

SynBioStandards Network

**** MAY 2010 NEWSFLASH ****



A round-up of news items and events that may be of interest to Network members:

NETWORK NEWS

Tom Ellis is looking for a research associate to join his lab at Imperial College's Centre for Synthetic Biology and Innovation (CSynBI). This is a 3-year position, with salary £30,520–£33,080 per annum. The lab is just starting up, but will be researching both foundational and applied synthetic biology. The position is not attached to a specific project, so this is a great opportunity for the successful applicant to help determine the direction of their own research. More details about the [Ellis lab](#) and the [research position](#) are available online. Please apply before 1st June 2010.

On 13 April, Network members Jim Haseloff and Joyce Tait took part in a [panel debate on synthetic biology](#) as part of the Edinburgh International Science Festival. They were also interviewed for the BBC Radio 4 programme '[Material World](#).'

Fancy putting those creative talents to use? Bio:Fiction is an international short fiction, documentary and animation film competition focused on synthetic biology. The deadline for submitting your film is 15 July 2010, more information available on the [Bio:Fiction website](#).

FOR YOUR READING PLEASURE...

- The May 2010 issue of [Nucleic Acids Research](#) has a special focus on synthetic biology...and a front cover that may be familiar to many of you!
- In late March, a US District Court in New York made a [landmark ruling](#) that invalidates some of Myriad Genetics' patents on the *BRCA1* & *BRCA2* genes. Might this have longer-term implications for the field of synthetic biology?

COMING UP...

1 June: Application deadline for the advertised position in Tom Ellis' laboratory

12-13 June: [iGEM 2010 teachers' workshop](#) (Evry (Paris), France)

14-15 June: Second International Workshop on Bio-Design Automation (Anaheim, CA)

12-14 July: Second RoSBNet network meeting (Oxford)

15 July: Deadline for submitting films to the Bio:Fiction competition

If you would like to publicise an event, article, funding opportunity, etc. in the next Network newsletter, just email details to emma.frow@ed.ac.uk.