

Royal Society of Chemistry Organic Division Strategy 2017 - 2020

The aims of the Organic Division (OD) are:

1. To promote exchange of knowledge and excellence in the areas of organic chemistry
2. To support the next generation of scientists in the important field of organic chemistry in its broadest interpretation
3. To foster and strengthen links between organic chemistry and the wider scientific research community, being recognised as an inclusive representative body relevant to academic and industrial researchers
4. To raise awareness of the importance and value of organic chemistry to policymakers and society as a whole

Mechanisms by which we will implement these during the period 2017 - 2020 will include:

1. To promote exchange of knowledge and excellence in the areas of organic chemistry (via online, conferences, meetings, networks)

- Promote OD regional meetings and other meetings across the UK and Ireland involving chemists from both industry and academia, including early career researchers, as a method of personal development
- Support the RSC Prizes and Awards Portfolio
- Collaborate with organic chemistry organisations and networks within the UK and internationally, endorsing the discipline to a wider audience
- Promote interactions with RSC Publishing products, e.g. journals, books and data
- Advise on and promote scientific meetings and initiatives where appropriate
- Facilitate the provision of [Scientific Meeting Grants](#) for external activities, especially those promoting knowledge exchange
- Disseminate information of relevance to the organic chemistry community

2. To support the next generation of scientists in the important field of organic chemistry

- Assist in the provision of training/development opportunities for postgraduate students, e.g. the RSC Organic Division Poster Symposium
- Promote professional qualifications and high ethical standards for organic chemists
- Encourage best practice in enhancing diversity e.g. gender, ethnicity, career stage, institution etc.
- Provide [Travel Grants](#) for students and early career researchers to attend conferences chosen to enhance their personal and career development

3. To foster and strengthen links between organic chemistry and the wider scientific research community, being recognised as an inclusive representative body relevant to academic and industrial researchers

- Promote an appreciation of the role of organic chemistry within the broader scientific community
- Work with other related RSC Divisions, Interest Groups and other Networks
- Develop and promote a vision for organic chemistry and its application within the 21st century academic and industrial context, e.g. input into activities related to global challenges or work with relevant partner organisations in strategically important areas

4. To raise awareness of the importance and value of organic chemistry to policymakers and society as a whole

- Represent and be an advocate for organic chemistry to research councils and Government
 - Contribute to RSC responses and position statements, where appropriate
 - Foster understanding of organic chemistry (and its applications) to non-specialist audiences (e.g. policy makers and general public)
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