

29 October 2014

Dear Colleagues,

Prof. Ken Wade Celebration: One-Day Inorganic Chemistry Symposium

Durham University, 15th December 2014.

Like us, you will have been very sad to have heard the news that Ken Wade passed away earlier this year. Ken's research in the areas of synthetic main group and organometallic chemistry coupled with his clear and logical thinking led him to develop an extremely elegant model for the bonding and structure of electron-deficient cluster compounds. Though much understated by Ken himself, these rules have had a profound impact across inorganic chemistry and beyond. Ken was a firm believer in the importance of under- and post-graduate chemistry and was a dedicated, humorous and thought-provoking teacher. Further, he contributed generously and very widely to the Chemistry and scientific communities, in particular as President of the Dalton Division of the Royal Society of Chemistry.

To mark Ken's significant contributions to inorganic and structural chemistry, in particular, we are organising a one-day inorganic chemistry symposium here in Durham on Monday 15th December 2015, kindly sponsored by the Dalton Division of the Royal Society of Chemistry. The speakers confirmed for this one-day event are: *Prof. Catherine Housecroft (University of Basel)*, *Dr Andrew Hughes (Durham University)*, *Prof. Robert Mulvey (University of Strathclyde)*, *Prof. Mike Mingos (University of Oxford)*, and *Prof. Alan Welch (Heriot-Watt University)*.

If you are interested in attending the meeting please complete the registration slip and return it to Mrs Irene Harries (Chemistry Department) by mail or email (m.i.harries@durham.ac.uk) as soon as possible (Last deadline: *Friday 28th November*).

Please note - there is **no fee for attending the symposium** on the 15th December, but do please complete and return the registration form so we can keep a track of the number of attendees.

Additionally, a commemoration dinner will be held in Collingwood College on the evening of Sunday 14th December (cost ~£35/per person). A limited selection of accommodation (B&B) for the night of 14th December will be available in Collingwood College - 5 minutes walk from the Department of Chemistry (cost £40/per person).

A small number of travel bursaries (~£100 each) are available for early career researchers (> 5 years post-PhD) – see registration form. RSC travel grants are available for PhD students and for post-doctoral researchers within five years of completion of their PhD (application details at: <http://www.rsc.org/ScienceAndTechnology/Funding/TravelGrants/index.asp>).

We look forward to seeing you in Durham in December.

Dr Phil Dyer (Durham University)
Dr Mark Fox (Durham University)
Professor Robert Mulvey (University of Strathclyde)



Programme

Sunday 14th December

20h00 – 23h00 Commemoration dinner (Collingwood College)

Monday 15th December

10h00 – 10h05	Welcome address (Department of Chemistry, CG85)
10h05 – 10h45	Prof. Catherine Housecroft (University of Basel, Switzerland)
10h50 – 11h20	<i>Tea and coffee (Department of Chemistry, CG141)</i>
11h20 – 12h00	Dr Andrew Hughes (Durham University)
12h05 – 12h45	Prof. Mike Mingos (University of Oxford)
12h50 – 14h00	<i>Buffet Lunch (Department of Chemistry, CG141)</i>
14h00 – 14h40	Prof. Alan Welch (Heriot-Watt University, UK)
14h45 – 15h25	Prof. Robert Mulvey (University of Strathclyde, UK)
15h30 – 15h35	Close
15h35 – 16h30	<i>Tea and coffee (Department of Chemistry, CG141)</i>

