



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	Molten Salts Discussion Group
Completed by	Dr Andrew Doherty
Date	Sunday, 24 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	Monday, 16 December 2019
Venue	Burlington House, London

Proposed Committee Meetings Dates

Date	Venue	
13/08/2019 23/10/2019	Churchill College, Cambridge 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.

Event Name	MSDG Summer Research Meeting
Event Type	Scientific Meeting - Multi-day
Audience	Academics
Start Date	24 July 2018
End Date	26 July 2018
No. Attendees	25-50
Comments	This meeting included the inaugural “Fray Lecture” which was delivered by Professor Derek Fray, University of Cambridge.

Event Name	Early Careers Research Meeting
Event Type	Scientific Meeting - One-day
Audience	Postgraduates & PhD students
Start Date	13 September 2018
End Date	13 September 2018
No. Attendees	50-100
Comments	This meeting was dedicated to the late Professor Kenneth Seddon for his contribution to ionic liquids research.

Event Name	MSDG Christmas Research Meeting
Event Type	Scientific Meeting – One day
Audience	Academics
Start Date	17/12/2018
End Date	Click or tap to enter the event end date (if applicable).
No. Attendees	25-50
Comments	The Inman Lecture was delivered by Professor Rasmus Fehrmann from the Technical University of Denmark

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	Fray Lecture
Award Type	Award
Audience	Academics
Nomination/ application deadline	When did the Award close for nominations/applications?
Number of nominations/ applications	How many nominations/applications were received?
Award winner(s) and institution(s)	Professor Derek Fray, Cambridge University
Comments	The committee drew up a list and selected the awardee

Award	Inman Lecture
Award Type	Award
Audience	Academics
Nomination/ application deadline	When did the Award close for nominations/applications?
Number of nominations/ applications	How many nominations/applications were received?
Award winner(s) and institution(s)	Professor Rasmus Fehrmann from the Technical University of Denmark
Comments	The committee drew up a list and selected the awardee

Other information/comments:

The MSDG provided the following travel bursaries.

Christmas Meeting 2017	Award type	Value £
Dr T Griffiths	Travel	73.35
Hui Chen	Travel	173.30
Shafaq Muzammal	Travel	147.00
Summer Meeting 2018		
Dr Andrew Watson	Free registration	480
Student Meeting 2018		
Oliver Hammond	Travel	100
Vanessa Correia	Travel	100
Anna Szelwicka	Travel	100

Other forms of Recognition provided by your committee:

n/a



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	MSDG Summer Research Meeting 2019
Event Type	Scientific Meeting - Multi-day
Audience	Academics
Proposed Date	12-14 August 2019
Comments	To be held at Churchill College, Cambridge where Professor Donald Sadoway, MIT, will present the Fray Lecture

Event Name	MSDG Christmas Research Meeting 2019
Event Type	Scientific Meeting - One-day
Audience	Academics
Proposed Date	16/12/2019
Comments	To be held at the RSC, Burlington House. Inman Lecture Awardee to be decided,

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	Dr Andrew Doherty	2005-2019
Secretary	Dr Leigh Aldous	2018-2019
Treasurer	Dr Anna Croft	2015-2019
Newsletter Ed.	Professor Patricia Hunt	2018-2019
Ordinary Members	Professor Derek Fray Professor George Chen Dr John Slattery Dr Stuart Mucklejohn Dr Paul Coxon	1990-2019 1998-2019 2018-2019
Chemists' Community Fund Representative (if relevant)		
Co-opted member(s) and their affiliation(s)	Dr Trevor Griffiths Professor Geir Martin Haaburg (International) Professor Rasmus Fehrmann (Europe) Professor Carston Schwandt (Middle-east)	1983-2019 2018-2019 2009-2019



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 MSDG is committed to inclusivity in all aspects of its activities. For example, the Committee itself is comprised of members from five different countries with ages spanning mid-30s to early 80s who, collectively, represent the high-temperature molten salts and room temperature ionic liquids communities. In addition, two female Committee members hold Officer roles (Hon. Treasurer and Newsletter Editor.) As such the Committee closely reflects the community it serves and has made good progress towards gender balance.

The Group actively encourages and promotes both younger and retired members' participation with dedicated early-career research meetings and travel bursaries for both.

The MSDG recognises individuals for their contribution to their field. Significantly, since the introduction of the Inman Lecture in 2014, 2 out of the 5 recipients have been female (<https://www.msdg.uk/awards-bursaries>) while 4 out of 5 are based outside the UK which reflects the Group's commitment to recognising and rewarding outstanding contributions irrespective of gender or origin.

To the best of its ability the Group activities take place in accessible locations/buildings at convenient times where all necessary support infrastructure is available. All business is conducted in an open, inclusive and respectful environment.