

BIOLOGY OUTREACH COMMITTEE: 11 June 2009

Apologies for absence:
Chris Kelly (Technical Representative)
Caroline Calvert (CNAP)

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| | <p>c) 09/09a: Microbial loan kit ABH reported good progress. He had discussed with the Society of Microbiology who liked the idea and suggested we bid for money for both the equipment as well as initial consumables. However, when ABH brought this idea to Dawn Cartwright's attention, some issues regarding insurance and liability were raised, not only about the new idea but also regarding the equipment we already loan out. The current feeling is that it should be possible to progress but there is likely to a significant paper trail involved. He is continuing discussions with Dawn and Jacky Glenville.</p> <p>d) 09/09b: Difficult to approach groups JBP reported that CMC is proposing to concentrate on current activities and using these as an opportunity to widen the reach. For example, she is establishing contact with St Aelreds in Tang Hall using RSC support and would hope to encourage parents to participate in the activities to stimulate more interest and draw on a wider audience. However, CMC is still considering an event at the Designer Centre.</p> <p>e) 09/09c: Promoting outreach to the Undergraduates The ideas raised at the last meeting will be implemented to promote Outreach to Undergraduate students for the next academic year.</p> <p>f) 09/09c: New outreach activity in the Term 5 Scientific Skills ABH reported that he hoped to progress these ideas as part of the new curriculum to be introduced in 2010/11 but needs to discuss this with Calvin Dytham (BoS). He reported that CK was interested in being involved. He noted that the National Undergraduate Ambassador scheme might provide a possible framework</p> <p>g) 09/10c: Links with schools and colleges ABH has been visited by the head of Biology at Greenhead School (in Huddersfield) in relation to possible interactions. Other high feeder schools have been also showing an interest in us visiting their schools. ABH is participating in a College Career's event in Darlington on Wed 17 June. He is planning to take some ambassadors (academic, students) for this event. He felt that it would be good to have a pool of undergraduate and PhDs who could be called on to help, although it would be important that this was not felt to be exclusive and prevent others getting involved. He will discuss with Hilary Jones how best to promote this to the PhDs and offer Green Card points and travel expenses.</p> | <p>ABH</p> <p>CMC</p> <p>JBP</p> <p>ABH</p> <p>ABH</p> |
| 09/15 | Previous Events Update | ABH/ALL |

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| | <p>A wide range of activities had been undertaken with the following particularly noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 11th February - Excellence hub event. A group of Y5 (primary), Gifted and Talented children from Rotherham. - 18th March (morning) - CSI York for Matlock School. A group of ~60 Year 10-11 (GCSE level) children - 26/27th March. Green Apples. One hour session on afternoon on 26th repeated on morning of 27th. Year 10 students from York schools. - 31st March (all day). Thirsk School. One day event for 28 Y12 - 2nd April. Science trail. Big University event for 600+ Y9-11 kids. - 22nd April "Find your way" G&T event for up to 150 Yr 10's | |
| 09/16 | <p>Events Log</p> <p>ABH and CB have updated the log sheet from last year's census which had been a large amount of work. Several people had included general publicity such as TV/Radio and there was some uncertainty as to whether to include these in the log. James Chong has been approached to help review these after which the log will be updated.</p> | CB |
| 09/17 | <p>Outreach Census</p> <p>JBP presented the new simplified form for the forthcoming census. He felt that we were trying to gather too much data and recommended that we concentrate on obtaining more summary data. The log could also be simplified to have the same headings.</p> <p>The Committee agreed the new format along with the proposal to send a similar form to the PostDocs. There was some discussion about whether to also send the form to PhDs as they may already be entering these data in Skills Forge and this will need further discussion.</p> | JBP |
| 09/18 | <p>Next Major events</p> <p>Events are planned as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Biology at work – Excellence hub event on 18 June, Yr 8 – approx 13 years old - South Leeds Schools Morley visit – Excellence hub event on 24 June, Yr 12 – approx 16-17 years old - Matlock School visit on 3 July, Yr 12 – approx 16-17 years old - Elizabethan School CSI York day on 10 July, Yr 9 – approx 14 years old - Selby High School on 14-15 July, Yr 9 and Yr 10 – approx 14-15 years old - City of York Summer School on 27 July | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HMOL's team will be attending the Great Yorkshire Show, 14-16 July - Wild about Wood at Castle Howard (12 -13 September). It is hoped to offer something for this weekend event, possibilities were a fungi hands-on, Phil Ineson's mobile lab, or CNAP. <p>ABH also noted that he started to take booking for Easter and September 2010 and that there were already problems with availability.</p> | |
| 09/19 | <p>Excellence Hubs</p> <p>ABH reported that things were working reasonable well although he had, regrettably, had to turn down some events as they were requested with too short notice.</p> | |
| 09/20 | <p>Budget</p> <p>ABH reported that £1,069 have been spent out of the budget of £3,000 so far. However, he has asked CK to progress some further equipment purchases.</p> <p>TH will inform ABH about the total cost for Darwin Games so this can be transferred by the end of July.</p> <p>JBP reported that it is hoped to have completed the printing and invoicing of the new edition of Biology Matters before the end of July.</p> | TH |
| 09/21 | <p>BBSRC Excellence with Impact</p> <p>JBP reported that the BBSRC visit had gone very well and that they were very impressed by the range of different activities and areas we were involved in. They will provide a report to us shortly.</p> | |
| 09/22 | <p>Any Other Business</p> <p>a) Promoting outreach to the Graduates JG suggested he could send emails to all Graduates for promoting outreach.</p> <p>b) Recruit for a new Postgraduate Representative As JG will finish his study here in the middle of the next academic year (and he has been a rep for 2 years), we will need to recruit a new Graduate rep for the new academic year.</p> | <p>JG</p> <p>CB</p> |
| 09/23 | <p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>To be arranged for mid-Autumn term</p> | CB |