



Biochemical Society Conference 2012

Professor Jameel Inal, Sheelagh Heugh and Dr Una Fairbrother hosted a two day Biochemical Society sponsored conference 'Microvesiculation and disease' between 13th-14th September 2012. Both days were packed with talks from a number of notable research leaders in the microvesicles field from prestigious institutions all over the world. The event, was attended by 60 delegates, of whom, according to the Biochemical Society, 96% were pleased with the meeting, rating it 4 or 5 (on a scale out of 5); the biochemical society itself praised the excellence of the scientific programme and the meeting itself.

As a result of 'Microvesiculation and Disease,' Professor Inal says that a new reference text in the field will be written. Furthermore, volume 40, pt 5 of *Biochem. Soc. Trans.*, will be dedicated to the meeting and contain articles by all the main speakers. This was probably the second only meeting on microvesicles in the UK and follows only 5 months after the inaugural meeting in Gothenburg of the International Society of Extracellular Vesicles. This is an exciting new area of biomedicine with important applications in cancer therapy, autoimmune and infectious disease. To cap the exciting two days, Samireh Jorfi of CMIRC won best poster for her work on 'The role of microvesiculation in determining the sensitivity of cancer cells to chemotherapeutic drugs.' This field may still be in its infancy, but it is becoming fast moving and we can expect exciting new advances in the next few years.

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