

British Society for Immunology ("BSI")

Forum

Purpose: The Forum is the BSI's 'think tank' and the place where the issues and ideas that are of importance to the Society and its members are raised, discussed and developed. The Forum develops ideas and proposals for the consideration of the Board of Trustees. Members are expected to:

- Attend Forum meetings
- Be forward thinking, proactive and participatory
- Be respectful of the views and concerns of fellow Forum members
- Be familiar with current trends and issues of relevance to the Society
- Be willing and able to engage with members of the Immunological community in order to glean and disseminate information
- Consider issues pertinent to the many diverse interests of the Society's members
- Support and promote the strategic aims of the Society
- Encourage membership of the Society
- Be prepared to lead or take part in small working groups as appropriate

Composition:

- Chair of Forum
- President
- Education Secretary
- Public Engagement Secretary
- BSI Chief Executive (ex officio)
- Other elected members, representing sectors of the membership, including but not limited to:
 - One regional representatives – Scotland;
 - One regional representatives – England;
 - One regional representative – Wales;
 - One regional representative – Northern Ireland;
 - Up to three early career representatives;
 - Two clinical representatives
 - One industry representative
 - One veterinary representative
 - One policy representative; and
 - Two PhD representatives.
 - Representatives of other societies or sectors and other individuals as may be determined and appointed by the Forum from time to time (including Animal Sciences Group).

Duration of service: Forum members are elected from the membership, by the membership, following open calls for vacant positions. An elected member shall serve on the Forum for a single term of four years. If he or she has served a term as a member of the Forum he or she must take a break and may not serve again as a member of the Forum until two years have elapsed.

Once elected the Chair of the Forum shall automatically serve as a Trustee ex officio. The term of office for the Chair of the Forum shall be four years in line with other Trustees.

Meetings: The Forum will hold face-to-face meetings at least three times a year. Additional correspondence will be carried out between meetings via email and telephone as appropriate.

Members who do not attend for three consecutive meetings will be asked to leave the committee.

Reporting: The Forum reports to the Board of Trustees via the Chair of Forum.