

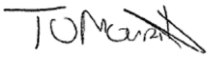


Member Networks Annual Report Form 2016

To enable us to better support our networks and their activities all member networks (Local Sections, Interest Groups and Analytical Division Regions) are asked to complete this form and return it to networks@rsc.org. The information is shared with the members of your networks, staff and governance Boards and Committees (inc. Division Councils).

Or by post to; Networks Team, Royal Society of Chemistry, Thomas Graham House, Science Park, Milton Road, Cambridge, CB4 0WF.

This report form will be uploaded to the appropriate web page (signature deleted) unless requested otherwise.

GROUP NAME	Theoretical Chemistry Group
Submitted by	Tanja van Mourik
Signed (may be signed electronically)	
Date	23 February 2017

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

Annual General Meeting (if being held)

Date:	N/A
Venue:	N/A

Proposed Committee Meetings Dates

Date	Venue
6 January 2017	King's College London

Financial Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2016

Deadline for receipt of Financial Accounts by RSC Finance Team: **14th February 2017**

Deadline for receipt of Annual Report by Networks Team: **24th February 2017**



EVENTS

Please attach any meeting reports, newsletters or other reports which are relevant.

Please report below on activities undertaken in the past year. If you have more detailed information about any particularly successful events, or advice to share please use a separate sheet. For more events continue as necessary.

EVENT KEY:

- Education Event
- Public Lecture
- Retired Members Event
- Scientific Conference - 1 day
- Scientific Conference - multi day
- Social Event
- Training/workshop
- Award Lecture

Event Name	Theoretical Chemistry Group Conference 2016
Event Type (key)	Scientific Conference - multi day
Comments	<p>The meeting took place 20-22 June 2016 at the University of Nottingham. It aimed to cover a broad spectrum of theoretical and computational chemistry and incorporated the TCG Graduate Student Meeting, where final-year graduate students compete for the Coulson prize for the best graduate student talk.</p> <p>Invited speakers: Irene Burghardt (Frankfurt, Germany) Nikitas G idopoulos (Durham, UK) Lynn Kamerlin (Uppsala, Sweden) Barbara Kirchner (Bonn, Germany) Carla Molteni (King's College London, UK) Graham Worth (Birmingham, UK)</p> <p>The cost of conference registration including a two-night accommodation and all meals was £300 (£250 for students) and the cost of conference registration excluding accommodation was £150 (£125 for students).</p> <p>For further details, please see: http://ebesley.chem.nottingham.ac.uk/tcg/tcgconference.html</p>

Event Name	John Murrell Memorial Meeting
Event Type (key)	Scientific Conference - 1 day
Comments	<p>The John Murrell Memorial Symposium took place on 2 September 2016 in London (Royal Society of Chemistry, Burlington House, Piccadilly, W1J 0BA).</p> <p>The meeting celebrated the life of John Murrell, FRS (2 March 1932 - 25 January 2016). John Murrell was a distinguished theoretical chemist. John was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1991.</p> <p>There was no registration fee.</p>

Speakers (all invited):

- Nicholas Besley (University of Nottingham)
- David Clary (University of Oxford, UK)
- Hazel Cox (University of Sussex, UK)
- Paul Madden (University Oxford, UK)
- Anthony Stace (University of Nottingham)
- Jonathan Tennyson (University College London, UK)
- António Varandas (University of Coimbra, Portugal)



AWARDS AND BURSARIES

Please list any awards or bursaries presented by your committee in 2015 and indicate any which will be open for nomination/application in 2016.

Coulson Prize (£100). Awarded for best graduate student talk during the Graduate Student session at the Theoretical Chemistry Group Conference. The winner was Maximilian A. C. Saller (University of Warwick).

Two poster prizes (£50 each), awarded for the two best graduate student posters at the Theoretical Chemistry Group Conference. The winners were: 1st prize: Lucas Verga (University of Southampton). 2nd prize: Domagoj Fijan (University of Oxford).

The Coulson award and poster prizes will be awarded again for the best graduate student talk and posters at this year's Graduate Student Meeting.

Other information/comments:

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Please report below on activities proposed. For more events continue as necessary.

Event Name	Faraday joint Interest Group Conference
Comments	<p>The Theoretical Chemistry Group is one of the Interest Groups involved in the organisation of this meeting. The Conference will take place 11-13 April 2017 at the University of Warwick. The following invited speakers are confirmed for the Theoretical Chemistry session:</p> <p>Peter Saalfrank Francesca Baletto Maria Ramos Saiful Islam</p> <p>In addition, David Glowacki will give a contributed talk as the PCCP Prize Lecturer.</p>

Event Name	Theoretical Chemistry Group Graduate Student Meeting
Comments	<p>This meeting will probably take place at King's College London in June. The Graduate Student Meeting is a one-day meeting with talks by final-year PhD students and posters by PhD students of any year. The Coulson Prize will be awarded to the student deemed to have given the best oral presentation and there will be two poster prizes.</p>

COMMITTEE

(this information will be used to update our membership database and your web page where appropriate)

Position	Name	Dates on committee (20xx – 20xx)
Chair	Prof Roy Johnston (Birmingham)	2016-2018
Secretary	Dr Tanja van Mourik (St Andrews)	2010-2017
Treasurer	Dr Tanja van Mourik (St Andrews)	2010-2017

Ordinary Members	Chris Skylaris (Southampton) Scott Habershon (Warwick) David Benoit (Hull) Elena Bichoutskaia (Nottingham) Francesca Baletto (KCL) Grant Hill (Sheffield) Sophia Yaliraki (Imperial)	2012-2017 2016-2018 2016-2018 2016-2018 2017-2019 2017-2019 2017-2019
Benevolent Fund Representative (if relevant)	N/A	
Co-opted members and their affiliation	N/A	

Diversity & Inclusion

Our trustees are aiming to embed diversity and inclusion in all of our activities and networks. Our [online network handbook](#) contains more information to support our networks in achieving this.

Please comment on how your group is showing that it has embraced Diversity and Inclusion within its practices.



We aim for a good gender balance of the speakers at the meetings we organise. Of the four invited speakers for the Joint Faraday Interest Group Conference, two are female. We will encourage final-year female graduate students to apply to give a talk at the Graduate Student Meeting. The Newsletter is distributed via e-mail, which allows people to increase the font size.