

Food Group Aims and Objectives

The Food Group exists to provide services to its members that are of interest and value to them. Principally, at the present, this involves organising meetings on subjects connected to Food Chemistry and promoting Food Chemistry wherever possible. Chemistry affects all aspects of food: production, distribution and consumption, and the Food Group seeks to inform its members working in all these areas.

The meetings are intended both to inform members on aspects of food chemistry and also to provide a forum for the debate of relevant issues. Networking is an overused phrase but under-exploited tool of members, particularly those in industry where R&D facilities are being slimmed down. While the internet has much to offer, the Group believes that face to face conversations are invaluable and our meetings provide an opportunity for networking with those of related interests. Increasingly these meetings are organised jointly with other organisations with whom our interests overlap. For several years now we have organised joint meetings with fellow chemical societies in Europe but similar collaborations are now developing in the UK with groups such as the SCI commodities group, the British Nutrition Foundation and the Royal Statistical Society. The Group sees this as the way forward to provide access to the latest developments for its members.

The Group contributes to RSC papers on issues related to Food Chemistry and to public briefing papers where appropriate. The food industry is one of the largest industries in the UK and the Food Group exists to provide its members with the information to develop in this vital industry.