**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.

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| **Committee** | Food Group |
| Completed by | Kathryn Whittaker |
| **Date** | Monday, 18 February 2019 |

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

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

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| **Date** | Wednesday, 13 February 2019 |
| **Venue** | Burlington House |

**Proposed Committee Meetings Dates**

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| **Date** | **Venue** |  |
| **13/02/019**  **05/06/2019**  **18/09/2019**  **04/12/2019** | **Burlington House** |  |

### 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:

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| **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.

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| **Event Name** | Advances in the Chemical Analysis of Food II |
| **Event Type** | Scientific Meeting - One-day |
| **Audience** | Academics |
| **Start Date** | 27 April 2018 |
| **End Date** | 27 April 2018 |
| **No. Attendees** | 50-100 |
| **Comments** | Target audience: Academics, Industrialists and Early career scientists.  Well attended joint meeting with Separation Science Group with speakers and small exhibition, which is planned to run again in 2020 |

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| **Event Name** | Food Oral Processing Conference |
| **Event Type** | Scientific Meeting - Multi-day |
| **Audience** | Industrialists |
| **Start Date** | 01 July 2018 |
| **End Date** | 04 July 2018 |
| **No. Attendees** | >200 |
| **Comments** | Target audience: Academics, Industrialists and Early career scientists  Food Group sponsored bi-annual conference run by previous committee member, held at The University of Nottingham in 2018. The Food Group sponsored 2 poster prizes, winners were selected by a panel of 20 judges. |

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| **Event Name** | Nursten Symposium | |
| **Event Type** | Scientific Meeting - Multi-day | |
| **Audience** | Postgraduates & PhD students | |
| **Start Date** | 27 September 2018 | |
| **End Date** | 28 September 2018 | |
| **No. Attendees** | | 25-50 |
| **Comments** | The 6th Postgraduate Scientific Conference held at the University of Nottingham in 2018. The Food Group sponsors a student prize to encourage the next generation of Food Chemists | |

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| **Event Name** | Naturals in Food –Facts, Myths, Perceptions Conference |
| **Event Type** | Scientific Meeting - One-day |
| **Audience** | Early Career |
| **Start Date** | 12 October 2018 |
| **End Date** | 12 October 2018 |
| **No. Attendees** | 25-50 |
| **Comments** | Target audience: Academics, Industrialists and Early career scientists  A new conference ran by the Food Group, with 43 attendees, with presentations by Industry and Regulatory Experts and sponsored by Omega Ingredients. Feedback was very positive and diversity of programme and value for money rated highly. |

### 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](mailto:networks@rsc.org).

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| **Award** | Food Group Junior Medal |
| **Award Type** | Award |
| **Audience** | Early Career |
| **Nomination/ application deadline** | 31/10/2018 and planned for 2019 |
| **Number of nominations/ applications** | 7 |
| **Award winner(s) and institution(s)** | Dr Joanne Gould, The University of Nottingham |
| **Comments** | A downloadable form for proposals was submitted by nominators with a second referee required. Eight members of the Committee (5 women& 3 men) reviewed all nominations and scored based on scientific merit, chemistry content and relevance to select the winner |

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| **Award** | Food Group Poster prizes at Food Oral Processing Conference |
| **Award Type** | Poster Prize |
| **Audience** | Early Career |
| **Nomination/ application deadline** | 01/07/2018 and planned for 2019 |
| **Number of nominations/ applications** | 26 posters enrolled for award nomination |
| **Award winner(s) and institution(s)** | Mr Jumpei Okawa from Niigata University Graduate School of Medical and Dental Sciences.  Ms Katherine Hurst from University of Nottingham |
| **Comments** | Each poster was reviewed by 2 judges from a panel of 20 and their total score was used to select the winners. RSC Food Group award was based on scientific merit and presentation style. |

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| **Award** | RSC Food Group poster prize at Nursten Symposium |
| **Award Type** | Poster Prize |
| **Audience** | Postgraduates & PhD students |
| **Nomination/ application deadline** | 27/09/2018 |
| **Number of nominations/ applications** | 23 eligible posters |
| **Award winner(s) and institution(s)** | Ms Imogen Ramsey |
| **Comments** | Title of winning poster was “Assessment of different membrane technologies, processing parameters and efficiency on beer flavour using a lab scale dealcoholisation unit”. Winner selected based on: excellent presentation skills, good understanding of chemistry involved and questions answer well. |

**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.

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| **Event Name** | Food – The Vital Ingredient book launch |
| **Event Type** | Networking Event |
| **Audience** | Industrialists |
| **Proposed Date** | Burlington House |
| **Comments** | Launch of the updated edition of this reference book dealing with the challenges of whole food system with contributions from several committee members. Target audience includes Scientists, policymakers, industrialists and academics |

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| **Event Name** | Cultivating Healthy Food Systems |
| **Event Type** | Scientific Meeting - Multi-day |
| **Audience** | Academics |
| **Proposed Date** | 21/05/2019-23/05/2019 |
| **Comments** | University of Aberdeen Conference led Conference for which the RSC Food Group will be jointly sponsoring the Food Section of the event |

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| **Event Name** | Plastics-from Cradle to Grave and Resurrection |
| **Event Type** | Scientific Meeting - One-day |
| **Audience** | Academics, Industrialists, Policymakers |
| **Proposed Date** | 19/06/2019 |
| **Comments** | Joint Scientific meeting with SCI and RSC Environmental and Toxicology Groups to be held at SCI, London with complete programme of expert speakers finalised |

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| **Event Name** | Nursten Symposium |
| **Event Type** | Scientific Meeting - Multi-day |
| **Audience** | Postgraduates & PhD students |
| **Proposed Date** | September 2019 |
| **Comments** | The RSC Food Group will be sponsoring a student prize to encourage the next generation of Food Chemists |

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| **Event Name** | Total Food – Food waste management systems |
| **Event Type** | Scientific Meeting - One-day |
| **Audience** | Academics, Industrialists, Policymakers |
| **Proposed Date** | Qtr 3 2019 |
| **Comments** | Proposed meeting agenda subject to finalisation and venue confirmation |

### 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.

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| **Position** | **Name** | **Dates on committee** (20xx – 20xx) |
| Chair | Dr Kathy Ridgway | 2012-2018 |
| Secretary | Kathryn Whittaker  Dr Julia Jaeger (relocated Nov 2018) | 2014-2018  2016-2018 |
| Treasurer | Professor Peter Wilde | 2015-2018 |
| Ordinary Members | Mike Saltmarsh  Professor Wendy Russell  Maud Silvent  Dr Martin Rose  Professor Clive Thompson  Dr Jane Parker  Taichi Inui | 1984-2018  2014-2018  2015-2018  2015-2018  2015-2018  2016-2018  2016-2018 |
| Chemists’ Community Fund Representative  (if relevant) |  |  |
| Co-opted member(s) and their affiliation(s) | Profess Bryan Hanley | 2014-2018 |

**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](http://www.rsc.org/images/Networks%20Handbook%20-%20June%202018_tcm18-248134.pdf) contains more information to support our networks in achieving this and our Diversity team have [online Guides for Networks](http://www.rsc.org/campaigning-outreach/campaigning/incldiv/inclusion--diversity-resources/) 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 are open and inclusive in all our dealings with Food Group members, RSC representatives and people external to the RSC. We encourage involvement from all.

The committee includes 55:45 female: male and a range of ages and occupations. All our meetings are accessible to all.