



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	Belgium International Local Section
Completed by	William Darnley / Tim Reynolds
Date	Friday, 22 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	Friday, 15 February 2019
Venue	Les Amis Dînent Restaurant, Mechelsesteenweg 113, 1970 Wezembeek- Oppem



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Proposed Committee Meetings Dates

Date	Venue	
Next meeting 05/03/2019	Rue St Anne 13, 1300 Wavre	
Previous meetings 22/01/2019	Rue St Anne 13, 1300 Wavre	
06/11/2018	Honnekinberg 9, 1950 Kraainem	
04/09/2018	Rue St Anne 13, 1300 Wavre	
11/04/2018	Rue St Anne 13, 1300 Wavre	
20/02/2018	Rue St Anne 13, 1300 Wavre	
29/01/2018	Chalart Vert, Grensstraat 145, 1970 Wezembeek-Oppem	



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	An Evening with Professor Sir Martyn Poliakoff, Nottingham Uni
Event Type	Public Lecture
Audience	Members of the public
Start Date	23 February 2018
End Date	Click or tap to enter the event end date (if applicable).
No. Attendees	45
Comments	Our most highly praised event of 2018, due to the stature of the speaker. A very successful event. RSC Belgium blog link

Event Name	Genome Editing by CRISPR-CAS9: Turning a Bacterial Trick in a Biotechnology Revolution, Prof Bernard Hallet, UCLouvain
Event Type	Public Lecture
Audience	Members of the public
Start Date	22 March 2018
End Date	Click or tap to enter the event end date (if applicable).
No. Attendees	48
Comments	Another well-attended lecture due to the topicality of the subject. RSC Belgium blog link.



Event Name	Chemistry and Music: an Unlikely Combination, Prof Adrian Dobbs, University of Greenwich
Event Type	Public Lecture
Audience	Members of the public
Start Date	19 April 2018
End Date	Click or tap to enter the event end date (if applicable).
No. Attendees	60
Comments	An unusual but appealing combination of demonstration chemistry and classical music RSC Belgium blog link.

Event Name	TrainWorld Visit
Event Type	Social Event
Audience	Other
Start Date	16 June 2018
End Date	Click or tap to enter the event end date (if applicable).
No. Attendees	10
Comments	A social trip to a fascinating local train museum in Brussels, open to all section members & friends of the section. RSC Belgium blog link.



Event Name	Duvel Brewery Visit
Event Type	Social Event
Audience	Other
Start Date	15 September 2018
End Date	Click or tap to enter the event end date (if applicable).
No. Attendees	15
Comments	A social trip to a local brewery open to all section members & friends of the section. RSC Belgium blog link.



Event Name	Chemistry Challenge Awards
Event Type	Education event
Audience	School students
Start Date	May 2018
End Date	September 2018
No. Attendees	100+
Comments	<p>Every summer the section sponsors a chemistry challenge open to all penultimate year (year 12 or equivalent) secondary students in the various international and European schools in Belgium (and adjacent states). The competition is implemented by chemistry teachers at each school and the answer sheets collated and marked by RSC Belgium volunteers. Awards are given for the best results. RSC Belgium blog link.</p> <p>The awards are given out at a special lecture event in September (see below)..</p>

Event Name	Chemistry Challenge Award Lecture: The Future of Chemistry, Prof David Cole-Hamilton, St Andrews Uni
Event Type	Education event/ Public lecture
Audience	School students, members of the public
Start Date	20 September 2018
End Date	
No. Attendees	52+
Comments	<p>Prof David Cole-Hamilton presented the awards to the best performing students in our 2018 Chemistry Challenge event and gave a very entertaining lecture including probably the first public showing of the EUChems element scarcity Periodic Table. RSC Belgium blog link.</p>



Event Name	A Kind of Blue, Prof David Dobson, UCLondon.
Event Type	Public Lecture
Audience	Members of the public
Start Date	17 October 2018
End Date	Click or tap to enter the event end date (if applicable).
No. Attendees	41
Comments	Another well-attended lecture on an interesting arts/ science topic. RSC Belgium blog link.

Event Name	Cheers to CO ₂ , Dr César Alejandro Urbina Blanco, Ghent University
Event Type	Public Lecture
Audience	Members of the public
Start Date	29 November 2018
End Date	Click or tap to enter the event end date (if applicable).
No. Attendees	35
Comments	Another well-attended and entertaining lecture given by a young Venezuelan chemist who is tipped to be a future leader in the subject with a great passion for chemistry. RSC Belgium blog link.



Event Name	Top of the Bench International Eliminator
Event Type	Education event
Audience	School students
Start Date	24 November 2018
End Date	
No. Attendees	54
Comments	Our annual 'international eliminator' for the Royal Society of Chemistry's Top of the Bench (ToTB) included teams from Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. In total 11 teams from 6 schools participated with a very close result seeing Team Fluorine from the British School of Brussels winning and becoming RSC Belgium's representative at the UK Grand Final In Birmingham in 2019. RSC Belgium blog link.

