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ANNUAL INTEREST GROUP REPORT FOR 2008

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INTEREST GROUP NAME or AD REGION NAME	NMR Discussion Group
Chairman	Timothy DW Claridge
Secretary	Stephen J Byard
Treasurer	Harry Parkes
Number of members on the committee	11
Editor, Newsletter (if applicable)	n/a
Submitted by	Timothy Claridge
Signed	
Date	23/2/2009

Please list below the dates of your proposed AGM and Committee Meetings for 2009 (where applicable).

Annual General Meeting 2009 (if being held)

Date: 16th December 2009 Venue: Institute of Child Health, London.

Proposed Committee Meetings 2009

Date: 30th January 2009 Venue: Royal Society Of Chemistry, Burlington House , London

Date: 17th July 2009 Venue: Royal Society Of Chemistry, Burlington House , London

FINAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2008

Please attach a copy of the financial report you have sent to the RSC Accounts Department

Deadline for receipt of Financial Accounts: **14th February 2009**

Deadline for receipt of Annual Report by members: **31st March 2009** (Annual Report can be posted on webpage if not sent to members individually)

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN 2008

Please report below on activities undertaken by the Group or AD Region in 2008. If you have more detailed information about any particularly successful events, or advice for other Groups and AD Regions, you may use a separate sheet. For more events continue as necessary.

	Date	Venue and number of participants	List of Speakers	How was event publicised (before and after meeting)?	How does meeting fit with RSC strategy / Awards Given?	Any other comments?
Event 1 Name: NMR Discussion Group Spring Meeting	3 rd /4 th Apr. 2008	The Department of Chemistry, University of Cambridge.	Lewis Kay (<i>Toronto</i>) Fred Allain (<i>ETH Zürich</i>) Marc Baldus (<i>Göttingen</i>) John Christodoulou (<i>UCL</i>) Peter Lukavsky (<i>MRC LMB Cambridge</i>) Thomas Peters (<i>Lübeck</i>) Dusan Uhrin (<i>Edinburgh</i>) Glyn Williams (<i>Astex, Cambridge</i>) Geoff Platt (<i>Leeds</i>) Christiane Riedinger (<i>Oxford</i>) Wolfgang Rieping (<i>Cambridge</i>) Jane Wagstaff (<i>Kent</i>) Chris Williams (<i>Bristol</i>) Richard Henderson (<i>MRC LMB</i>) Carol Robinson (<i>Cambridge</i>) Christiane Riedinger (<i>Oxford</i>)	Before RSC Grapevine E-mail alerts to NMR Discussion Group Distribution list and link to RSC/NMRDG website Notification to personal contacts of the committee members Note to potential sponsors After	This meeting was essentially focussed on molecular biology and addressed many different emerging areas of this broad discipline, including both application and technique development. Thus, the content was both directly and indirectly relevant to key aspects of the RSC strategy, in particular those relating to human health, as detailed in the Society Roadmap. The meeting attracted good sponsorship from industry and provided an excellent forum for interactions between academia and industry. Delegates and speakers from around the world were attracted to the meeting, thus promoting activities of the RSC and its sub-group.	This meeting was extremely successful, attracting in excess of 200 delegates. The high attendance is ascribed to a very attractive program which was established and advertised well in advance of the meeting, thorough organisation of accommodation and registration procedures and excellent location. The two-day format for a spring meeting, which is dedicated to a specific NMR related discipline, has shown to be attractive. The meeting represented excellent value with low registration fees, as a result of good sponsorship and anticipated high attendance.
Event 2 Name: NMR Discussion Group Post-graduate Meeting	19 th Jun. 2008	AstraZeneca, Charnwood, Loughbrough.	Denis Courtier-Murias (<i>University College, London</i>) Jevgenij Raskatov , (<i>University of Oxford</i>) Toby Athersuch , (<i>Imperial College, London</i>) Ya Ying Chen , (<i>University of Cambridge</i>) Ian Wilkinson , (<i>University of</i>	Before E-mail alerts to NMR Discussion Group Distribution list and link to RSC/NMRDG website Notification to	The post-graduate meeting was non-specific with respect to subjects presented and thus covered a diverse range of recent research. The principal objective was to provide an informal opportunity for early career researchers to present their work, thus fostering interactions between	This was the first meeting of its type to be organised by the NMR Discussion Group. Unsolicited feedback was very positive, such that the event will be repeated in 2009. The timing is thought to be ideal for post-graduates and early

