

Society for Endocrinology - Media Release

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Sue Thorn awarded Fellowship of the Society of Biology and appointed Chair of its Membership, Marketing and Communications Committee

The Society for Endocrinology is pleased to announce that our Chief Executive, Sue Thorn, has been invited to become a Fellow of the Society of Biology and has been appointed Chair of its Membership, Marketing and Communications Committee. The Society of Biology is a new organisation, formed from the unification of the Biosciences Federation and Institute of Biology, to provide a single, unified voice for biology.

This prestigious appointment sees Sue take on the first term of leadership for one of the Society of Biology's two Principal Committees. As the leading professional body in biology, representing learned societies as well as individual members, the Society of Biology has recognised Sue's potential to provide first class membership initiatives to enable the biological community to work together to strengthen the biological sciences in the UK. The Membership, Marketing and Communications Committee will be responsible for:

- All Society of Biology publications (including the *Biologist* and *Journal of Biological Education*)
- External communications and media relations
- Overseeing the network and activities of Society for Biology Branches
- All membership schemes, including those for individual and organisational members
- Member communications

Sue's award of a Fellowship by the Society of Biology recognises her prominent contribution to the advancement of biological sciences over the past twenty years, achieved through her hard work and dedication at the Society of Endocrinology.

Sue Thorn said:

"I am extremely honoured to be awarded a Fellowship by the Society of Biology and to be asked to chair their Membership, Marketing and Communications Committee. This post comes with great responsibility and I aim to work with both organisational and individual members to support and develop first class services for both membership categories. I am looking forward to representing all members to advance a single unified voice for the biological community."

Society for Endocrinology Chairman, Prof Julia Buckingham, said:

"I am delighted that Sue has been awarded the Fellowship and been chosen to lead the Membership, Marketing and Communications Committee for the Society of Biology. These are exciting times in the world of biology where firm leadership and vision are needed to guide the organisation through its first years and Sue is the right person for this job. We now have a unique opportunity to enable great achievements for the biological community by providing a single, unified voice for biology.

"Since joining the Society for Endocrinology in 1991, Sue has proved an inspirational leader, expanding the organisation dramatically and establishing a world class society to support endocrinology and endocrinologists."

BioScientifica Chairman, Prof Steve Bloom said:

"I would like to offer my congratulations to Sue on her award of a Fellowship by the Society of Biology and her appointment as Chair of the Society's Membership, Marketing and Communications Committee. As those of you who are members of the Society for Endocrinology will know, Sue has been the driving force behind the success of BioScientifica. In addition to using BioScientifica to raise funds for the Society for Endocrinology, Sue and her team have provided services to many other societies, helping to promote endocrinology world-wide. "

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