biologists and the British Heart Foundation. There are 10 plenary speakers, five local and five external and it is currently estimated that the meeting will at least breakeven and possibly be in profit. Any profit will be returned to the BMVBS. The AGM extended their thanks to AC and his local organising team of three colleagues and also the University of Edinburgh events team, for all of their hard work in making this meeting such a great success.

#### 5. Future BMVBS Meetings – 2024 Bristol

Raina Ramnath (RR) gave an update on the 2024 meeting. This will be the 74<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting and will take place in Bristol on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024. There will be an additional add-on day on 17<sup>th</sup> July for a meeting on glycocalyx. It is hoped that student accommodation will be available. RR and the rest of the team

at Bristol Renal are meeting with the events Team in Bristol in July to finalise the dates, accommodation, and conference venue.

The AGM thanked RR for agreeing to take on the 2024 meeting and look forward to working with her to make this meeting a success. There was a query about funding for the glycocalyx add-on day. It was recommended that attendees have two registration options – a two-day option for the BMVBS meeting and a separate three-day option for the BMVBS meeting plus glycocalyx add-on.

#### 6. Update on Early Career Researcher (ECR) Events

JE-A gave an overview of the programme enacted over the past three years. He confirmed that there have been five early career researcher sessions in this academic year, although the final session was cancelled. As previously, small snippets from the various sessions will be uploaded to the website. JE-A and VB, who were both present, confirmed that all the seminars were very well received, particularly the career development seminars. DB mentioned that the programme had been very successful and really engaged ECRs. The AGM thanked JE-A and VB for all their efforts as well as all of the speakers and ECR members who have contributed to the sessions.



#### 7. Change to Constitution – Terence Ryan Award Open to ECRs

The Committee wished to ask the Membership to approve changes in the eligibility criteria of this award at the AGM; specifically, to widen the eligibility to include ECRs and not just students. JW had drafted suggested wording which was considered and amended by the Committee.

Previously: The purpose of the grant is to provide financial assistance for up to two eligible student members to attend and present at the European Society for Microcirculation (ESM) Conferences or the International Microcirculation Conferences in the years when these are held. In the years when these meetings are not held, financial assistance for up to two eligible student members will be available to attend and present research of a microcirculatory nature at any

overseas national or international meeting. The initial grant is set at 500GBP per student, subject to revision according to the Society's current financial circumstances.

Proposed (as finalised at the Committee meeting on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023): This scheme provides financial assistance for up to two eligible\* postgraduate student or junior postdoctoral workers (within the first three years of their first postdoctoral position) to attend and present at a relevant international conference. The initial grant is set at 500GBP per student, subject to revision according to the Society's current financial circumstances.

The additional wording should be included on the website for clarification:

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The Membership considered the proposed changes to the eligibility criteria and approved the changes by a majority.

The Membership then considered the changes to the proposed wording. After much discussion and voting, the amended wording to the Constitution below was approved by a majority:

This scheme provides financial assistance for up to two eligible\* postgraduate student or junior postdoctoral workers (within the first three years of their first postdoctoral position), or equivalent, to attend and present at a relevant international conference. The initial grant is set at 500GBP per awardee, subject to revision according to the Society's current financial circumstances.

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#### 8. Awards made by the Society

The Society has given out the following awards:

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  Khan (Wolverhampton); Teja Kola (Wolverhampton); Lorna Milne
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  Zarah Tabrizi (Nottingham).
- (v) Carers/Childcare grant One application was funded.

A concern was raised that the SAS awards are not necessarily competitive. However, DB emphasised that all submitted abstracts were scrutinised by the Committee prior to any awards being given. LL mentioned that the Committee had agreed to add more detail about expected abstract content to the website e.g., data and statistics should be concluded if available.

#### 9. Other Officer Reports:

(i) Treasurer's Report (and reappointment of Auditors) – Dean Kavanagh (DK) – DK tabled a balance sheet (see Appendix A).

The membership voted to reappoint the current auditors.

DK mentioned that the Society previously had a very high bank balance and there was an intention to bring that down to between £20,000-25,000. Accordingly, expenditure in 2022 was abnormally high and the bank balance at the end of 2022 was in the required range.

