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## Training and Personal Development



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### October 2016

In October we held a training course on [Scientific Laboratory Leadership and Management](#). If you were unable to secure a place on this course and are interested in attending, please note that we will be running a [repeat of this session](#) in May 2017.

We also ran a free [Gopher Science Lab UK Teacher Training Day](#) in Wales for primary and secondary teachers.

Our [Bioscience Careers Festival](#) for students was a great success and we held a large number of events throughout [Biology Week](#).

In November we will be holding a training course on [Dyslexia and Learning Challenges](#) in Nottingham and [An Introduction to Statistics for Biologists Using R](#) training course in partnership with Cardiff Business School. Limited places remain on both courses, so please book soon to secure your place.

For a full list of our [past](#) and [upcoming](#) training courses please see our website.

### Upcoming courses and events

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[Dyslexia and Learning Challenges](#)

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[A Practical Guide to Successfully Navigating the Patent System](#)

#### 28 February 2017

[Laboratory Health and Safety Training](#)

#### 16 March 2017

If your organisation is interested in receiving training on site please contact us to discuss this.



Best Wishes,

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[Science Podcast Production Workshop](#)

**10 April 2017**

[Presentation Skills Course](#)

**25 May 2017**

[Scientific Laboratory Leadership and Management](#)

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## Upcoming courses and events

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### **Dyslexia and Learning Challenges**

**16 November 2016**

**Orchard Hotel University Park, The University of Nottingham**

On this course you will learn what dyslexia is, about workplace assessments and diagnostics, reasonable adjustments and how you can help.

For more information and booking please see the [event page](#).



### **An Introduction to Statistics for Biologists Using R**

**23 November 2016**

**Cardiff Business School CF10 3EU**

This course will concentrate on enabling participants to use R to input data, summarise it and carry out basic statistical analyses and tests.

R is a statistical programming environment which is free and Open Source. Thanks to a large online community of R users and developers, there is little doubt that it is one of the best available statistical packages. Its flexibility, wealth of available packages and graphics capacity are just a few of its notable features.

Participants will also learn to appreciate the rationale behind the methods used.

The Royal Society of Biology and Cardiff Business School are partnering to provide this course again this year, following our previous successful R course.

For more information and booking please see the [event page](#).



## An Introduction to Exhibition Design

23 January 2017

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

Creating an exhibition or small display can be a daunting task: they are a complex, multimedia format. How do you make sure your ideas are conveyed clearly? What is the best visual representation for this idea? What exhibits should I select? Using case studies and exercises, this course will introduce participants to exhibition design, from the development of an exhibition concept to the final product.

Following successful courses in 2015 and 2016, the Royal Society of Biology is pleased to be offering this course once again in 2017.

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

For more information and booking please see the [event page](#).



## Persuasive Scientific Report Writing

26 January 2017

Charles Darwin House, 12 Roger Street London, WC1N 2JU

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

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.

For more information and booking please see the [event page](#).



## A Practical Guide to Successfully Navigating the Patent System

13 February 2017

Royal Society of Biology, Charles Darwin House, 12 Roger Street, London WC1N 2JU

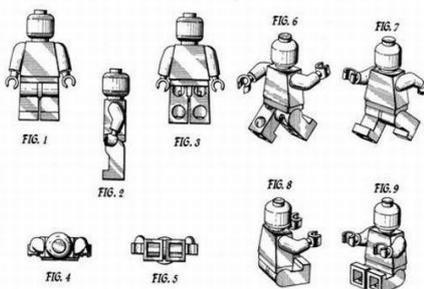
The seminar aims to give you an overview of the patent system and provide practical tips to scoring successes and avoiding pitfalls. You'll get an understanding of important points to consider if you are trying to obtain patent protection and if you are trying to avoid infringing any third party rights. The basic principles of patent law, the process for obtaining patent protection and considerations on freedom-to-operate will be covered. Practical advice will address when to file a patent application and the information that should be obtained before filing a patent application. The seminar will also provide guidance on where to find information relating to patents and understanding and interpreting patent documents. Current challenges in securing patents in the biological sciences field will be reviewed. The seminar will be very practical in its approach, using real-life examples from the biological field to fully engage the audience.

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

For more information please see the [event page](#).

United States Patent [19] Des. 253,711  
Christiansen et al. [45] Dec. 18, 1979

[54] TOY FIGURE 4,101,451 E/1978 Kawada 46/164  
[75] Inventors: *Gottfried K. Christiansen; Jens N. Kowalen, both of Billund, Denmark* Primary Examiner—Melvin B. Peffer, Attorney, Agent, or Firm—Davidson C. Miller  
[73] Assignee: *Interlego AG, Baar, Switzerland* [37] CLAIM The ornamental design for toy figure, as shown.  
[\*] Term: 14 Years  
[21] Appl. No.: 877,800  
[22] Filed: Feb. 14, 1978  
[50] Foreign Application Priority Data  
Aug. 28, 1977 (DK) Denmark 450  
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[52] U.S. Cl. D21/166  
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[56] Reference Cited  
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## Laboratory Health and Safety Training

28 February 2017

Newcastle University, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 4HH

For those working in, or interested in, biological containment laboratories or supervisory and laboratory management roles.

The morning session will address the essentials of risk assessment, focusing in particular on the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations, and will also include aspects of spills management in laboratories. The afternoon session will focus on accident investigation and audits and safety inspections.

For Further information and booking please see the [event page](#).



