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Training and Personal Development



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Booking is now open for our Spring 2017 training courses! These cover a wide variety of topics such as exhibition design, science podcasting, science writing, laboratory management and health and safety, time management and understanding patents. Please see our website for [upcoming courses](#).

In the new year, we will be looking to run more in-house training. If you would like further information on how in-house training may benefit your organisation, please [get in touch](#).

We survey our membership on an annual basis to ensure our training programme reflects the needs of our members across a variety of sectors, including education and industry. We are always keen to hear how we can expand our training programme to meet your training needs and better support professional development within the life sciences sector. Please contact us with your training suggestions.

About our training programme

The Society's training programme is expanding. More courses are being developed than ever before and we are honouring our commitment to offer staggeringly low [member](#) rates, with discounts of up to 75%.

We offer courses to suit all interests and competencies, from enthusiastic biologists to high level professionals. Our aim is to promote interest in biology and enable individuals to continue their professional development ([CPD](#)).

Attending a training course can develop your skills and knowledge and provide opportunities for you to network and learn from others. All of our training courses are evaluated to ensure continued high quality. All attendees who complete our training courses will receive a certificate of attendance and achieve CPD points that count towards our [CPD scheme](#).

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Best Wishes,

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Upcoming training courses

An Introduction to Science Exhibition Design

When: 23 January 2017

Where: Charles Darwin House 2, 107 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8TZ

What: This course will introduce participants to exhibition making, from the development of an exhibition concept to the final product.

Trainer: Dr Rachel Souhami has over 20 years' experience of exhibition development, working with national and regional museums, independent organisations and exhibition design companies. Rachel has trained budding exhibition developers for over 10 years, and has lectured in science communication, museum studies and exhibition development at Imperial College, The University of Manchester and Westminster University.

Who: This practical course is suitable for those who may need to create a display, for example science communicators or scientists working in public engagement & outreach.

CPD: This event has been approved by the Royal Society of Biology for purposes of CPD and can be counted as 21 CPD points.

Fees: From £100 +VAT

Please see our the event webpage for [further info and booking](#).



Persuasive Scientific Report Writing

When: 26 January 2017

Where: Charles Darwin House 2, 107 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8TZ

What: Participants will learn the principles and processes for high quality communication in scientific thinking and writing, with plenty of opportunity to discuss and practice the skills learnt.

Trainer: Cliff Collis has over 25 years of experience in personal research in physiology and biochemistry medical schools in London. Having also worked as a communication specialist with drug development teams at a large pharmaceutical company, Cliff specialises in science communication for scientists.

Who: For writers of technical, scientific and other related reports or documents, who wish to improve their report and general document writing skills.

CPD: This event has been approved by the Royal Society of



Biology for purposes of CPD and can be counted as 18 CPD points.

Fees: From £100 + VAT

Please see the event webpage for [further info and booking](#).

A practical guide to successfully navigating the Patent System for those in the life sciences field

When: 13 February 2017

Where: Charles Darwin House 2, 107 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8TZ

What: This course aims to give participants an overview of the patent system and provides practical tips on scoring successes and avoiding pitfalls.

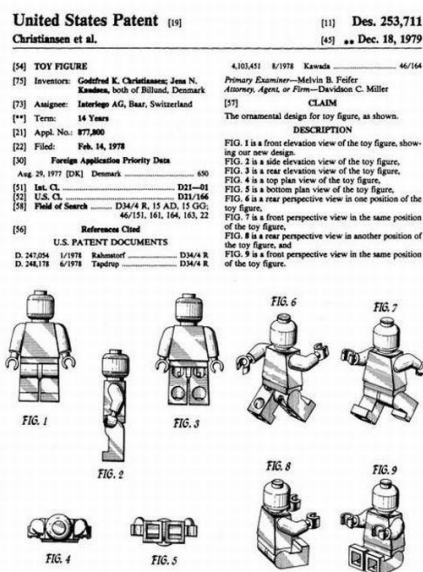
Trainers: The course trainers [Isobel Finnie](#) and [Catherine Williamson](#) are biotech, chemistry and life sciences specialists and European and UK chartered patent attorneys.

Who: Scientists and others working in the biosciences field who require an understanding of patent law.

CPD: This event has been approved by the Royal Society of Biology for purposes of CPD and can be counted as 9 CPD points.

Fees: From £50 +VAT

Please see the event webpage for [further info and booking](#).



Laboratory Health and Safety Training

When: 28 February 2017

Where: Newcastle University, NE2 4HH

What: This course will include: Essentials of risk assessment (focusing in particular on COSHH Regulations), aspects of spills management in laboratories, accident investigation, and audits and safety inspections.

Trainer: Lindsay Murray FRSB CSci CBiol, is a graduate microbiologist with more than thirty years of practical experience in clinical and teaching laboratories. He is currently a health & safety manager at The University of Edinburgh's College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine.

Who: This training course is for those working in, or interested in, biological containment laboratories or supervisory and laboratory management roles.

CPD: This event has been approved by the Royal Society of Biology for purposes of CPD and can be counted as 13.5 CPD points.

Fees: From £100 + VAT

Please see the event webpage for [further info and booking](#).



Science Podcast Production Workshop

When: 16 March 2017

Where: Charles Darwin House 2, 107 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8TZ

What: Award-winning science broadcaster Richard Hollingham presents this introductory hands-on course on how to podcast - from getting good quality sound and content - to getting your podcast online and heard.