Receipts for 2022 were £8,082 which was slightly lower than previously, mostly due to reduced membership numbers. Expenditure was £18,685, leaving a bank balance of £20,979 as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Projected balance for December 2023 is approximately £23,000 pounds.

There was discussion about maintaining a certain balance in the bank and DK emphasised that the Committee will strategically plan future financial commitments to ensure that the balance does not become too low (i.e., <£15,000). DK highlighted that receipts have been relatively consistent in the last year and that membership (and thus fees) has increased slightly, possibly due to our first in person UK meeting since 2019 which has driven up membership. This is likely to increase slightly going forward.

The presence of fees paid to the European Society for Microcirculation (ESM) initiated a discussion about BMVBS representation on the ESM Executive. Angela Shore (AS) confirmed that all member societies of the ESM can nominate a member to represent their society on the ESM Executive. This is usually an executive member of their society i.e., either President, Secretary or Treasurer. Professor Nicola Brown (NB) is currently ESM Treasurer and also serves as the BMVBS representative. However, NB has given notice of standing down as ESM Treasurer.

Since the ESM is a UK registered charity the next ESM Treasurer is also likely to be UK based and therefore could take over as the BMVBS representative if they are a BMVBS member. However, the BMVBS can also nominate a representative independently and so, could have two members who sit on the ESM Executive. This could reduce the likelihood of any potential conflicts of interest. It was emphasised that whoever took over as the BMVBS representative on the ESM Executive would need to be actively engaged in the ESM and attend the scientific and Executive meetings.

LL agreed to contact NB and the ESM to take this forward. It was also agreed that the BMVBS Committee would take forward an amendment to the Constitution which clarifies the process of appointing a BMVBS representative member to the Executive Board of other societies.

- (ii) President's Report: Dave Bates (DB) DB had nothing to add to the previous discussion.
- (iii) Secretary Report: JW had nothing to add except that she had enjoyed her time serving as Honorary Secretary and thanked all of those who had supported her over the years.
- (iv) Membership Secretary's Report: (also given by DK) –DK stated that the membership currently stands at 183, made up as follows:

117 Ordinary members

2 ECRs

63 Students

8 Honorary

3 Retired.

From these figures it can be seen that very few individuals have taken advantage of the ECR rate, despite this rate being available for individuals when they join. Membership is down slightly, probably because there has been no in-person UK based meeting since 2019 and membership always trends up immediately before the annual meeting. DK clarified that the Committee are working on strategies to increase membership, one of which is to re-engage colleagues based in London. LL and AB have already initiated this goal.

- (v) Editor of Proceeding's Report, Andrea Murray (AM) On her behalf JW confirmed that abstracts from UK attendees at the Berlin meeting, who consented for their abstracts to be published, have now had the abstracts uploaded onto the BMVBS website. JW thanked AM and AC for taking that forward.
- (vi) Social Media Report; Paola Campagnolo (PC) PC confirmed that the Society has a healthy Twitter following of approximately 650 individuals.

PC mentioned that BUFFER (<a href="https://buffer.com/">https://buffer.com/</a>) was now being used as the Society's system for social media which allows five posts on two channels to be posted in advance. She stated that our social media presence is good but could be improved by more consistent posting. Any suggestions for enhancing the Society's social media presence should be sent to PC. There was a suggestion to look at the Platelet Society website which has a very vibrant and active social medial approach. LL mentioned that the Committee had discussed strategies to engage younger members as social media ambassadors.

#### 10. Any Other Business

10.1 Laboratory Visit Award – Proposed Changes
Proposed changes to the Laboratory Visit award eligibility criteria agreed
by the Committee were presented to the AGM.

Thus current: Laboratory Visit Grant

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The AGM agreed this change to the Constitution.

DB formally handed over to LL to close the AGM.

Before closing the meeting LL confirmed that she would be writing to the Membership with a welcome email. She mentioned that she had already been working with colleagues in the Committee to devise strategies to increase membership and collaboration with other societies. LL also updated the AGM on her wish to work more closely with the Royal Society of Biology (of which the BMVBS is a member organisation) which not only gives members certain benefits, but also gives the BMVBS a platform to nominate members to policy committees and working groups and thus influence policy. For instance, PC is our representative on the Education Policy Advisory Group (EPAG).

