



British Mycological
Society promoting fungal science

Vacancies

Members of BMS Council

The following posts on Council are available from 1st January 2025

- Vice President
- President-Elect
- Chair of Publications Committee
- Chair of Field Mycology and Conservation Committee
- International Advisor
- Council Member

These vacancies offer an opportunity to get involved with the Society, to enable the Society to grow and thrive and achieve our mission of promoting fungal science internationally. We are looking for people willing to bring energy, enthusiasm and commitment to the role, and who will broaden the diversity of thinking on our Council. You do not need previous governance experience – we will fully support those who suit the roles but who may have limited or no experience as charity Trustees.

Personal skills and qualities:

- Willingness and ability to understand and accept their responsibilities and liabilities as trustees and to act in the best interests of the organisation.
- Ability to think creatively and strategically, exercise good, independent judgement and work effectively as a board member.
- Effective communication skills and willingness to participate actively in discussion.
- A strong personal commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion.
- Enthusiasm for our mission and objectives
- Commitment to [Nolan's seven principles of public life](#): selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership.

The [Council](#) is the governing body for the Society, ensuring compliance with the [Constitution](#), developing the [strategy](#), and ensuring resources are used effectively to deliver the Society's [mission and objectives](#). The Council works closely with the Executive Officer and other staff of the [BMS Office](#). All members of BMS Council are Trustees of the Society.

Role outlines

Vice President

The Vice-President contributes towards effective operation of the Society. The post-holder will have been chosen to provide balance within Council between fungal biology research and field mycology interests, which represent the two major constituencies of the Society. The activities associated with the role of Vice-President include:

- To work closely with the President, Executive Officer, Council and membership to support the achievement of strategic objectives.
- To participate in meetings of the Field Mycology and Conservation Committee as a representative of Council.
- To attend Council meetings (held twice a year) and lead on relevant actions arising from such meetings.

- To have oversight of the BMS strategy. Ensure and support delivery of Vice-President -specific aims and engage with future strategic reviews.
- To provide cover as chair of General Meetings in the absence of the President.
- To serve as a panel member for the review and assessment of BMS grant and award schemes, as required.

Term of office: 3 years

President-Elect

The President-Elect will participate in Council meetings in the year prior to taking up the role of President and will have a hand-over meeting with the current President. Both activities will help inform the incoming President of the current activities and strategic goals of the Society. Term of office: 1 year

Chair of the Publications Committee

Activities associated with being chair of the Publication committee include:

- To have oversight including performance of all BMS journals (currently Fungal Biology, Fungal Ecology, Fungal Interactions, Fungal Biology Reviews, Field Mycology)
- To be the main point of contact with the publisher and with the Editors-in-Chief (EiCs) of individual journals.
- To convene meetings of the Publications Committee to ensure and support delivery of the publication strategy of the BMS, and to engage with future strategic reviews.
- To attend meetings of the Fungal Biology Research Committee and interact with the publisher on potential sponsorship for conferences / conference sessions / awards.
- To represent the Publications Committee at Council meetings (held twice a year); to channel communications from the publisher to Council and from Council/EiCs to the publisher; to communicate journal-related issues and journal performance to Council; to lead on relevant actions arising from Council meetings.
- To have financial oversight of journal revenues from the publisher and action as appropriate.
- To oversee contracts with the publisher and initiate contract renewal/tender process when due.

Term of office: 5 years

Chair of the Field Mycology and Conservation Committee

The remit of the Field Mycology and Conservation Committee can be seen [here](#). Activities associated with the role of Chair of this committee include:

- To chair at least two FMC Committee meetings per year. These meetings are scheduled prior to the BMS Council meetings so that reports and any actions can be brought to Council.
- To represent the FMC Committee at Council meetings (held twice a year) and lead on relevant actions arising from such meetings.
- To have oversight of the BMS strategy. Ensure and support delivery of FMC Committee-specific aims with help from the Committee members, and engage with future strategic reviews.
- To have oversight of FMC Committee composition. With the help of Committee members, identify skills and experience needed within the Committee, and ensure Committee posts are advertised and filled as and when necessary. Secure succession of the Committee Chair.

It is important to note that although there are certain tasks associated with this position, we do not want the roles and remit of the Committee and Chair to be overly prescriptive and would encourage members to bring their own ideas and work to their particular strengths. Term of office: 3 years

International Advisor

Activities associated with the position of International Advisor include:

- To have oversight of the activities of international mycology-based societies and identify international networking opportunities for all members among existing and new communities.
- To be the BMS representative on the Federation of European Microbiology Societies (FEMS). BMS is a FEMS Member Society; the International Advisor will attend FEMS council meetings and promote FEMS activities and opportunities to the BMS membership.
- To be the BMS representative on the International Mycological Association (IMA). The BMS is a Sustaining Member Mycological Organization of the IMA. The International Advisor will represent the BMS on the IMA Executive Board and lead the co-ordination of BMS-sponsored activities at the International Mycological Congress (held every 4 years).
- To attend BMS Council meetings (held twice a year) to report on international activities and opportunities, and lead on relevant actions arising from such meetings.
- To have oversight of the BMS strategy. Ensure and support delivery of aims linked to international activities and engage with future strategic reviews.

Term of office: 3 years

Council Member

The two 'open' Council posts were created under the recently updated Constitution to enable good representation of the broad range of interests and experiences of the BMS membership within the Council. We are keen to widen the range of perspectives represented on the Council and would like to increase diversity, so particularly welcome nominations that meet this aim. Activities associated with being a Council member include:

- To attend Council meetings (twice a year) and lead on relevant actions arising from such meetings.
- To have oversight of the BMS strategy, and support delivery of specific aims that relate to specific interests and experience. Engage with and shape future strategic reviews.

Term of office: 3 years
