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Summary

Are you...

- Undergraduate student: 0 (0%)
- Graduate student: 52 (45.6%)
- Postdoc: 62 (54.4%)

What would you like to see at future spring meetings?

- Scientific career session: 66 (57.9%)
- Experimental masterclasses: 54 (47.4%)
- 'Obtaining a Fellowship' session: 64 (56.1%)
- Formal networking events: 33 (28.9%)
- Roundtable discussion with lunch: 24 (21.1%)
- Short TED style talks on soft skills (e.g. fundraising or public engagement): 38 (33.3%)
- Writing masterclasses: 24 (21.1%)
- Mentoring sessions: 32 (28.1%)
- Science breakfasts (informal breakfasts between leading scientists and small groups of students and postdocs): 57 (50%)
- Lab tours within the University of Warwick: 13 (11.4%)
- Meetings with previous prize winners: 19 (16.7%)
- Other: 3 (2.6%)
What social events would you like to see at the spring meeting?

- Pubquiz: 58 (51.3%)
- Informal drinks: 80 (70.8%)
- Scavenger hunt: 20 (17.7%)
- Hike on arrival or departure day: 39 (34.5%)
- Karaoke/open mic event: 16 (14.2%)
- Themed party: 24 (21.2%)
- Other: 3 (2.7%)

How would you like to contribute to future spring meetings?

- Chair a session: 19 (16.7%)
- Provide mentoring: 8 (7%)
- Present at a session (e.g. experimental masterclasses, careers sessions etc): 13 (11.4%)
- Interested but are unable to commit at this time: 69 (60.5%)
- Not interested: 24 (21.1%)
- Other: 1 (0.9%)

Would you like to see any further meetings throughout the year?
How would prefer to receive communication with the BSDB?

Which social media platform(s) do you use to find scientific/career related information?

Facebook 44 38.6%
Twitter 24 21.1%
Linkedin 22 19.3%
The Node 31 27.2%
BSDB website 53 46.5%
Instagram 2 1.8%
Snapchat 1 0.9%
Pinterest 1 0.9%
Round robin emails 68 59.6%
Other 10 8.8%
Would you be interested in having a postdoc prize?

Yes 88 80.7%
No 21 19.3%

Any other suggestions?

Setting up either long term mentorship relationships or peer groups that self mentor might be a great way for the BSDB to promote long term career support within the Developmental biology community.

Since the number of posters is usually very high at the meeting I found it difficult to be able to look at all the one I was interested in the short poster session time. I think it would be better to have long poster session in the evenings with drinks. This would give more time to everyone to look around posters and also it will be a good way to engage scientific conversations with other delegates.

Great society!

Keep up the amazing work! BSDB is a very vibrant community that is highly regarded both internally and externally due to both the quality of the work that its members produce but also because of how approachable and engaging they are.

Further integration with existing young researcher groups such as the Young Embryologist Network in London, and the Theory of Living Matter group in Cambridge.

Increased sessions/days/events aimed at exploring career opportunities beyond academia would be a great idea. I really think a lot of PHD students and postdocs would benefit from more exposure to what else they can do if their academic career does not take off!

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