



Member Networks Annual Report Form
Reporting events held in 2017 and those planned for 2018

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: **9th February 2018**

Deadline for receipt of Annual Report by Networks Team: **26th February 2018**

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	Nucleic Acids Group
Completed by	Mark Dillingham
Date	25/11/2018

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

Annual General Meeting (if being held)

Date:	n/a
Venue:	

Proposed Committee Meetings Dates

Date	Venue
10/12/2018	The RSC Chemistry Centre



2017 Events

Please append electronic copies of any meeting reports, newsletters or relevant materials to this report.

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 (including outreach activities for school students or the general public)
- Public Lecture
- Retired Members Event
- Scientific Conference - 1 day
- Scientific Conference - multi day
- Social Event
- Training/workshop
- Award Lecture
- Other

Event Name	The 13 th Nucleic Acids Forum
Event Type (key)	Scientific Conference – 1 day
Comments	Friday 14 th July 2017 RSC Chemistry Centre Organiser: Glenn Burley Our annual one-day conference for young scientists was again a great success with approximately 100 delegates, 12 speakers and about 30 posters. This event has become the highlight of the NAG calendar and offers outstanding networking opportunities for young nucleic acids chemists.

Event Name	The 7 th Cambridge Symposium on Nucleic Acids Chemistry and Biology
Event Type (key)	Scientific Conference – multi day
Comments	3 rd -6 th September 2017 Queen's College Cambridge Organisers: Sir Shankar Balasubramanian, Rick Cosstick (Nucleic Acids Group), Michael J Gait, Phil Holliger, Chris Lowe http://www.rsc.org/events/detail/23735/7th-cambridge-symposium-on-nucleic-acids-chemistry-and-biology The 7 th Cambridge Symposium hosted 12 plenary speakers + ~20 talks selected from abstracts, as well as multiple poster sessions. This meeting hosted the 2017 Gait award to Marvin Caruthers and was awarded two NAG travel bursaries



Awards and Bursaries

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

Please ensure that all members of your network are notified of any awards or bursaries for general application.

The 2017 Michael J. Gait Lectureship

Professor Marvin Caruthers (University of Colorado, Boulder)

The 7th Cambridge Symposium on Nucleic Acids Chemistry and Biology

Queen's College, Cambridge

3rd -6th September 2017



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.

Event Name	The 14 th Nucleic Acids Forum
Comments	Friday 6 th July 2018 RSC Chemistry Centre Organiser: Tim Craggs Our annual one-day conference for young scientists.

Event Name	84th Harden Conference: Single-molecule bacteriology (Biochemical Society)
Comments	9—12 September 2018 Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, UK Organiser: Achillefs Kapanidis (RSC NAG, Oxford), Meriem El Karoui, University of Edinburgh, Stephan Uphoff, University of Oxford, Jie Xiao, John Hopkins University This meeting will host the Gait Award which has been awarded to Professor Taekjip Ha. https://www.biochemistry.org/Events/tabid/379/View/Programme/MeetingNo/HC84/Default.aspx



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. David Lilley	1981 – present (with breaks)
Secretary	Prof. Mark Dillingham	2009 - present
Treasurer	Rick Cosstick	2002 - present
Ordinary Members	Dr Glenn Burley Dr David Hodgson Dr Zoë Waller	2013 - present 2011 - present 2016 - present
Chemists' Community Fund Representative (if relevant)		

Co-opted members and their affiliation	Prof Jane Grasby (Biochemical Society)	2007-present
	Dr Achillefs Kapanidis (Biochemical Society, US Biophysical Society, American Chemistry Society)	2011-present
	Prof Ben Luisi (EMBO)	2016 – present
	Prof Jason Chin (EMBO)	2016 - present

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 have no specific plans in place for Diversity and Inclusion issues.