



## **Organic Chemistry Community London and South East Regional Meeting 2023**

6<sup>th</sup> June 2023, University of Hertfordshire

The 2023 Organic Chemistry Community London and South East Regional Meeting was held on the afternoon of 6<sup>th</sup> June at the University of Hertfordshire in Hatfield. Around 70 delegates attended, mainly from the London, Hertfordshire, Surrey and Kent areas, as well as a delegate from the North-West Region.

The afternoon comprised invited talks and a poster session with 20 posters from early career researchers, ranging from undergraduate to postdoctoral level, presenting a broad range of research, including natural product analysis, synthetic methodology, medicinal chemistry and pharmaceutical formulation.

There were six speakers from the London and the South East area at a variety of career stages, including an early career postdoctoral researcher talk. Topics included synthetic methodology, electrosynthesis and natural product chemistry. There were interesting and engaging academic researcher talks by Stelios Arseniyadis (QMUL), Bhaven Patel (London Met), Tom Sheppard (UCL), Matthew Leech (Greenwich), Daniel Whelligan (Surrey), and concluding with a plenary session on pharmaceutical industry process chemistry, from the 2022 RSC Merck Sharp and Dohme Award winner Katherine Wheelhouse (GSK).

Exhibitors from Dixon Science, IKA, JEOL and Teledyne ISCO were in attendance, and we thank them for their sponsorship of the meeting.

The afternoon concluded with a drinks reception and the award of prizes. Three poster prizes were awarded, to Isobel Beard (University of Surrey), Irene Bhalla (University of Greenwich) and Margarita Damai (London Metropolitan University).