

SynBIC January Summary Report

February 12, 2018

Progress Summary

Summary Statistics 2017-2018:

- 307 Facebook Followers
- 264 Twitter followers
- 390 subscriptions on our mailing list
- 38 registered members

Scheduled Activities

Description	Cost	Costs claimed	Total costs for all sessions	Comments
SynBIC Seminar Series: We have hosted 2 seminars so far this term, and have schedule another 3 seminars for the rest of term. Seminars introduce undergraduate students to the exciting areas of focus in synthetic biology. We expect ~50 people per seminar and provide pizza and drinks for each seminar. To minimise cost we run these seminars on Tuesdays to take advantage of a 2-for-1 deal at Domino's Pizza. We budget £100 for pizza per event (£1.80 per attendee) and £50 for drinks (£1 per attendee).	£150/session	£300	£750	Ideally, we would like to keep these educational seminars free of charge for members. Our plan for 2018-2019 is to charge non-members a small fee of £2 per seminar, in order to encourage students to register as members of the society.
iGEM information session: This event provided the opportunity for students to learn more about the iGEM competition and how to apply	£0.0	£0.0	£0.0	
Synapse Event (May 2018): Co-hosted event with Danish Life Sciences group, Synapse-Connect.*	£300 (lunch)	£0.0	£300	

* The **Synapse Event** will be running for its third year, after a fantastic gathering in April 2017. This year, it will be taking place on May 3, and we have put together the following line-up:

***SESSION 1* 9-10:30am** – “What is your business strategy?” with Enterprise Lab, SynBiCITE, RebelBio, Imperial Innovations, Venture Catalyst Investor

***BREAK* 10:30-11am tea + biscuits**

***SESSION 2* 11-12pm** – Talks from 3-4 start-ups (10min presentation + Q&A)

***LUNCH* 12-1:30pm in campus**

Activities in the Pipeline

Description	Cost	Costs claimed	Total Costs	
<p>Panel Discussions (catering): As our final year event, we are planning on holding a panel discussion + networking event afterwards. This will be free of charge for members, and £3 for non-members. We bring in high profile speakers/researchers and have an open discussion and Q&A session. We expect 50 people to attend. Imperial catering for 50 people has a cost of £250</p>	£250.0	£0.0	£250	
<p>SynBIC Pint of Science This event is a more casual event with synbio speakers invited to talk about their wider experience and anecdotes in research, followed by a synbio quiz. This event is organized in a pub venue (£150 booking fee)</p>	£150	£0.0	£150	We currently have no funding for this and thus are considering charging a small fee to cover costs.

Concerns/Questions to Raise at RCSU meeting:

- We have not been able to resolve the sponsorship situation with the Union yet, so our accounts (to my understanding) are still in the red. We are however chasing the Union up so that they confirm what documents are currently outstanding so that this is resolved as soon as possible
- The Centre for Synthetic Biology has confirmed that there is no available funding for running the iGEM competition this year. Does the department of Life Sciences have any available funding (maybe put aside to run FoNS-MAD or similar) that we may be able to request to assemble a team and compete this year?