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LTSN Bioscience Staff and Educational Development Contacts

Welcome to this, the second of our occasional briefings for Staff and Educational Developers. We hope you find the enclosed information interesting and useful.

We appreciate that staff and educational development activity may be spread across more than one department or unit in your institution and we may not have contacted everyone. Please forward this information to colleagues.

You may wish to add a link or logo to your website:

<http://bio.ltsn.ac.uk/resources/logos/index.htm>

Bringing subject specific information together in one place

We have created a new section of our website, bringing together selected items from other areas of our website that will be of interest to those working at an institutional level; information on:

- ⇒ Network Groups - the people we are in contact with in Higher Education Institutions (includes Staff and Educational Development Units and Departments, Representatives in departments)
- ⇒ Details of Learning and Teaching Projects relevant to bioscience higher education
- ⇒ Sources of funding for Teaching Development in the biosciences
- ⇒ Events and courses relevant to bioscience higher education

<http://bio.ltsn.ac.uk/sed/>

Please bookmark this page and forward the URL to your colleagues

Feedback: Help us support and compliment your activities: we welcome your comments and suggestions about this new section of our website and suggestions of other information and support you would find useful.

'Quick Guide to LTSN Bioscience' Presentation available

An electronic 'Quick Guide to LTSN Bioscience' is available to download from the LTSN

Representatives section of the website: <http://bio.ltsn.ac.uk/network/ltsnrep/>. The presentation is available as a slide presentation or as an animation (PowerPoint and Flash formats) that can be displayed as a continuous loop. The files are currently rather large so you may prefer to contact us for a copy on CD.

Staff Resource Pack – order copies in time for the new academic year

The pack provides subject-specific material to complement the generic information delivered in staff development courses. Includes support available from LTSN Bioscience and lists selected publications, journals and websites relating to bioscience education. **An order form is enclosed with this briefing.**

Notice board materials – let us know what you need

Enclosed is a poster with details of our latest **Events**, plus an order form for leaflets and other literature that you may like to display on your departmental notice boards or could be distributed to staff.

Centre News



BEE-j (Bioscience Education Electronic journal) – first issue published!

Bioscience Education Electronic journal (BEE-j) is an on-line, bi-annual electronic journal owned and published by the LTSN Centre for Bioscience as a direct response to requests from our community.

The journal publishes a range of original articles on tertiary level biosciences education, including peer-reviewed research and practice papers, and will be of interest to tertiary level staff and students and to upper secondary school staff.

<http://bio.ltsn.ac.uk/journal/vol1/>

Employability web pages now available –

⇒ Helps staff address the employability issue in a Bioscience context through a series of questions.
⇒ Also includes links to a number of employability resources that staff may find useful:

- The **Employability Card Sort** - a tutor-tailorable resource which enables students to identify and focus on what are important aspects of employability for them.
- The **Employability Audit** provides academic staff with a structured approach to the formative development of employability aspects of a course.

Industry skills expectations for bioscience graduates – useful for showing students the types of skills and attributes which are assessed by employers to determine progression and development of their employees.

<http://bio.ltsn.ac.uk/issues/employability/>

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Network News

⇒ Project Finder compiled by the LTSN Generic Centre

Provides details of a variety of external nationally funded projects. Currently contains LTSN Subject Centre Miniprojects, FDTL 1-4, HEFCE Disability Strand 2, Action on Access regional projects, Innovations and TLTP projects compiled from a number of sources.

<http://www.ltsn.ac.uk/genericcentre/projectfinder/>

⇒ Supporting New Academic Staff (SNAS) Project

A team of course leaders and tutors are working in collaboration with LTSN Subject Centres to:

- Develop discipline specific reading material and resources
- Identify themes covered on initial courses in learning & teaching for new staff for which discipline specific resource materials would be useful
- Design a system for supporting colleagues in using the reading material and resources
- Trial the use of discipline specific reading material and resources

<http://www.ltsn.ac.uk/genericcentre/index.asp?id=18365>

This Briefing is also available on-line in PDF and rtf format from:

<http://bio.ltsn.ac.uk/sed/briefing.htm>

With best wishes,
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