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## Science Podcast Production Workshop

16 March 2017

Royal Society of Biology, Charles Darwin House, 12 Roger Street, London WC1N 2JU

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.

Following the success of the previous course last year, the Society continues to offer this one-day introductory course, for those interested in communicating science via podcast.

Podcasting may sound effortless but it requires plenty of effort to produce something that sounds natural, engaging and informative. The aim of this course is to get people understanding audio recording, how to get your science across, and what works best when there are no visuals. Richard explores different styles of podcasting and during the day small groups will work in teams as reporter/interviewee/producer to produce their own short audio piece.

The course will make people think about how best to communicate science and help you appreciate what it's like to be on both sides of the microphone. It could even jump start your career as a science podcaster!

For further information and booking please see the [event page](#).



## Presentation Skills

10 April 2017

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

This half-day course is for those who are new to giving presentations.

What does this course cover

- Practical exercise 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

The course will be run in an interactive style, where participation of course attendees will be encouraged.

For further information and booking please see the [event page](#).

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## Scientific Laboratory Leadership and Management

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

25 May 2017

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.

Following the success of the previous courses in 2015 and 2016, the Society continues to offer this one-day introductory course specifically to meet the needs of postdoctoral researchers in academic or industrial environments.

The workshop will finish with a Q&A session from current laboratory team leaders, who will give practical experience and advice.

For further information and booking please see the [event page](#).

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## Other Society news

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## Biology Week 2016: celebrating five years

On Saturday the 7th to Sunday the 15th of October, the Royal Society of Biology celebrated the fifth annual [Biology Week](#), with over 100 [events](#) held across the UK and beyond. Families, students and researchers engaged in a variety of activities including debates, quizzes, museum tours, nature walks, Big Biology Days and more.

Find out more on the RSB [website](#).



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## Brexit: joint statement following a meeting of RSB and VBIO

A recent meeting in Berlin between Dr Mark Downs CSci FRSB, chief executive of the Royal Society of Biology and Professor Bernd Mueller-Roeber, President of [the German Life Science Association \(VBIO\)](#) addressed a wide range of issues relevant to the biosciences in Germany and the UK.

Concerning the UK vote to leave the EU, there was strong agreement on the importance of continued collaboration in research and innovation between the UK and Germany.

Find out more on the RSB [website](#).

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## RSB announces photography and book award winners

The Royal Society of Biology celebrated the best in biology books, photography and communication at their annual Awards Ceremony in London on the 13th of October, as part of [Biology Week](#).

Find out more on the RSB [website](#).



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## Parliament celebrates Biology Week's fifth birthday

Members of Parliament and the life science community gathered in the House of Commons on the 12th of October, to celebrate Biology Week with the Royal Society of Biology (RSB) in partnership with the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC).

The fifth annual Biology Week Parliamentary Reception was hosted by Rt Hon Stephen Metcalfe MP, Rt Hon Chi Onwurah MP, Rt Hon Dr Tania Mathias MP and Rt Hon Carol Monaghan MP.

The Churchill Room was packed with more than 120 invited guests, including Rt Hon Jo Johnson MP, Minister of State for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation.

Find out more on the RSB [website](#).



## Leopard Head Wins National Specimen Drawing Competition

Liam Barrett (17), of Tupton Hall School in Derbyshire, has won the [Nancy Rothwell Award](#) for specimen drawing.

Liam's striking colour drawing of a leopard, *Panthera pardus*, on black card, along with a labelled diagram, drawn in charcoal, of the animal's skull took first place in the top (15-18) age category.

The Royal Society of Biology launched the Nancy Rothwell Award in 2014 to celebrate specimen drawing in schools and highlight the benefits of links between art and science. The winning images were featured at the RSB Annual Awards Ceremony in London as part of [Biology Week](#).

Find out more on the RSB [website](#).



## A different route into science

For the students gathered in the Royal Society of Chemistry's historical library at Burlington House, the 6th of October was a chance to celebrate a dual achievement: completing their Access to Science Higher Education Diploma, and being awarded the status of Registered Science Technician (RSciTech), both achievements the result of hard work in both the classroom and the research lab.

The Access to Science Diploma is a qualification that prepares students who may not have the necessary A levels for study at degree level. In collaboration with the Royal Society of Chemistry, the Royal Society of Biology, and a number of industry partners, the [Gatsby Charitable Foundation](#) is supporting exceptional diploma students to gain RSciTech status by carrying out a research project in an industry or academic setting as part of their diploma course.

Find out more on the RSB [website](#).



## Jobs Board

[Senior Researcher - Patient Preference Studies - London](#)

[Research Associate \(Laurenti Lab\)](#)

[Principal Ecologist](#)

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## Regional/MO Events

Event	Date
<a href="#">Cardiff University Science Careers Fair</a>	02.11.16
<a href="#">South Wales Branch AGM</a>	07.11.16
<a href="#">Engaging Engagement: The Challenges of Communicating Science</a>	07.11.16
<a href="#">East Midlands Branch</a>	10.11.16

## Deadlines and opportunities

Event	Deadline
<a href="#">Top Student Award Nominations Open</a>	ongoing
<a href="#">HE Bioscience Teacher of the Year Award Nominations Open</a>	31.10.16
<a href="#">School Biology Teacher of the Year Award Nominations Open</a>	23.12.16

AGM and Lecture

West Midlands Branch  
AGM and Talk

28.11.16

North Wales Branch  
AGM and Lecture

02.12.16

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