



# Get involved. Shape the future.

Support your profession  
through IBMS  
membership groups

IBMS membership groups are at the heart of what we do. From developing policy and advising on best practice, to shaping professional standards and expanding our scientific voice — they help drive progress in every area of biomedical science.

As a member, you have the experience and insight we need. Whether you're passionate about regional professional matters, education, specialist training, equality and inclusion, or professional standards, there's a Region, Branch or Discussion Group for you to contribute to.

## Why get involved?

**Membership groups give you the opportunity to:**

- Influence IBMS strategy and guidance
- Support scientific and professional development in your area
- Build networks with fellow biomedical scientists across the UK
- Gain CPD while helping shape the future of your profession

# What do our regional groups do?



## Branches and Regions in action

IBMS regional groups are your local professional network. They organise scientific and social events, offer local support, and act as a voice for members at national level.

**Each Branch and Region is run by dedicated volunteers who help:**

- Organise CPD-accredited events such as scientific talks, study days, and member meetups
- Promote the profession to students, early career scientists and the public
- Provide local input into IBMS policy and campaigns
- Support the development of new Branches where none currently exist

## Starting or reviving a Branch

If you live in an area without an active Branch, we'll support you to get one started. Your Regional Committee or Council Member can help you set up, connect you with fellow members, and attend early meetings.

*"If you want to get a local branch started, the IBMS can offer all the information and support you need. You'll get guidance from your Regional Committee and help arranging representation at regional meetings."*

— **Michelle Brereton,**  
IBMS Manchester Branch

# Step up. Stand out. Join our Council



## Become a leader in your profession

IBMS Council is made up of members elected by their peers to represent professional and regional interests. It's the Institute's governing body — responsible for setting strategic direction, overseeing progress, and ensuring members' voices are heard.

As part of their role, Council members also act as Trustees for the Institute, safeguarding its mission, ensuring good governance, and making decisions in the best interests of both the organisation and the profession.

## Council members:

- ◆ Champion the interests of biomedical scientists
- ◆ Represent specialist areas and regions
- ◆ Help shape IBMS policy, standards, and strategy
- ◆ Promote the Institute's charitable mission and accountability

**If you want to lead the profession forward, we encourage you to stand for Council.**

*"One of the proudest moments of my career is becoming a Council member. I feel honoured to represent biomedical scientists and shape the future of the profession."*

**— Zonya Jeffrey,**  
Council Member & Training Officer,  
Manchester University NHS FT

# Get started



## Find your place. Make your mark.

Whether you're new to the profession or a senior scientist, your voice matters. There's a place for you in our membership groups — and we're here to help you get involved.

- **Explore our groups:** Find the Branch, Region or Discussion Group that fits your interests
- **Attend an event:** Join a talk, study day, or local meeting — a great way to connect
- **Start a conversation:** Reach out to your Regional Committee or Council Member
- **Take the next step:** Express interest in Council and stand for election

*"Being a Region or Branch member is a chance to take part in discussions and activities, build relationships, do CPD, influence the IBMS — and give something back to the profession."*

— **Sue Alexander**,  
London Region Treasurer & Head of  
Core Pathology, Royal Marsden Hospital

### Useful links

- **IBMS Membership Groups:**  
[ibms.org/membership-groups](https://ibms.org/membership-groups)
- **IBMS Council:**  
[ibms.org/council](https://ibms.org/council)



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