



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

<b>Committee</b>	Environmental Chemistry Group
<b>Completed by</b>	Glynn Skerratt
<b>Date</b>	Tuesday, 19 February 2019

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

### **Annual General Meeting (if being held)**

<b>Date</b>	Wednesday, 27 March 2019
<b>Venue</b>	Burlington House, London

### **Proposed Committee Meetings Dates**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	
Wed. 27th March 2019 Wed. 12th June 2019 Wed. 11th September 2019 Wed. 4th December 2019	Burlington House, London	



## 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.

<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Biopollution: Antimicrobial Resistance in the Environment</b> and the 2018 Distinguished Guest Lecture by Professor Joackim Larsson (University of Gothenburg).
<b>Event Type</b>	Scientific Meeting - One-day
<b>Audience</b>	Academics & Industrialists
<b>Start Date</b>	28 March 2018
<b>End Date</b>	28 March 2018
<b>No. Attendees</b>	50-100

<b>Comments</b>	<p>Other speakers:  <b>Dr Andrew Singer</b> (Natural Environmental Research, Centre for Ecology and Hydrology)  <b>Professor Célia Manaia</b> (Universidade Catolica Portuguesa)  <b>Dr Lee Slater</b> (Dept of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs)</p> <p>More information in the meeting report here:  <a href="https://www.envchemgroup.com/2018-biopollution-antimicrobial-resistance-in-the-environment.html">https://www.envchemgroup.com/2018-biopollution-antimicrobial-resistance-in-the-environment.html</a></p>
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<b>Event Name</b>	<b>The Geochemistry and Mineralogy of Contaminated Environments</b>
<b>Event Type</b>	Scientific Meeting - One-day
<b>Audience</b>	Academics & Industrialists
<b>Start Date</b>	06 June 2018
<b>End Date</b>	06 June 2018
<b>No. Attendees</b>	50-100
<b>Comments</b>	<p>A successful meeting jointly organised by the ECG and the Mineralogical Society's Environmental Mineralogy Group.</p> <p>More information in the meeting report here:  <a href="https://www.envchemgroup.com/geochemistry-and-mineralogy-of-contaminated-environments.html">https://www.envchemgroup.com/geochemistry-and-mineralogy-of-contaminated-environments.html</a></p>

<b>Event Name</b>	<b>'Sensors 2018'</b>
<b>Event Type</b>	Scientific Meeting - One-day
<b>Audience</b>	Academics & Industrialists
<b>Start Date</b>	27 June 2018
<b>End Date</b>	27 June 2018
<b>No. Attendees</b>	25-50

<b>Comments</b>	A successful meeting in which ECG co-branded the event - planning already underway for a more formally organised joint event in 2019.
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<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Future Perspectives on Environmental Nanotechnology</b>
<b>Event Type</b>	Scientific Meeting - One-day
<b>Audience</b>	Academics & Industrialists
<b>Start Date</b>	8 October 2018
<b>End Date</b>	8 October 2018
<b>No. Attendees</b>	50-100
<b>Comments</b>	This was a joint meeting with the Environmental Science: Nano Editorial Board. It attracted >50 delegates from academia and industry. The audience rated the event at 8.6/10 for quality of speakers and scientific content, and 39% said it surpassed their expectations. More information in the meeting report here: <a href="https://www.envchemgroup.com/future-perspectives-environmental-nanotechnology.html">https://www.envchemgroup.com/future-perspectives-environmental-nanotechnology.html</a>

<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Environmental Chemistry of Water, Sediment, Soil and Air; Early Career Researchers Meeting</b>
<b>Event Type</b>	Education Event/Scientific conference – 1-day
<b>Audience</b>	Early Career
<b>Start Date</b>	21 November 2018
<b>End Date</b>	21 November 2018
<b>No. Attendees</b>	25-50
<b>Comments</b>	This followed similar successful events held in recent years - attendees provided a variety of oral and poster presentations. This was a successful event with 32 delegates and much positive feedback.



### **Other information/comments:**

Continued publication of the biannual ECG Bulletin

- February 2018 Bulletin:  
[http://www.rsc.org/images/ECG%20Bulletin%20Feb%202018\\_tcm18-250571.pdf](http://www.rsc.org/images/ECG%20Bulletin%20Feb%202018_tcm18-250571.pdf)
- July 2018 Bulletin:  
[http://www.rsc.org/images/ECG\\_Bulletin\\_July\\_2018\\_tcm18-250042.pdf](http://www.rsc.org/images/ECG_Bulletin_July_2018_tcm18-250042.pdf)

Continued operation of the ECG dedicated website that includes an archive of Bulletin articles from the last 10 years, Environmental Briefs and information about future and past ECG activities: <https://www.envchemgroup.com/>

The site has had had 100,000 page views from 33,000 visitors during 2018.

