Dear UBMA members,

This is my first UBMA newsletter as communications officer. If I didn't have the opportunity to meet you at the UBMA conference then you can read more about me on the UBMA website and I hope to meet you at the next conference!

This first newsletter is attached to the email as a pdf, apologies for this - there are still a few technical issues I need to overcome to be able to get the information into a direct email format.

In today's newsletter:

A brief review of the 2025 UBMA conference
A request for you to complete a questionnaire to help shape our communications strategy

Updates on UBMA's Technician commitment action plan &, because of our corporate affiliation, details of the IST conference

A reminder to please follow us on LinkedIn and share our posts, lots of useful content will be posted there in-between newsletters.

Hope you are having (and continue to have) a good summer,

James Fox (Communications Officer)

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UBMA Conference review

The 42nd UBMA Annual Conference took place at Harper Adams University between 9th to 11th April, organised by the UBMA chair Victoria Talbot.

The programme included various talks on a variety of subjects, facility tours, opportunities to network and socialise with fellow attendees and speak to the conference sponsors to hear about the latest innovations from lab supply companies.

Some post conference feedback was: "the range of tours and speakers felt very comprehensive and relevant"; "Meeting people working in similar fields, finding out about other facilities, interesting and insightful talks that stimulated new ideas"; "That the UBMA is still growing with new members and is still very useful for connections and seeing how other Universities and Institutions do things"; "renewed enthusiasm for my role and ideas I can adapt for my organisation".

(42nd UBMA conference attendees at The Iron Bridge, Ironbridge)

Planning for the 43rd UBMA conference is already underway, it will be hosted by Tony Dickson at the University of Lancashire, please keep an eye out for communications later in the year!

UBMA communications survey

We would like your feedback on UBMA communications and for you to tell us what you want to hear about, how you want to hear from us and how frequently that should be?

To facilitate this, we kindly ask you to complete this survey, we don't expect it to take long and any feedback you can give us will be really useful. The link should take you to a google form (which may also be new software to you?!)

We will summarise and present feedback in forthcoming newsletters

Technician Commitment

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31st May marked the 8th Anniversary of the Technician Commitment. UBMA became a supporter and we are in the process of developing our action plan to contribute to the pillars of visibility, recognition, career development & sustainability.

If you have any suggestions, please contact the UBMA committee: secretary@ubma.org.uk

2025 IST conference 18th September 2025, University of Birmingham

UBMA has Corporate Affiliation to the IST, which is the professional body for specialist, technical and managerial staff. This years conference theme is: Innovating and Evolving in a Changing Landscape.

Bookings are open for the Institute of Science & Technology (IST) conference at the University of Birmingham on Thursday 18th September 2025!

There are some excellent keynote speakers to hear from, a huge variety of workshops to attend and the opportunity to network with other technical professionals from a wide variety of backgrounds.

Register here: https://buytickets.at/ist/1653314

Conference Information: https://istonline.org.uk/technical-conference-2025/

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