

Microbiology Society role description for Infection Science Representative-Elect

1. About our work in infection science

Following on from the work carried out to date at the Microbiology Society by the clinical and health-related microbiology working group, the [Building Communities Committee](#) has identified clinical and health-related microbiology and medical microbiology as a priority community for the Society.

Discussions are ongoing with Editors of the Society's *Journal of Medical Microbiology* to clarify how we define infection science, clinical, health-related and medical microbiology – with a view to being sure that going forward we are providing opportunities relevant to these communities – and how we can capitalise on opportunities through our conferences, events and journal content so that these activities better reflect the wider microbiology community.

In previous years the Microbiology Society has co-organised and routinely hosted the Federation of Infection Societies (FIS) annual conference alongside other societies and associations. Since 2025, the Microbiology Society has stepped down from its role as co-organiser but continues to participate in the conference by submitting sessions for inclusion in the programme.

2. About you

As Infection Science Representative-elect, starting in January 2026, you will support the Infection Science Representative, Joey Shepherd, in ensuring infection science is a focus across the Society's events and wider programmes. You will also ensure the Society is represented in the scientific programme at the FIS annual meeting (normally held at the end of November) and ensure synergy with the Society's own Annual Conference programme and broader strategic objectives.

3. Term in office

The Representative-elect will serve in office for two years commencing January 2026, then become Infection Science Representative from January 2028 to December 2029.

4. Duties

- To work with the Infection Science Representative to provide a breadth of relevant scientific content at the annual FIS meeting - ensuring the highest level of microbiological science, through fair and transparent processes, in line with the Society's policy on equality, diversity and inclusion.
- In collaboration with the Infection Science Representative, report to and provide advice and expertise to the Scientific Conferences Panel, which is responsible for overseeing the delivery of the scientific conferences programme to support the Microbiology Society's strategy.
- To ensure alignment and identify opportunities for synergy between other partner and

third-party conferences and the Microbiology Society's entire conferences and events programme and relevant journals portfolio.

- To ensure there is close collaboration with other committees and organisations on areas of common interest.
- To ensure relevant advice and recommendations are properly reported to the Scientific Conferences Panel.

5. Meeting schedule

The Infection Science Representative-elect will work with the Infection Science Representative and the Programme Development Manager to update the Scientific Conferences Panel either in person at panel meetings (held in February, June and October) or through written updates. In addition, they will transact any additional business between meetings by email and other communications to ensure sufficient reporting mechanisms.

6. Appointment process

The Infection Science Representative-elect will be sought from the membership by an open call for applications. Applications will be open from 10 March to 22 April 2025 and will be considered by an Appointments Panel, comprising selected members of the Society's governance structure. A recommendation will be put forward to the Society's Advisory Council and Trustee Board for a decision in July.

7. Expenses and support

The Society will support the Infection Science Representative-elect to attend relevant meetings and events by reimbursing expenses incurred in accordance with the Society's expenses policy.

The role will be heavily supported by:

- Programme Development Manager (a.price@microbiologysociety.org)
- Head of Scientific Programmes (a.monica@microbiologysociety.org)