The ECG also maintains active and current Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram feeds.

### 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.

<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Latest Advances in the Analysis of Complex Environmental Matrices</b>
<b>Event Type</b>	Scientific Meeting - One-day
<b>Audience</b>	Academics & Industrialists
<b>Proposed Date</b>	22 February 2019
<b>Comments</b>	Planning complete – a joint meeting with the Separation Science Group and Water Science Forum. More information here: <a href="https://www.envchemgroup.com/2019-complex-environmental-matrices.html">https://www.envchemgroup.com/2019-complex-environmental-matrices.html</a>

<b>Event Name</b>	<b>21st Century Chemistry: Disposing of our Nuclear Legacy</b> and 2019 Distinguished Guest Lecture
<b>Event Type</b>	Scientific Meeting - One-day
<b>Audience</b>	Academics & Industrialists
<b>Proposed Date</b>	27 March 2019
<b>Comments</b>	Distinguished Guest Lecturer, Prof. Melissa Denecke from the University of Manchester. Planning complete and speakers booked. More information here: <a href="https://www.envchemgroup.com/2019-radioactive-waste-disposal.html">https://www.envchemgroup.com/2019-radioactive-waste-disposal.html</a>

<b>Event Name</b>	Plastics from Cradle to Grave and Resurrection
<b>Event Type</b>	Scientific Meeting - One-day
<b>Audience</b>	Academics & Industrialists
<b>Proposed Date</b>	19 June 2019
<b>Comments</b>	A joint meeting with the Food & Toxicology Groups and the SCI. More information here: <a href="https://www.envchemgroup.com/plastics-from-cradle-to-grave.html">https://www.envchemgroup.com/plastics-from-cradle-to-grave.html</a>

<b>Event Name</b>	Sensors 2019
<b>Event Type</b>	Scientific Meeting - One-day
<b>Audience</b>	Academics & Industrialists
<b>Proposed Date</b>	26 June 2019
<b>Comments</b>	A planned joint meeting with Automation and Analytical Management Group (AAMG)

<b>Event Name</b>	Indoor Air
<b>Event Type</b>	Scientific Meeting - One-day
<b>Audience</b>	Academics & Industrialists
<b>Proposed Date</b>	September 2019
<b>Comments</b>	Potential joint meeting with IoP - meeting currently at feasibility/planning stage

<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Sustainable Water in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</b>
<b>Event Type</b>	Scientific Meeting - One-day
<b>Audience</b>	Academics & Industrialists
<b>Proposed Date</b>	1 October 2019
<b>Comments</b>	ESED Community Activity in conjunction with WSF; Agriculture Group and possibly Applied Materials Chemistry

<b>Event Name</b>	<b>ECG Group Members Scientific Meeting</b>
<b>Event Type</b>	Scientific Meeting - One-day
<b>Audience</b>	ECG members and Early Career people
<b>Proposed Date</b>	15 October 2019
<b>Comments</b>	Precursor to the (hopeful) development of an (annual) 2-day meeting (starting in 2020) where colleagues, invited through review of submitted synopses, present their work. A social event will also be considered for next year together with possibly some workshops and CPD familiarisation activities.



### 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](mailto:networks@rsc.org) as soon as possible.

Position	Name	Dates on committee (20xx – 20xx)
Chair	Dr. Tom Sizmur	2015-
Secretary	Dr. Glynn Skerratt	2017-
Treasurer	Dr. Valerio Ferracci	2017-
Ordinary Members	Laura Alcock (LA) Dr. Zöe Fleming (ZF) Dr. Rowena Fletcher-Wood (RFW) Dr. Caroline Gauchottee-Lindsay (CGL) Prof. Steve Leharne (SL) Dr. Laura Newsome (LN) Dr. David Owen (DO) Dr. Roger Reeve (RR) Dr. Clare Topping (CT) Prof. Dominik Weiss (DW)	2018- 2012- 2014- 2018- 2015- 2017- 2007- 2017- 2017-
Chemists' Community Fund Representative (if relevant)		
Co-opted member(s) and their affiliation(s)	Dr. Thomás Sherwen	(2019-)



## **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.

The ECG fully subscribes to the RSC policies on Diversity and Inclusion and works hard to arrange its events to be as inclusive as possible. Committee members are able to join meetings using electronic conferencing facilities enabling those who are less able to travel to the venue to participate. In addition:

- We currently have 6 out of 13 female committee members so there is a good gender balance across the committee
- We have members aged from their 20s to their 60s on our committee
- We open any application for new committee members to the whole ECG community and this year both vacancies were filled by women
- We provide discounted registration at our annual Distinguished Guest Lecture for Group members and student members, and make special arrangements for retired members or people in other circumstances