As there was no other business the meeting was closed.



### **Balance Sheet 2022**

Receipts Voluntary receipts – Donations Members' Subscriptions Members' Subscriptions (refunds and unpaid DDs) Meeting Registrations <sup>1</sup>	<b>2022 £</b> 450 7481 (490) 641	<b>2021 £</b> - 7912 (320) -
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#### Dr Andrew Benest – applicant for role of Honorary Secretary

I am currently an Associate Professor in Cancer Sciences at the University of Nottingham where I lead a research group investigating transcription factors in blood and lymphatic endothelial cells. I first joined the society in 2004, attended many meetings and joined the committee in 2021, first as an ordinary member and then as Membership secretary. From first-hand experience as a committee member, I see the great value of the Honorary Secretary role within the society's governance structure; in terms of organising and chairing Committee meetings and AGM, communication with the membership, representation of the Society with external agencies and also to ensure the constitutional aims are realised and lived. My personal aim for the role is to expand our international offering by exploring how we can make the most of opportunities to hold joint meetings with aligned groupings.

#### **Dr Gianfranco Matrone – applicant for role of Ordinary Committee member**

I would like to nominate myself for the role of Ordinary member of the BMVBS Committee. I have been working for many years on the mechanisms of angiogenesis and tissue regeneration. My publication list can be found here <a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/myncbi/1bANDgsFciU9wC/bibliography/public/">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/myncbi/1bANDgsFciU9wC/bibliography/public/</a>.

I gained research experiences in several countries in Europe and also in USA and I would like to put this at the service of the BMVBS.

In particular, in the BMVBS I would like to improve the nclusivity of under-represented group of scientists. Women and BAME of course, but especially scientists with disabilities. Inclusivity is a concept of absolute importance for me as it is for the BMVBS. As part of the Equality, Diversity & Inclusion group of my workplace, I am already helping to make changes to improve inclusivity for everybody, and I would be glad to extend this effort within the BMVBS.

#### Ellie Bunce

Dear BMVBS Committee,

I am writing to express my interest in the position of early career researcher as a part of the committee. I am excited for the opportunity to support the elected members, contribute to the society's objectives, and be a representative for early career researchers. For almost 2 years, I have served as the treasurer for the CRUK Cambridge Institute Graduate Society, which has over 110 members. During this time, I have had numerous opportunities to interact with peers, group leaders, neighboring institutes, and the wider university. My responsibilities include overseeing the finances, hosting academic and social events for researchers, running monthly journal clubs and career pathway meetings, and organizing institute-wide formal dinners. These experiences have provided me with a diverse range of communication, organizational, and management skills and knowledge that I believe would be highly beneficial in this role on the BMVBS committee.

Following my integrated master's in pharmacology, I completed an internship at GSK and subsequently embarked on a PhD program under the supervision of Sarah Bohndiek at the University of Cambridge. My current project is focused on utilising optical imaging techniques to determine how chemo-radiotherapy combinations impact cancer vascular networks. As my research is situated in a highly multidisciplinary and translational laboratory, I am keen to engage further with committee members, and early career researchers that share my interest in vascular biology. Joining the committee would not only allow me to broaden my network but also offer me the chance to facilitate greater academic outreach and engagement among early career researchers in the society. In addition, I have gained invaluable, highly transferrable skills as a member of the organizing committee for the International PhD Student Cancer Conference 2023, where I organise budgeting, keynote speakers, conference scheduling and sponsorships. I am excited about the opportunity to join the committee for the remaining two and half years of my studies; being part of the committee would provide me with valuable knowledge for my future career and I would love to take this opportunity to learn from experienced professionals at the forefront of this field.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Yours faithfully, Ellie Bunce

# Early Career Researcher - Online Series

- 16 sessions completed:
  - 9 career development workshops
  - 7 technique workshops
- Recorded and shared
  - Recordings uploaded to the members-only section on the website.
  - Snippets uploaded regularly on social media.
  - Session open to members and non-members
- Total (for all 11 workshops):
  - Registrants 561
  - Attendees 343 (61%)

# Season 1 – 2020/21

#### BRITISH MICROCIRCULATION & VASCULAR BIOLOGY SOCIETY

- 6 X 1-hour workshops between November 20 June 21
   Career development and technique workshops
   Join by 200M
   12,00 13,00



