

Organic Division: Carbohydrate Group Newsletter Mar 2010

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Re: Our newsletter

With this edition, we are moving to a system of e-mail alerts to distribute the newsletter to all group members. Most, though not all, RSC groups now operate in this way. However, we do want to respond to our members' needs, so please let us know what you feel about this change.

Report on Autumn Meeting, Sept. 2009

The autumn meeting, '**Carbohydrate-Lectin Interactions**', was held at the John Innes Centre, University of East Anglia on Sept 15th and 16th, 2009 and was attended by 85 delegates. We are truly grateful to Rob Field and his team for a very well-run event and a first-rate scientific programme. Principal lectures were delivered by: Monica Palcic (Carlsberg, