



# **HUCBMS 2025**

## **Programme**

**2-3 September 2025**

**Birmingham City University**

**Tuesday 2 September (pm)**

**Registration and refreshments from 12.00**

### **Session 1**

#### **Welcome**

**14.00 Professor Maxine Lintern, Dean of Research, Enterprise and Engagement, Birmingham City University  
and Professor Victor Gault, President of HUCBMS**

Chair: Professor Gerry McKenna, President Emeritus & Hon Executive Secretary,  
HUCBMS

**14.15 Professor Michael Shattock, University College London**

***'Future scenarios for UK higher education'***

**15.00 Coffee Break**

Chairs: Dr Ian Locke, Dr Claire Wynne, and Dr Karen Stanley

**15.30 Professor Phil Newton, Director of Learning and Teaching, Swansea University Medical School**

***The AI Future – are you prepared?***

**16.05 Professor Emmanuel Adukwu, Deputy Head of Department, Applied Sciences, University of West of England**

***‘Minoritised Life Scientists Future Forum - aims and priorities’***

**16:45 Dr Sue Jones, Executive Head of Education, Institute of Biomedical Science**

***‘IBMS Education and Training Priorities and Updates’***

**17.30 AGM**

**19.30 Social event**

**Wed 3 September (am)**

Chairs: Ms Tahmina Hussain and Dr Lowri Mainwaring

**09.30 Dr Mark Kelly, Policy Advisor for Education for Sustainable Development, HEA Ireland.**

***‘Embedding sustainability within teaching and learning’***

**10.10 Dr James Barnett, Birmingham City University**

***‘Biomedical Sciences at BCU - our journey so far’***

**10.50 Coffee Break**

Chairs: Professor Esther Bell and Dr Simon Fox

**11.20 Professor Tina Ramkalawan, Director of the Graduate School and  
Reader at Brunel University London and Vice Chair, UKCGE**

***‘Challenges for UK Graduate Education’***

**12.00 President’s Medal Presentation to David Wells, Chief Executive,  
IBMS**

***‘Future Challenges and Opportunities for the IBMS profession’***

**12.40 Lunch**

**Wed 3 September (pm)**

Chair: Professor Jacqueline McCormack

**14.00 Professor Nor Fadilah Rajab, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia**

**Video Presentation**

***‘The Development of Biomedical Sciences in Malaysia’***

Chair: Dr Jonathan Fletcher

**14.30 *‘Short presentations from HUCBMS members on innovations in  
teaching and learning, research and knowledge exchange within their  
schools/departments’***

**15.30 Coffee Break**

Chair: Dr Lynne Lawrance

**16.00 *‘Short presentations from HUCBMS members on innovations in teaching  
and learning, research and knowledge exchange within their  
schools/departments (continued)’***

**16.50 Dr Sheri Scott, Nottingham Trent University**  
***‘Arrangements for HUCBMS 2026’***

**17.00 Professor Victor Gault, President of HUCBMS**  
***‘Concluding Remarks’***

**19.00 Conference Dinner**

### **Notes for Delegates**

**Registration is from 12:00 on Tuesday 2nd September.**

The Conference will be held at the University’s City South Campus, in the leafy Edgbaston district of Birmingham. A conference dinner will be held on the evening of Sept 3rd at The High Field, just a short walk from the conference venue.

For delegates arriving on Sept 2nd, there will be an optional social event in the evening. This year that will include pizza and a “pint” in the Social Kitchen on our campus, with music provided by students from the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire. You are invited to participate in an escape room style activity, and a caricaturist will be in residence to capture the evening. This would be an additional cost of £30 per person. Please indicate if you would like to add this activity when registering for the conference.

**For details of Registration and accommodation, see:**

**<https://www.bcu.ac.uk/news-events/heads-of-university-centres-of-biomedical-sciences-conference-2025>**