#### A Career in Academia or Industry? - 23/11/2020

- -Dr Maria Teresa Baltazar Science Leader at Unilever -Dr Shankar Suresh UK Product Manager at Janssen •Dr Julie Rayes - Lecturer at University of Birmingham
- Intravital Microscopy 25/01/2021
- •Dr Tal Arnon Associate Professor at University of Oxford



### Fellowship/ Grant Writing - 22/02/2021 -Professor Lorna Harries - Deputy chair of BBSRC Committee C & Professor of Molecular Genetics, University of Exeter Medical School

Flow Assay - 29/03/2021



Professor David Bates - Director of the Centre for Cancer Sciences and at University of Nottingham

Animal Models - 28/06/2021 - TBC

For further Information contact: Juma El-Awaisi (JXE839@student.bham.ac.uk) University of Birmingham, www.microcirculation.org.uk



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- · Opportunity to discover new techniques
- · Workshops designed to develop your career
- · All sessions hosted by early career researchers
- · Certificate upon completion of series (for attendees)

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#### A CAREER IN ACADEMIA OR INDUSTRY?

British Microcirculation Society Online Series Monday - 23/11/2020 12:00 – 13:00 by ZOOM



Dr Maria Teresa Baltazar Science Leader at Unilever



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Dr Julie Rayes Lecturer at University of Birmingham



Juma El-Awais University of

#### Fellowship / Grant Writing

Registration - <a href="http://htt.hr/bmi.online.series">http://htt.hr/bmi.online.series</a>
Series open to BMS members. Joining the BMS is easy! The yearly membership is £20 for students and £60 for non-students. Once you've registered for this series, head over to <a href="https://www.mcincicrulation.org.uk">www.mcincicrulation.org.uk</a> for more information about memberships:

British Microcirculation and Vascular Biology Society Online Series Monday - 22/02/2021 12:00 – 13:00 by ZOOM



Professor Lorna Harries

Deputy Chair of BBSRC Committee C and Professor of Molecular Genetics,
University of Exeter Medical School



ession Host Johni Bhalla Jniversity of Nottingham

Registration - http://bit.ly/howbs-series-session-3

#### How To Write A Paper From Scratch

British Microcirculation and Vascular Biology Society Online Series Monday - 10/05/2021 12:00 – 13:00 by ZOOM



Professor Dave Bates

Director of the Centre for Cancer Sciences and Head of Division of Cancer and Stem Cells at University of Nottingham



Registration - http://bit.ly/bms-series-3

#### Intravital Microscopy

British Microcirculation and Vascular Biology Society Online Series Monday - 25/01/2021 12:00 – 13:00 by ZOOM



Dr Tal Arnon
Associate Professor at University
of Oxford



Dr Christopher Smith University of Birmingham



Lorena Perez Lucen Mary University of



Session Host Dr Regis Joulia Queen Mary University of Londo

#### Flow Assay

British Microcirculation and Vascular Biology Society Online Series Monday - 29/03/2021 12:00 – 13:00 by ZOOM



Registration—bit.ly/BMVBS-Online-Series-2
Series open to BMVBS members. Join the BMVBS at <a href="https://www.microcirculation.org.uk">www.microcirculation.org.uk</a>
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Dr Helen McGettrick Senior Lecturer at University of Birmingham



Franziska Krautter University of Birmingham



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Registration - http://bit.ly/online.senes.2

#### Optical Coherence Tomography Angiography in Microcirculation Research

British Microcirculation and Vascular Biology Society Online Series Monday - 28/06/2021 12:00 – 13:00 by ZOOM



Dr Danuta Sampson Research Fellow at the University of Surrey



Professor Christian Heiss Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine at the University of Surrey



Gavrielle Untracht
PhD Candidate at the University of
Western Australia / University of Surrey



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Registration - http://bit.lv/BMVBS-Online-Series-June

# Season 2 – 2021/22

#### **BRITISH MICROCIRCULATION** & VASCULAR BIOLOGY SOCIETY

6 X 1-hour workshops between January 22 to

A career in academia or industry? - 3//01/2022

Dr. Laura Carney - UK and European Patent Attorney at Creaves Brewster LLP

Dr. Elvin Fortie - Editor in Nature Cardiovascular Research

Dr. Xwechong (Stells) Hong - Associate Principal Scientist, Cell Therapy at Astra/Zeneca

