

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 5 PM ON TUESDAY, 16TH JUNE 2015

AGENDA ITEM 6: REPORT FROM THE COUNCIL

Membership

The Council were delighted to welcome the following new members in 2014:

Scientific and Technical Organisations (4)

Chemring Technology Solutions Ltd; GAIN; The Genetics Society; Lloyd's Register Foundation; Society for Underwater Technology

Commercial Members (11)

The Cosmetic, Toiletry and Perfumery Association Ltd; De La Rue International Ltd; First Group PLC; Food and Drink Federation; Network Rail; Novolytics Limited; OptiRisk Systems; Risk Solutions; S&C Electric Europe Ltd; Siemens Plc; Vitabiotics Limited

Universities (4)

Cardiff Metropolitan University; University of Derby; University of Essex; University of Huddersfield

Associates (1)

Rainbow Seed Fund

Recruitment has continued successfully in 2015, and we have welcomed the following:

Scientific and Technical Organisations (2)

East Midlands Engineering and Science Professionals; Radioactive Waste Management

Commercial Members (5)

AstraZeneca PLC; Cuadrilla Resources Limited; Novartis Vaccines; Oxitec Limited; Zapgocharger Ltd

University (1)

Durham University

Unfortunately during 2014 15 members (6 STOs, 4 Commercial members, 4 Universities and 1 Associate member) decided not to renew.

In 2015 we have lost 9 members (3 STOs and 6 Commercial members).

It is the Council's aim to continue to increase the Committee's membership and we would welcome assistance in this objective from existing members; please contact the secretariat with any suggestions for potential member companies and organisations.

Programme

The Committee's future programme of meetings is as follows:

Tuesday 14th July	5.30	Nanotechnology – Discussion Meeting
Tuesday 17th November		Annual Lunch: Sir Paul Nurse

Science in Parliament

The May/June issue of *Science in Parliament* was published at the beginning of June. The next issue will be published in September.

The Editorial board is very grateful to all those who support *Science in Parliament* by sponsoring covers and taking entries in the Directory – and to those who contribute articles and write up their talks for publication. Any member organisation which might be interested in celebrating a significant anniversary or a particular achievement by taking a cover in a future issue of the journal should get in touch with the secretariat.

There is also the possibility for member organisations of publishing *Science in Parliament* on their websites for their members at an annual fee of £50. Please contact the secretariat for further information.

SET for Britain

SET for Britain, the annual poster competition and exhibition for early-stage researchers was held in the Attlee Suite, Portcullis House on Monday 9th March 2015.

During the day over 70 Parliamentarians from both Houses of Parliament visited the Attlee Suite to view the posters (210 in all) and to meet their local early-career researchers. The competition was divided into three separate sessions: Biological and Biomedical Sciences; Physical Sciences (Chemistry and Physics); and Engineering and Mathematical Sciences. Judging panels for each category were formed of distinguished scientists and engineers from the Society of Biology, The Physiological Society, the Royal Society of Chemistry, the Royal Academy of Engineering, the Council for the Mathematical Sciences and the Institute of Physics.