			<p><i>Leicester</i> Clare Fenna, (<i>University of Leeds</i>) Adolfo Alcalde, (<i>University of Manchester</i>) James Jones, (<i>University of Liverpool</i>) Angelo de Figueiredo, (<i>University of East Anglia, Norwich</i>) Eliza Ploskon-Arthur, (<i>University of Bristol</i>)</p>	<p>personal contacts of the committee members</p> <p>After</p> <p>Article in Chemistry World</p>	<p>themselves and experienced researchers in addition to developing experience. These are considered to be key components of the RSC strategy for the development of future scientists. This forum was also used to promote knowledge of RSC activities, and bursaries were offered for travel. Awards were presented to the best oral and poster presentation, which will be publicised via RSC media and also as part of future meetings.</p>	<p>career spectroscopists, and it is anticipated that the event will gain popularity as it becomes more widely recognised. It provides an excellent opportunity for early career researchers to gain experience in presenting their work, with the incentive of various prizes, the recipients of which will gain well deserved publicity.</p>
<p>Event 3 Name: NMR Discussion Group Christmas Meeting</p>	<p>11th Dec. 2008</p>	<p>Institute of Child Health, London</p>	<p>Malcolm Levitt (<i>University of Southampton</i>) Simon Duckett (<i>University of York</i>) David Reid (<i>University of Cambridge</i>) Jonathan Yates (<i>University of Oxford</i>) Craig Butts (<i>University of Bristol</i>) Walter Kochenberger (<i>University of Nottingham</i>) Ulrich Gunther (<i>University of Birmingham</i>) John Parkinson (<i>University of Strathclyde</i>)</p>	<p>Before</p> <p>RSC Grapevine</p> <p>E-mail alerts to NMR Discussion Group Distribution list and link to RSC/NMRDG website</p> <p>E-mail alert to BRSG and link to IOP website</p> <p>E-mail alert to CCPN group and link to RSC/NMRDG website</p> <p>Announcement and distribution of program/registration forms at Bruker Users' meeting</p> <p>Spectroscopy World Diary of events</p> <p>Spectroscopy Europe</p>	<p>Presentations cover a diverse range of topical research, again both directly and indirectly related to different aspects of the RSC strategy, as outlined in the Roadmap. The meeting format uniquely allows excellent exchange between a diverse range of NMR related disciplines, to enhance progress in some of the key subjects as recommended by the RSC. This meeting has proven to provide an ideal mechanism for the recipients of RSC awards to present their work to a wide cross-section of the UK NMR community. It also provides an ideal forum for recognition of non-scientific contributions, such as RSC long-standing achievement awards.</p>	<p>This meeting was intentionally diverse in content, with the objective of promoting both cross-fertilisation amongst the different disciplines of NMR and also networking in an informal environment. Approximately 100 delegates attended the meeting and, again, the registration fees were modestly set to provide good value. The meeting was held on the consecutive date of a complementary meeting organised by the BRSG, which helped some delegates to attend both meetings with reduced travel. The venue is ideal in terms of both the facility and location, for such a one-day meeting.</p>

				Diary of events Notification to personal contacts of the committee members After Abstracts of selected presentations placed on NMRDG website		
RSC General Assembly	14 and 15/11/08	Did you attend this meeting? Yes	Any comments: I attended only the Interest Group meeting on the 15 th . It was useful to learn of some of the new developments that may impact on our operations, notably: new on-line registration system for meetings, proposed new membership structure, changes in RSC awards structures, development of the new Chemistry Centre at Burlington House.			

SCIENTIFIC MEETING SCHEDULE 2009

Please report below on proposed activities for your Group or AD Region in 2009. For more events continue as necessary on a separate sheet.

	Event 1				Event 2				Event 3				Event 4			
Proposed Meeting Date	30 th April 2009				To be determined				16 th December 2009							
Proposed Meeting Venue	AstraZeneca, Loughborough				University of Manchester				Institute of Child Health, London							
Scientific Area/Topic	NMR applications in Materials Science				General – Dedicated to Postgraduates/Early Career Spectroscopists				General – To cover topics including Molecular Biology, Small Molecules, Pharmaceuticals and Solid-state Characterisation							
Is meeting for Education/ Training / Networking / Other purposes?	E	T	N	O	E	T	N	O	E	T	N	O	E	T	N	O
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Are any other RSC Interest Groups and/or RSC Regions involved?	No				No				No							
List any other collaborators (incl. International).	N/A				N/A				Institute of Physics/BRSg to hold meeting on consecutive date							
Give details of any awards to be presented.	N/A				Industrially sponsored prize for best oral presentation NMRDG sponsored prize for best poster				N/A							
Will certificates of attendance be issued for CPD purposes?	No				No				No							
PUBLICITY																
Have details been entered onto webpage?	Yes				Yes - When details are finalised				Yes - When details are finalised							
Will RSC Grapevine be used to publicise meeting?	Yes				Yes - When details are finalised				Yes - When details are finalised							
Will any other publicity	Yes				Yes - When details are				Yes - When details are							

routes be used?		finalised	finalised	
Will RSC or IG promotional material be distributed?	Yes	Yes	To be determined	

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Committee expertise that you would like highlighted on your Group/Region web page?

(please refer to AD East Anglia Region at

<http://www.rsc.org/Membership/Networking/InterestGroups/Analytical/ADRegions/ADEARegion/Committee.asp>)

Other information/comments: