



Member Networks Annual Report Form

Reporting events held in 2018 and those planned for 2019

In line with the rules for member networks and 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 or by post to: Networks Team, Royal Society of Chemistry, Thomas Graham House, Science Park, Milton Road, Cambridge, CB4 0WF.

Deadlines

Deadline for receipt of Financial Accounts by RSC Finance Team: **8th February 2019**
Deadline for receipt of Annual Report by Networks Team: **25th February 2019**

If there is any reason that your committee will **not** be able to meet either or both of these deadlines please inform networks@rsc.org as soon as possible.

This report will be uploaded to your web page to share with the members of your network. Staff will also share a digest of all member networks activities taken solely from these annual reports with appropriate staff and governance boards and committees including Division Councils with similar interests.

Committee	Macro Group UK
Completed by	Valeria Arrighi
Date	Friday, 15 February 2019

Please list below the dates of all of your planned committee meetings and, if held, AGM.

Annual General Meeting (if being held)

Date	Thursday, 22 November 2018
Venue	University of Nottingham

Proposed Committee Meetings Dates

Date	Venue	
30th April 2019	Shrigley Hall Hotel, Pott Shrigley	
November – December 2019	Date and location tbc	

2018 Events

Please report below on activities undertaken in the past year. Please select the type of event and target audience from the drop-down menus. For example, a workshop for Early Career members can be categorised as “Training/ Workshop” for “Early Career Members”.

The categories are as follows:

Event Types:

- Award Lecture
- Education Event
- Networking Event
- Outreach Event
- Public Lecture
- Scientific Meeting (half-day, one-day or multi-day)
- Social Event
- Training/ Workshop
- Other

Audience:

- Academics
- Consultants
- Early Career
- Industrialists
- Members of the public
- Postgraduates & PhD students
- Retired members
- School students
- School teachers
- Technicians & Support staff
- Undergraduates

If you wish to include more detailed information about any particularly successful events or advice to share please do so in the provided space. Please append electronic copies of any meeting reports, newsletters or relevant materials to this report.

For additional events please copy and paste the table and continue as necessary.

Event Name	Macro Group Young Researchers' Meeting
Event Type	Scientific Meeting - Multi-day
Audience	Early Career
Start Date	16 July 2018
End Date	17 July 2018
No. Attendees	100-200
Comments	YRM 2018 was held at the Royal College of Surgeons Ireland in Dublin. There were 150 attendees representing 23 UK universities, 6 Irish universities, the USA, and South Africa. The meeting was sponsored by Particular Sciences, ThermoFisher, PSS, Intavis, NSP, Bruker, lennox, and Elementec, in addition to the RSC.

Event Name	RAPS 2018
Event Type	Scientific Meeting - Multi-day
Audience	Early Career
Start Date	05 September 2018
End Date	07 September 2018
No. Attendees	25-50
Comments	<p>The 19th RAPS was held at the University of Bradford. This annual meeting brings together early career academics (>1 year post doc) and industrialists with the aim of developing their peer network within and outside the UK.</p> <p>Plenary Speakers : Prof Rachel O'Reilly, University of Birmingham; Prof Giuseppe Mantovani, University of Nottingham; Prof Ben Whiteside, University of Bradford.</p>

Event Name	MacroGroup Medals Symposium
Event Type	Award Lecture
Audience	Academics
Start Date	22 November 2018
End Date	Click or tap to enter the event end date (if applicable).
No. Attendees	50-100
Comments	<p>The one-day meeting was held at the University of Nottingham and was organised by Prof Cameron Alexander. Medal-winning speakers: Prof Steve Armes (2018 Medal for Outstanding Achievement), Prof Andrew Lewis (2017 Macro Group UK Medal), Dr Rachel Evans (2017 Young Researchers Medal). Presentations were also given by several early career researchers.</p>



Awards and Bursaries

Please list any awards or bursaries presented by your committee in the past 12 months and indicate any that will be open for nomination/application in the next calendar year.

Please also include information about the application/nomination and selection processes.

Please ensure that **all** members of your network are notified of any awards or bursaries for general application. These notifications can be sent via e-alert through networks@rsc.org.

Award	Macro Group UK Medal
Award Type	Award
Audience	Academics
Nomination/ application deadline	30th September 2018
Number of nominations/ applications	5
Award winner(s) and institution(s)	Professor Charlotte Williams (Oxford University) and Professor Sebastian Perrier (University of Warwick)
Comments	Calls for nominations are sent to Macro Group members via email. All committee members vote and final selection made at the November meeting.