Trainer: Richard Hollingham studied Applied and Environmental Biology at the University of York and went on to become a BBC producer, reporter and presenter. Past projects include presenting the BBC World Service environment programme *One Planet* and the acclaimed *Planet Earth* Podcast for the Natural Environment Research Council. Richard produces and presents science programmes for Radio 4, World Service and Radio 3, writes for BBC Future and is co-presenter/producer of the award-winning *Space Boffins* Podcast.

Who: For those interested in communicating science via podcast.

CPD: This event has been approved by the Royal Society of Biology for purposes of CPD and can be counted as 18 CPD points.

Fees: From £125 +VAT

Please see the event webpage for [further info and booking](#).



Writing for a Non-Specialist Audience

When: 23 March 2017

Where: Charles Darwin House 2, 107 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8TZ

What: Learn how to write in an interesting and easy-to-read way, while ensuring your message remains scientifically robust and accurate.

Tutors: Dr Rebecca Nesbit MRSB is a science press officer with a particular interest in blogging and online communications. She works on the communications for the Nobel Prizes, and her previous roles include press officer at the Royal Society of Biology, PR consultant for science and tech companies, and teaching honeybees to detect explosives.

Tom Ireland MRSB is an award winning journalist and editor specialising in science, health and society, who has written for *The Observer*, *Scientific American* and *The Biologist*. He is managing editor at the Royal Society of Biology.

Who: For scientists in academia or industry hoping to improve the way they communicate with non-scientists, or for anyone hoping to develop their blogging and science writing skills.

CPD: This event has been approved by the Royal Society of Biology for purposes of CPD and can be counted as 24 CPD points.

Fees: From £100 +VAT

Please see the event webpage for [further info and booking](#).



Presentation Skills

When: 10 April 2017

Where: Charles Darwin House 2, 107 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8TZ

What: This course will cover practical exercises on personal presentation and body language; structuring your presentation; uses and abuses of visual aids with a focus on Powerpoint; meeting the needs of your audience.

Tutor: Professor Sue Smith FRSB is professor in medical education and director of teaching at the National Heart and Lung Institute, a constituent of the Faculty of Medicine, Imperial College London.

Who: This half-day course is for those who have had little experience of giving presentations.

CPD: This event has been approved by the Royal Society of Biology for purposes of CPD and can be counted as 12 CPD points.

Fees: From 50 +VAT

Please see the event webpage for [further info and booking](#).



Scientific Laboratory Leadership and Management

When: 25 May 2017

Where: Charles Darwin House 2, 107 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8TZ

What: Management skills are vital for a successful career in a scientific lab environment. As well as their research expertise, successful team leaders need to develop additional skills including the ability to support staff, manage their own team, and deal with issues within the team. This course will help attendees to develop these skills.

Tutor: Charlie Wilson OBE MRSB has spent the last six years as a coach and consultant in teamworking and leadership, working with industry, banks and schools. Before that he was an officer in the Royal Navy with a varied career that included everything from Defence Attaché to ship command in both peace and war.

Who: This course is suitable for laboratory team leaders and principal investigators who want to improve the way they manage their teams as well as postdoctoral researchers who have been selected for, or aspire to, promotion to team leadership positions.

CPD: This event has been approved by the Royal Society of Biology for purposes of CPD and can be counted as 21 CPD points.

Fees: From £100 +VAT

Please see the event webpage for [further info and booking](#).



Time Management

When: 12 May 2017

Where: Charles Darwin House 2, 107 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8TZ

What: Do you need to achieve more and feel less stressed? This course will help you to reassess your purpose and see where you can make major time savings by focusing on your key tasks and using some simple techniques.

Come with an open mind and take away a list of practical tasks and ideas that you know will save you hours and make a considerable difference to the way you work and the results you achieve.

Who: For anyone who has some discretion about how he/she uses time - it is also helpful if participants have been in their current assignment for at least two months.

Tutor: Kathy Bailey is a learning and development specialist with more than 30 years' experience of helping people and organisations to achieve their purpose and get the results that they want and need.

CPD: This event has been approved by the Royal Society of Biology for purposes of CPD and can be counted as 18 CPD points.

Fees: From £120 +VAT

Please see the event webpage for [further info and booking](#).



Special Offer: Wildlife Conservation Programme, Nkonzo Bush Academy, South Africa, Discounted places available for Royal Society of Biology Members

Where: Near Mossel Bay, South Africa

Nkonzo Bush Academy would like to offer all RSB members a 20% discount for the year of 2017 on their Wildlife Conservation Program. Find exclusive details on their [website](#) or [email](#) them.



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Upcoming Regional and Member Organisation Events

Event	Date		
		New Year Social: RSB East Anglia Branch	15.01.17
Fishing in the Arctic - is there a sustainable approach?	13.12.16	Cranfield University Life Sciences Student Poster Symposium	01.02.17
Pharmacology 2016	13.12.16 - 15.12.16	Microbes: the good, the bad and the ugly	18.02.17
RSB Annual General Meeting of Hong Kong Branch	16.12.16	Darwin Festival talk: The Honey Bee	18.02.17
Lecture: Mapping the Devon Bird Atlas	14.01.17	Annual A level update lecture	22.02.17
The 2017 Sports Science Summit	24.01.17 - 26.01.17		

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