Event Name	Curling in Kent
Event Type	Social event
Audience	Other
Start Date	08 December 2018
End Date	
No. Attendees	6
Comments	A handful of RSC members joined in with RSC Kent's annual; Curling event. And we won! RSC Belgium blog link.



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	Norman Lloyd Scholarship
Award Type	Bursary
Audience	1st year chemistry undergraduates at Cardiff University
Nomination/ application deadline	Annual award
Number of nominations/ applications	??
Award winner(s) and institution(s)	2018 awardee is William Cawdell RSC Belgium blog link
Comments	The Norman Lloyd Scholarship is administered by Cardiff University on behalf of RSC Belgium and the family of the late Dr Norman Lloyd - a founding member of RSC Belgium to provide an annual scholarship of £1,000 for an undergraduate student, usually in their first year of study, in the Cardiff School of Chemistry. So far five scholarships have been awarded. More details here .

Other information/comments:

Other forms of Recognition provided by your committee:

The section's committee provide recognition to school students who participated in our annual "Chemistry Challenge" during an awards evening, usually hosted at one of the schools whose students participate, as well as the "Keith Price Cup" which is awarded to the winner of the Top of the Bench regional qualifier (see above).



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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	Structural Biology & Cryospectroscopy
Event Type	Public Lecture
Audience	Members of the public
Proposed Date	14 March 2019
Comments	Public lecture on recent advances in biological chemistry with Prof Bob Crichton.

Event Name	Sustainable Chemical Engineering
Event Type	Public Lecture
Audience	Members of the public
Proposed Date	09 April 2019 (TBC)
Comments	Lecture from Prof Raf Dewil, KULeuven.



Event Name	Beyond the Higgs Boson
Event Type	Public Lecture
Audience	Members of the public
Proposed Date	16 May 2019
Comments	Lecture from Prof Vincent Lemaitre, UCLouvain.

Event Name	Trip to DESY and XFEL facilities in Hamburg
Event Type	Social event
Audience	Other
Proposed Date	21 or 28 June 2019 (TBC)
Comments	Potential trip to Hamburg.



Event Name	Chemistry Challenge
Event Type	Education Event
Audience	School students
Proposed Date	May to September 2019
Comments	Annual competition for Year 12 students.

Event Name	Professor Istvan Marko Memorial Symposium
Event Type	Scientific Meeting - Multi-day
Audience	Academics
Proposed Date	12-13 September 2019
Comments	The section is supporting this symposium in memory of Prof Istvan Marko who was an excellent friend of the section and supported our events frequently and as such the committee will be promoting the event to all members. A public lecture by at least one Nobel Laureate is planned as part of the programme.



Event Name	Kitchen Chemistry Lecture Tour
Event Type	Public Lecture / Educational event
Audience	School students
Proposed Date	16-20 September 2019
Comments	We have arranged for Dr Stephen Ashworth of UEA to come to Belgium and perform his kitchen chemistry demos at a number of Belgian schools and one open public lecture. This event has been part-funded by the first ever RSC Outreach grant to be awarded to a RSC Group outside the UK and ROI.

Event Name	Science of Brewing
Event Type	Public Lecture
Audience	Members of the public
Proposed Date	09 October 2019
Comments	Lecture from Prof Kevin Verstrepen, KULeuven.



Event Name	IYPT2019 - The Periodic Table
Event Type	Public Lecture
Audience	Members of the public
Proposed Date	October/ November 2019 (TBC)
Comments	A lecture from Prof Brigitte van Tiggelen, UCLouvain.

Event Name	Cafe Chimique: The future of transport
Event Type	Public Lecture/ networking event
Audience	Members of the public
Proposed Date	November/ December 2019 (TBC)
Comments	This is our annual "Cafe Chimique" which is a 3 member panel audience-led debate on a topic of current interest, in this case, the future of transport.



Event Name	Top of the Bench 2019 Regional Qualifier
Event Type	Education Event
Audience	School students
Proposed Date	November 2019 (TBC)
Comments	Please include additional information here.



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	Robert Crichton	2005 - 2019
Secretary	Tim Reynolds	2003 - 2019
Treasurer	Julie Tuppeny	2017 - 2019
Ordinary Members	William Darnley David Terrell Jane Downing Rita Woodward Matt Andrews NB/ The Committee was elected at the AGM on 15 February 2019. Officers for 2018 were: Chair: Tim Reynolds Treasurer: Julie Tuppeny Secretary: William Darnley	2017 – 2019 1996 – 2019 2018 – 2019 1996 – 2019 2019 - 2019
Chemists' Community Fund Representative (if relevant)	N/A	
Co-opted member(s) and their affiliation(s)	N/A	



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.

RSC Belgium operates in an international context and seeks to attract and embrace a diverse audience to its events. The majority of our events are open to all.