Award	Macro Group Young Researchers
Award Type	Award
Audience	Academics
Nomination/ application deadline	30th September 2018
Number of nominations/ applications	2
Award winner(s) and institution(s)	Dr Hugo Bronstein (University of Cambridge).
Comments	Calls for nominations are sent to Macro Group members via email. All committee members vote and final decision made at the November meeting.

Award	Jon Weaver PhD Prize
Award Type	Award
Audience	Postgraduates & PhD students



Nomination/ application deadline	30 March 2018
Number of nominations/ applications	4
Award winner(s) and institution(s)	Dr Charlotte Mable (University of Sheffield)
Comments	Calls for nominations were sent to all Macro Group members via email. A committee members voted and final selection was made at the November meeting

Award	DH Richards Travel Bursaries
Award Type	Travel Grant
Audience	Postgraduates & PhD students
Nomination/ application deadline	4 deadlines each year: 1st February, 1st May, 1st August and 1st November
Number of nominations/ applications	13
Award winner(s) and institution(s)	5 awards made in 2018
Comments	Deadlines are available on our website and publicised by email. All committee members vote and final decisions on awards are made at committee meetings or via email.

Other information/comments:

Other forms of Recognition provided by your committee:



Future Activities

When planning any activities please remember to ensure that all events are logged on our events database and ensure that all contracts are sent to our Legal Team with enough time for amendments and, where necessary, approval by the Board.

Please outline any activities already in planning for the next calendar year. Please include the type of event and the target audience.

For additional events please copy and paste the table and continue as necessary.

Event Name	Macro Group Young Researchers' Meeting
Event Type	Scientific Meeting - Multi-day
Audience	Early Career
Proposed Date	2019, to be decided
Comments	The next YRM will be organised by Dr Simon Holder, at the University of Kent.

Event Name	RAPS 2019
Event Type	Scientific Meeting - Multi-day
Audience	Early Career
Proposed Date	4 to 6 September 2019
Comments	The meeting will take place at the University of Leeds.

Committee

This information will be used to update our membership database and your web page. Please ensure that any changes to the committee are sent to networks@rsc.org as soon as possible.

Position	Name	Dates on committee (20xx – 20xx)
Chair	Prof. Cameron Alexander (University of Nottingham)	2012-2019
Secretary	Dr Valeria Arrighi (Heriot-Watt University)	2013-2019
Treasurer	Dr Adam Limer (Unilever)	2013-2019
Ordinary Members	Dr Frederik Claeys (University of Sheffield) Dr Steve Edmondson (University of Manchester) Dr Rachel Evans (Trinity College Dublin) Dr Theoni Georgiou (Imperial College London) Prof. Matt Gibson (Warwick University) Dr Tom McDonald (University of Liverpool) Dr Tara Louise Schiller (University of Warwick) Prof. Paul Topham (Aston University) Dr Nick Turner (De Montfort University) Dr Gary Tustin (Synthomer) Dr Dr. Peter Wright (Infineum UK Ltd)	2014-2020 2014-2020 2015-2021 2014-2020 2013-2019 2017-2020 2017-2020 2013-2019 2017-2020 2017-2020 2017-2020
Chemists' Community Fund Representative (if relevant)		
Co-opted member(s) and their affiliation(s)	Representing European Polymer Federation: <i>Dr Theoni Georgiou (Imperial College London)</i> Representing Colloid & Interface Science Groups, RSC and SCI: <i>Dr Cecile Dreiss (Kings College London)</i> Representing Polymer Physics Group, IoP: <i>Dr Valeria Arrighi (Heriot-Watt University)</i> Representing RAPS Network: <i>Dr Nicholas Warren (University of Leeds)</i>	



Diversity & Inclusion

Please ensure this section is completed

Our trustees are aiming to embed diversity and inclusion in all of our activities and networks. Section 8 of our [online network handbook](#) contains more information to support our networks in achieving this and our Diversity team have [online Guides for Networks](#) that include actions and considerations for committees, and guides for inclusive communications and running inclusive events.

Please comment on how your group is showing that it has embraced Diversity and Inclusion within its practices. If you have diversity data from your events or activities, please include this information above.

We try to ensure that Diversity & Inclusion is considered when organising meetings and continue to discuss ways to achieve this at our Committee meetings, also considering whether changes to our website are appropriate.

Our committee membership has benefitted from improved gender balance in recent years (our average over the last 3 years is 40% female) and we are taking steps to continue this trend. We have been pro-active in inviting female scientists to apply to join the committee and aim to further promote diversity in its widest sense when recruiting new members.