Join by ZOOM

Advanced Electron Microscopy - 28/02/2022 Dr. Kenton Arkill - Assistant Professor in Endothelial and Vascular

Commercialization of Academic Research - 28/03/2022

Dr. Derek Gilchrist - Co-founder and CEO of Causeway Therapeutics

naging the Beating Heart - 25/04/2022 Dr. Neena Kalia - Reader in Microcirculation Research - University of Birmingham

low to get published - 23/05/2022

Dr. Vesna Todorović - Chief Editor in Nature Cardiovascular Research

Patient Engagement and Involvement-27/06/2021 - TBC





### **MEET THE HOSTS**

Advance microcirculation and vascular biology research

Presentations from 3 early career researchers

Prize for the best oral presentation

Opportunity to discover new techniques

Workshops designed to develop your career

All sessions hosted by early career researchers















# Season 3 – 2022/23

# **BRITISH MICROCIRCULATION**& VASCULAR BIOLOGY SOCIETY

6 X 1-hour workshops between Jan 23 to June 23

Career development and technique workshops

Join by Zoom

Series open to all



How to complete a systematic review? - 30/01/2023

. Dr Aoife Healy - Associate professor, Staffordshire university

#### Flow cytometry - 27/02/2023

Dr Guillaume Decanti - Flow

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#### Becoming an educator post-PhD - 27/03/2023

. Prof. Emma Taylor - Associate Professor, University of Exeter

#### Becoming a PI post-PhD - 22/05/2023

. Dr Katja Gehmlich - Associate professor, University of Birmingham

#### Microcirculation measurements of the foot - 19/06/2023

. Professor Naemi Roozbeh - Professor, Staffordshire University

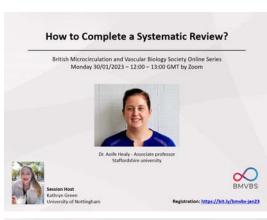
#### Imaging the beating heart – 24/07/2023

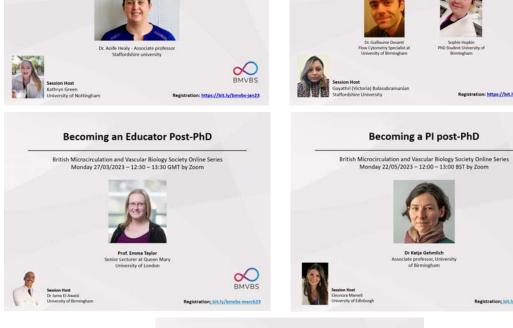
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Flow Cytometry British Microcirculation and Vascular Biology Society Online Series Monday 27/02/2023 – 12:00 – 13:00 GMT by Zoom

Associate professor, University of Birmingham

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Registration; bit.ly/bmvbs23-may

Registration: https://bit.ly/bmvbs-feb23

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### **International**













## **BMVBS Online Series - ECR**

Please get in touch for season 3 (2022/23):

- Session idea
- Speakers
- Hosts



### **Balance Sheet 2022**

Receipts	2022 £	2021 £
Voluntary receipts – Donations	450	-
Members' Subscriptions	7481	7912
Members' Subscriptions (refunds and unpaid DDs)	(490)	(320)
Meeting Registrations <sup>1</sup>	641	-
Total receipts	8082	7592
Expenditure		
Charitable activities		
Awards – Prizes	200	-
Awards – Student Assistance Scheme <sup>2</sup>	3441	-
Awards – Terence Ryan Award	215	-
Awards – Moor Instruments Travel Award	750	-
Awards – Summer Studentship	2500	2500
Memberships – ESM	2206	1911
Memberships – Society of Biology	310	310
Joint Meeting Payments	3981	-
Sponsorship – IVBM 2022	2070	-
Bank Charges	184	189
IT Support/Website	1984	1200
Governance costs		
Accountancy	540	540
Committee Expenses <sup>3</sup>	304	454
Total expenditure	18685	9280
Excess of payments over receipts	(10603)	(1257)
Bank balance brought forward	31582	33270
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