

RSC Wales e-News

Welcome to the RSC's latest e-News keeping you up to date with information from in and around Wales

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ASSEMBLY WATCH

Wales is hub for green industrial revolution

Wales' international position as a hub for cutting edge green technology was hit home when Environment, Sustainability and Housing Minister Jane Davidson, visited one of Europe's top clean tech firms based in Cardiff.

First Minister opens pioneering hydrogen demonstration centre

First Minister Rhodri Morgan has opened a pioneering hydrogen energy research and demonstration centre in Baglan Energy Park, Port Talbot.

USEFUL LINKS

Progress of Legislative Competence Orders (LCOs) and Measures:

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-legislation/bus-legislation-progress-lcos-measures.htm>

Find my Assembly Member:

<http://www.assemblywales.org/memhome/membr-search.htm>

Roles and Responsibilities in the Assembly:

<http://www.assemblywales.org/memhome/mem-role-response.htm>

For further details on any of the items listed above, please contact Leigh Jeffes; Email: jeffesl@rsc.org

AROUND THE UNIVERSITIES

ABERYSTWYTH

Wake-up call for TB



A new vaccine against TB is being developed by the Aeras Global TB Vaccine Foundation based on ground-breaking research at the Institute of Biological, Environmental and Rural Sciences, led by Professor Mike Young (pictured above).

First Minister Visit

First Minister Rhodri Morgan has visited the University to see some of the latest developments at IBERS and the Visualisation Centre.

CARDIFF

Praise for University's learning and teaching

The University has been praised by independent reviewers for its research-led teaching, its student involvement and its educational improvement strategies.

<http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/news/articles/praise-for-universitys-learning-and-teaching.html>

BANGOR

First Prize for Sarah

Bangor student Sarah Rugen-Hankey won first prize for her talk on "Unsymmetrical Phthalocyanines for Dye Sensitised Solar Cells".

<http://www.chemistry.bangor.ac.uk/news.php>

THE RSC AND THE ASSEMBLY

Chief Scientific Adviser Recommendations

Professor Chris Pollock's report on how the role and responsibilities of a permanent office of a Chief Scientific Adviser for Wales should work is now with the First Minister. The Welsh Assembly Government has told the RSC and other key stakeholders that it may expect to receive initial details of Professor Pollock's recommendations, together with the First Minister's response, before Christmas.

Assembly Cross-Party Group on Science and Technology



Good progress is being made with the establishment of the Group, and we are delighted that **Huw Lewis AM**, (pictured above) who is a former chemistry teacher, has agreed to be Chair.

Further information will be carried in the next issue of *RSC Wales e-News*

IN THE NEWS

Recent media items of interest

Search for young climate change champions

THE SEARCH is on for the next group of climate change champions for Wales.

http://www.schoolcouncilswales.org.uk/en/fe/page_ps.asp?n1=2&n2=5&n3=358&n4=473

Talks held on super-university

A UNIVERSITY has been in talks with rivals about a merger deal to create a "super-university" in West Wales. *Western Mail* 17 October

£70million package to turn academic expertise into business

A £70million plus investment package has been launched to boost the economy by unlocking the massive commercial potential of research and development in Welsh universities.

<http://new.wales.gov.uk/news/latest/081021academic/?lang=en>

EVENTS

Cardiff Scientific Society

Wednesday 26th November, 19.30,
School of Medicine, Large Chemistry Lecture
Theatre, Main Building, Cardiff University

Aspirin, Heart Disease, Stroke & Cancer: a Truly Miracle Drug

Professor Peter Elwood DSc MD FRCP FFFPHM

<http://www.cardiffscientificsociety.co.uk/>

Swansea Science Cafe

Wednesday, 26th November, 19:30, Dylan Thomas
Centre, Somerset Place, Swansea

The Case for Nuclear Energy

Dr John Lewis, Royal Society of Chemistry
Lecture

Cardiff University

Thursday, 27th November, 17.15 to 19.30, Bute
Building - Birt Acres Lecture Theatre

Bioknowledge Economy: New Challenges Between Myths and Reality

A lecture delivered by Professor Alain Pompidou,
President of the European Patent Office 2004-
2007

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