

Membrane Proteins From A to Z: Symposium around the life and work of Prof Baldwin

The Funding

Ibrahim Yaseen (University of Sheffield) and Arthur Neuberger (University of Cambridge) are both PhD students.

They requested CBMNet funding to support their attendance at the 'Membrane Proteins, from A to Z' Symposium to present posters on their work.

The funding requested would also support networking with colleagues from different backgrounds and specialisations within the frame of the CBMNet remit.

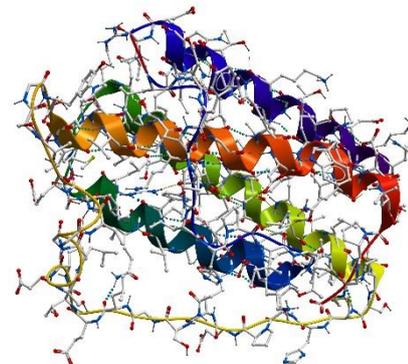
The funding covered the cost of event registration, accommodation and travel for both students.

The Event

The 'Membrane Proteins, from A to Z' symposium was held in commemoration of one of the most influential scientists in the field of membrane protein biochemistry, Prof Stephen Baldwin, who sadly passed away in 2014.

Leading scientists in the field (including Nobel Laureate Prof Sir John Walker) as well as early career researchers from all around the world presented their work to an audience that covered people at every possible stage of a their scientific career.

Talks covered mammalian, plant and bacterial membrane proteins, and functional as well as structural work was presented. Some talks (Dafforn and Rothnie *inter alia*) covered methodological advances that were of greatest interest to the audience.



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The Outcomes

Both students thoroughly enjoyed the symposium. Several poster sessions throughout both days gave the students opportunities for discussions and scientific exchange.

In particular their attendance at the symposium allowed both students to:

- Communicate with academics and industrialists in the poster sessions
- Share knowledge and develop new fundamental approaches to progress their current research
- Investigate for the current technologies that are recruited for the advancement of the related research
- Initiate dialogue with other research groups that might have similar and compatible interests
- Discuss the most likely postdoc to pursue in the future

In addition, Arthur Neuberger had the chance to attract a young researcher to join CBMNet who was planning to move into more biotechnologically applied areas of membrane protein research. He was looking for collaboration and funding opportunities.

The Future

Both students are hoping to use the knowledge they gained at the symposium to further their PhD studies.

They also both hope to pursue the contacts they made at the event to explore future career opportunities.

"I would like to thank CBMNet for the great opportunity to attend and be part of this rather extraordinary meeting."

Arthur Neuberger

"Attending and contributing to this symposium was highly successful. It gave me the opportunity to communicate and share knowledge with the top academics and industrial attendees in this event."

Ibrahim Yaseen

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