



## Network Opportunities for Sharing – March 2016

**The European Patent Office (EPO) is offering:**

- A range of Open Access learning podcasts, lectures and modules on searching for patents, applying for a patent, patent law & practice, intellectual property in business. Find out more via [this link](#).
- An event 'Search Matters' for patent search professionals in business, academia and IP firms on 8-10 June 2016 in The Hague. This is an annual event showcasing the EPO's patent search strategies and techniques. More information can be found [here](#).
- A Forum on Asian patent information from 21- 22 April 2016. "[East meets West](#)" is an annual forum for patent information users around the world to discuss their Asian patent information needs.

**FEMS regularly posts international job vacancies related to microbiology, as well as offering projects for volunteers.** Positions posted this month are:

- [Tenure Track Assistant Professor towards Associate Professor in Microbiology](#) at the Department of Fundamental Microbiology at the University of Lausanne, Switzerland (UNIL).
- [7 PhD student positions](#) in the Doctoral Programme on Water Resource Systems at the Vienna University of Technology
- [15 PhD student positions](#): On behalf of a number of top institutes throughout Europe, New Diagnostics for Infectious Diseases (ND4ID) is seeking to hire 15 PhD students to receive an extensive network-wide training bridging the clinical, biotechnological and technical aspects of diagnostic development

To see links to all currently advertised vacancies please click [here](#). To advertise a job via FEMS, please contact [carianne.buurmeijer@fems-microbiology.org](mailto:carianne.buurmeijer@fems-microbiology.org).

**The European Medicines Agency is seeking closer working relationships with academia** to explore opportunities around generating new medicines that meet regulatory standards, and to improve overall understanding of / collaboration within the regulatory environment. To this end, it is initiating a consultation process and in the first instance, interested parties are invited to connect by providing views and information via a [10 – 15 minute survey](#) before 15 April 2016. The EMA is also contactable via [Academia-consultation@ema.europa.eu](mailto:Academia-consultation@ema.europa.eu) | [www.ema.europa.eu](http://www.ema.europa.eu).



**Learn about the 'Circular Economy'** in this [7-week introductory online course](#). The Circular Economy has a number of relevancies to microbiology in areas such as waste disposal, bioremediation, and the biomining of rare earths. The course explains how businesses can create value by reusing and recycling products, how designers can come up with solutions, and how anyone can contribute to make the Circular Economy happen. The course is led by TU Delft, co-created with the Ellen MacArthur Foundation and the Leiden-Delft-Erasmus Centre for Sustainability, and hosted by [edx](#), an online learning destination and MOOC provider for learners everywhere. The recommended study time is 3 – 6 hours per week.

**A common discussion platform for people in the FEMS Network?** LinkedIn has [206 groups with 'Microbiology' in the title](#) and there are even more microbiology groups on [Facebook](#). What would you like to see? Are you on [Mendeley, Colwiz](#) - or which platform do you prefer? Please pass any views on this to your Communications Network representative (see attached list) before the first Communications Network event on March 18. If you or your Member Society is not yet involved but would like to join this Network, please contact [lindsay.uittenbogaard@fems-microbiology.org](mailto:lindsay.uittenbogaard@fems-microbiology.org).



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**FEMS and Oxford University Press (OUP) have teamed up to offer a €1,000 award** plus special marketing attention for the best MiniReview accepted by *FEMS Microbiology Letters* in 2016. [The award](#) particularly recognizes the importance of collaborative work in both multidisciplinary research and the knowledge development process. Multi-authored reviews are encouraged.

**Did you know that as a member of a [Member Society in the Network](#), you can enjoy these benefits:**

- [Participate in cross-Society projects and networks](#)
- Eligibility to apply for [FEMS Grants](#) to cover the costs of organizing meetings, travelling to meetings, undertaking short-term research in another part of Europe
- Discount off [FEMS Congress](#) registration fees
- 25% discount on all [OUP books](#)

**If you have an opportunity you'd like to be shared  
across the Network, please get in contact.**