

British Phycological Society

Algae Outreach Committee Report: Gill Malin Winter Meeting January 5th 2022

The remit of the Algal Applications Committee covers all aspects of applied phycology from biotechnology through to the use of algae as bioindicators and the production of algal biomass for *inter alia* biofuels, food, feed, nutritional supplements, and various high value products.

The general subject area of Applied Phycology seems to be continuing to gain momentum – the programme for the BPS annual meeting reflects this very well with sessions on Sustainable Food Systems and Blue Carbon. BPS welcomes Corporate Members and information can be found on the website <https://brphycsoc.org/corporate-membership/>. The BPS membership also benefits from Annual Meeting support kindly provided by various algae-related businesses e.g. this meeting has had support from Barti, Membranology (a spin out company of Swansea University), VariconAqua, and the BBSRC network Algae-UK, and Taylor & Francis who publish the BPS journals. We thank them all for their support!

Given that the overall aim is to foster stronger connections between the BPS and the commercial companies, public agencies and regulatory bodies that use or consider algae in their work, we welcome your ideas and suggestions for working together at any time. For example this could range from a suggestion for a special session at a future BPS Annual Meeting, a one-off meeting focussed on an applied phycology topic or an event that would inspire and help with the training of the next generation of applied phycologists from amongst the BPS Student Membership.

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