

Royal Society of Chemistry

ANNUAL INTEREST GROUP REPORT FOR 2008

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INTEREST GROUP NAME or AD REGION NAME	Automation and Analytical Management Group (AAMG)
Chairman	Mr John Trigg
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Vice Chairman	Dr Mike Sargent
Submitted by	Dr Alan Braithwaite
Signed	
Date	3 May 2009

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN 2008

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

Date	Activity (including dates and venues where appropriate)	Attendance Numbers	Comments
30 April	Workshop, How to Develop Metrics to Evaluate and Maximise Analytical Lab Effectiveness and Performance	ca. 40	Thistle Hotel, London, included in IQPC conference 'Analytical Labs for the 21st Century'
15 May	Conference, Air Analysis - out of the lab into the field	57	At the National Physical Laboratory, Teddington Exhibition 7 student bursaries, concessions
16, 17 December	Conference, Airborne Particles: origins, composition and effects	114	At the SCI, London Exhibition 7 concessions, 1 bursary.
Various	Five committee meetings	N/A	
Various	Planning meetings for conferences	N/A	

Any comments which would help other Groups (eg. details of an excellent venue, speakers, cost savings, good poster board, suppliers etc)

Lack of affordable replacement venue and facilities for the SSLT

Group's Strategy

1. Maintain consistent pattern of meetings, develop themed meetings
2. Enhanced publicity of AAMG meetings
3. Maintain collaboration with other groups and external organisations
4. Accommodate increased meeting costs
5. Maintain efficiency in communications and activities
6. Identify 'The Way Forward', future of automation, IT technologies, instrumentation technologies and management roles

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR 2009 and beyond

Please list below your planned activities with details, including dates and venues where known:

Annual General Meeting and Annual Strategy Meeting

Incorporated in May/June committee meeting

Committee meetings:

11th Feb, 13th May, 9th Sept, 26th Nov.

Continuing Professional Development activities:

None.

Collaborations with international groups and organisations:

National Physical Laboratory (NPL), Teddington

Flemish Environment Agency (VMM), Antwerp, Belgium

DG Environment European Commission, Brussels, Belgium

DG Research European Commission, Ispra, Italy

Landesumweltamt, Essen Germany

RIVM (National Institute for Public Health and the Environment) Netherlands

VITO (Flemish Institute for Technological Research (VITO), Belgium

Instrument and IT vendors (UK and European)

Other activities:

The following scientific meetings are planned for 2009/2010:

20th May 2009, London, Chemical Sensors, Moving from Measurement to Control

15th - 17th September 2009 Measuring Air Pollutants by Diffusive and Other Low Cost Monitors and Techniques, Krakow, Poland

20th November, London, Analytical Lab Efficiency and Productivity

9th 10th December 2009, London, Air Quality, the major challenges

2010, Future Labs, connectivity, data handling and informatics

Continuing maintenance and updating of the Group's Archives.

Are any activities planned in collaboration with other RSC Interest Groups or Networks?

Not at present

Would you like to receive advice with respect to opportunities for running any of the above activities jointly with other groups?

No.

AWARDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE GROUP

Please give details below:

Name of Award	Student Bursaries, available on request for all scientific meetings
Nature of the Award	Financial assistance to attend the scientific meetings and conferences
Is there a meeting/presentation associated with this award?	No.
How frequently is this awarded?	On request. Availability is published on all of our meeting brochures and web site.
Who received the award this year?	Seven bursaries/concessions, conference, 15th May Eight bursaries/concessions, conference 16th, 17th December

NEWSLETTER

Please give details if appropriate:

Name of Editor	Members of the committee
Frequency of Publication	Twice/year from February 2009, also website continuously updated, www.aamg-rsc.org
Any further information:	News and information is on the Group's independent website.

ANY OTHER COMMENTS

Please complete if appropriate:

Concerns	Meeting costs, affordable venues, catering and attendance RSC web pages and communications
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The Royal Society Of Chemistry Group Account

APPENDIX G

Group Name: Automation & Analytical Management Group

		<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Payments</u>
		£	£
<u>Opening Balance 1 Jan 2008</u>		<u>£36,052.75</u>	
<u>Key</u>	<u>Income</u>		
	<u>RSC Code</u>		
1	Interest	590901	1,303.85
2	Subscriptions	590902	0.00
3	Grants	590903	1,695.00
4	Meetings & Conference Income	590904	31,391.46
5	Other Income	590905	0.00
<u>Expenditure</u>			
6	Meeting & Conference Expenditure	690101	28,893.15
7	Donations	690102	0.00
8	Administration	690103	9,154.17
9	Other Expenditure	690104	677.51
10	Total	<u>34,390.31</u>	<u>38,724.83</u>
<u>Add Surplus/(Deficit)</u>			<u>-£4,334.52</u>
<u>Closing Balance 31 December 2008</u>			<u>£31,718.23</u>