



Network Opportunities for Sharing – January 2016

1. **FEMS is seeking a scientifically-informed artist / graphic designer** to create easily understandable, attractive visuals, illustrations figures and diagrams from scientific texts and concepts. Work would be ad-hoc / freelance based. Applicants to respond with an example of work [via the Communications Steering Group](#).
2. **Free online course on Antimicrobial Stewardship:** Managing Antibiotic Resistance (how to understand antibiotic resistance, and how antimicrobial stewardship can slow down or reduce it). The course starts on February 08: <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/antimicrobial-stewardship>.
3. **FEMS Microbiology Letters / OUP Mini-Review Award:** In recognition of the importance of detailed and creative syntheses in both multidisciplinary research and the knowledge development process, FEMS and OUP have teamed up to offer a 1000 EURO award to the best MiniReview accepted by *Letters* 2016. The best MiniReview will be selected by the *Letters* editorial team and the winner announced in January 2017. The winner will receive 1000 EUROS plus special marketing attention for their article at both OUP and FEMS, plus free access to their article. We are looking to connect different fields and people multi-authored reviews are encouraged. All accepted authors are eligible for the award. To get involved please contact the relevant Section Editor via this page: http://femsle.oxfordjournals.org/editorial_board.html. More information will be also available on the [OUP Journal homepage](#) soon.
4. **Four new funding opportunities:** for research support, knowledge exchange and PhD education are available here: <http://www.novonordiskfonden.dk/en/funding-opportunities>. Background information on the funds and the Novo Nordisk Foundation can be found in the [Nature Inside View](#).
5. **The European Patent Academy (part of the European Patent Office) is organising four study visits** (two each in Munich and The Hague) for students from European universities during 2016. The events running on 18 February and 9 December will cover a general introduction to the EPO and the European patent system, while those running on 22 April and 27 July will focus on specific issues such as patents in nanotechnology, biotechnology and computer-implemented inventions. For more information, please visit this website: <https://www.epo.org/learning-events/events/training/academia.html>
6. **Organising Discounted Flights to Events:** FEMS has organised 15% off flights to its 2017 Congress in Valencia with the SkyTeam Alliance. If you are organising a large event, you could set up the same kind of offer: <http://www.skyteam.com/en/Supporting-your-business/Global-meetings/>

7. **Enlarge your platform:** do you already promote an inspirational figure relating to microbiology, who can inspire new thinking, ideas and motivation? Would you like to give them a bigger stage among your fellow societies within FEMS? [Contact the Communications Steering Group.](#)
8. **The European Patent Office in Munich has internship vacancies** to work with examiners from 11-28 October 2016. The closing date for applications: 31 January 2016. To find out more, use this link: <http://www.epo.org/about-us/jobs/vacancies/internships/patent-professionals.html>.
9. **More on EU funding opportunities and deadlines can be found here:** <https://www.octopus.eu/sme-instrument-cut-off-dates-and-budget-for-2016-2017/>
10. **European Medicines Agency – call for submissions by 31 January, 2016.** Following the release of the draft revision of the guideline on immunogenicity assessment of biotechnology-derived therapeutic proteins last October (EMA/CHMP/BMWP/14327/2006 Rev. 1), the call for consultation input is open until 31 January 2016. Comments should be provided via bmwp.secretariat@ema.europa.eu.
11. **Preannouncement- call opening January 2016 for JPIAMR:** ERAnet (the European Commission term for its Research & Innovation Projects) has a co-fund call for JPIAMR (Joint Programming Initiative on Antimicrobial Resistance) opening this month (January 2016). With over 20 participating countries, this fund is to support multidisciplinary research networks in collaborative and complementary studies that will unravel the complex dynamics of selection and transmission of antimicrobial resistance. The provisional timeline is below:



For more information, please go to this site: <http://www.jpiamr.eu/activities/joint-calls/3rd-joint-call-transmission-dynamics/>

12. **“How Brussels Works” – a two day conference will run from 17 – 18 March in Brussels** will explore the latest developments in the EU Political Process and the future of Lobbying: <http://conferences.quadrige.eu/en/publicaffairs>

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