

Bulletin – May 2023

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The Consultancy Group

The Group is one of the Royal Society of Chemistry's many Interest Groups. The Interest Groups are member-driven groups which exist to benefit RSC members, and the wider chemical science community, in line with the RSC's strategy and charter.

The Group provides a forum for RSC members who are consultants. Members may be self-employed, in partnerships or employed by commercial organisations or academia. Some of the Consultancy Group members also act as Expert Witnesses in criminal and/or civil litigation.

The Group arranges meetings and workshops to provide networking opportunities and training in aspects of setting up and running a consultancy business.

Annual General Meeting

The Consultancy Group AGM was held on Wednesday 26 April 2023 at Burlington House.

During the day, talks were also given.

Chocolate tasting

A blind tasting of chocolate to allow people to learn more about the varieties of chocolate was carried out, involving samples of both plain and milk chocolate.

The flavour of plain chocolate depends mainly on the variety of cocoa used and where it is grown. Other factors are the way that the beans and chocolate are processed, as well as the recipe.

Milk chocolate varies more than plain chocolate. This is because there are two ways of incorporating milk solids. Originally milk was incorporated into chocolate in the form of chocolate crumb which is made by adding sweetened condensed milk to cocoa liquor and drying the product to below 1% moisture. The alternative is milk powder. Crumb is preferred in the UK, Switzerland, some commonwealth countries and some USA factories. UK milk chocolate tends to have a high milk content while continental milk chocolate tends to have a lower milk content.

Elephant Polo in Kathmandu, Nepal

The story of how a Chemist and RSC Member ended up becoming Captain of The British Elephant Polo Team and leading the charge to Kathmandu and the World Championships with the help of Terry Wogan.

'Psychedelic Companies'

The history of psychedelic compounds and their use with an overview of where the listed

companies are located in the world and what they generally do. The talk also covered the therapeutic benefits and the challenges facing the psychedelic drug industry.

It is hoped to hold a further one-day meeting on this topic later in the year.

Further event information can be found by contacting the RSC using the following details:

Royal Society of Chemistry,
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New Government Chief Scientific Adviser

Professor Dame Angela McLean DBE FRS took up the role of Government Chief Scientific Adviser (GCSA) in April after being appointed by the Prime Minister.

Dame Angela was previously Chief Scientific Adviser for the Ministry of Defence and Deputy GCSA. She is the first woman to hold the post.

The role of the GCSA is to provide independent scientific advice to the Prime Minister and members of the Cabinet and advise the government on aspects of policy on science and technology.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/professor-dame-angela-mclean-takes-up-role-of-government-chief-scientific-adviser>

Directory of Consultants

The Royal Society of Chemistry has a list of consultants that are registered with them. It can be found at:

<https://www.rsc.org/membership-and-community/directory-of-consultants/>

The Directory is a service provided by the Royal Society of Chemistry to members, professionals and the public. The information supplied in this directory, and the services offered and delivered, are entirely the responsibility of the consultants themselves, and not the Royal Society of Chemistry.

The consulting experts listed in this directory are all full members of the Royal Society of Chemistry and are bound by the RSC [Code of Conduct](#).

The Royal Society of Chemistry is not responsible for the content of external websites.

The consultants' profiles are organised into separate pages by area of expertise;

[Manufacturing; Marketing & business development; People development; Safety; Technology; Strategy & policy; Legal & expert witness services.](#)

If you wish to be added to the Directory, please complete the application forms found on the RSC webpage above.

Member Articles

The members of the Consultancy Group come from a wide range of industries, as can be seen from the list of areas of expertise outlined above. Is there an area of your knowledge and expertise that you think might be of interest to others in the Group?

The Group is keen to encourage information dissemination and networking to provide a background to consultancy activities.

If you have, or could write, a 200-300 word piece which outlines aspects or anecdotes that you think will be of interest to other members, please contact the Secretary via the following link:

<https://www.rsc.org/membership-and-community/connect-with-others/through-interests/interest-groups/consultancy/#contact>