

Student Forum 2011 Utrecht

Visions of our Profession

Overview

1. Situation in your country

2. Your expectations as a student

3. Other professions in BMS areas

1. Situation in your country

a) Do you have different steps in career progress as Biomedical Scientist?

NO (but Bachelor, PgD, Master, PhD or leading function, special responsibilities):

Austria, Belgium, Norway, Sweden, Netherlands

YES Portugal, Ireland

Career steps in Portugal

Technician Director

Coordinator Technician

First Class Specialist Technician

Specialist Technician

Principal Technician

First Class Technician

Second Class Technician

Career steps in Ireland

- 1. Staff/Basic Grade Medical Scientist
- 2. Senior Medical Scientist
- 3. Chief Medical Scientist
- 4. Laboratory Manager

Specialist Medical Scientist (Not in all laboratories)

1. Situation in your country

b) Are there Biomedical Scientists in your country with a master degree in Biomedical Science (or related fields)?

All Countries: YES

Working areas of Master BMS

Country	Routine / hospital laboratories		Others
Austria	YES	little experience so far	Research, industry, pharma, teaching postition Netherlands also: scientific journalist, policy department of government
Belgium		not common	
Netherlands		useful for progression in career	
Norway		very few jobs, not common	
Sweden		mostly in special fields	
Ireland		needed for progression in career	
Portugal		useful for progression in career	

c) Do you have master programmes in fields of BMS with the possibility to absolve modules or thesis abroad?

YES, also BMS specific masters: Ireland, Belgium, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden

NO

Portugal and Austria(not regulated - depending on institution)

2. Your expectations as a student

- a) Do you have expectations regarding your professional future in Biomedical Science?
- Secure job
- Possibility to progress in career (Master, PhD)
- CPD (continous professional development)
- Teaching
- Increased salary

b) Would you like to attend a master course in Biomedical Science (or related fields)?

YES

depending on job opportunities and personal situation

c) What about a European master? Would you like to do a European master?

YES

Depending on job opportunities, recognition and personal situation

Our expectations for an European Master

- Countries should be all coordinated
- One final recognised diploma
- Diploma supplement/degree award has to be valid in all participating Countries
- Equal standards to international Masters
- European professional licence to work at a national and European level

Personal and professional benefits of an European Master

- Increased knowledge
- Knowledge sharing
- Increased career opportunities + Curriculum Vitae
- Another point of view / new perspectives
- International contacts and relations
- Language skills

3. Other professions in BMS areas

a) Are there other professions in your country working in the same areas and doing same/similar job as Biomedical Scientists?

NO, not in routine/hospital labs: Belgium, Portugal, Sweden

YES, also in routine/hospital labs:
Austria, Ireland, Netherlands, Norway, (Sweden)

3. Other professions in BMS areas

Country	Professions	Tasks
Austria	Technicians , Biologists, Chemists	nearly same as BMS
Netherlands	Bachelors in Microbiology/Molecular Biology/Biochemistry	(nearly) same as BMS
Norway	Bachelors in Microbiology/Molecular Biology/Biochemistry, nurses, nurses aid	Taking blood samples, (nearly) same as BMS
Sweden	(Nurses and nurses aid, when lack of BMS)	Assistance in blood banks and in health centers
Ireland	Biochemists, clinical scientist, surveillance scientist	(nearly) same as BMS

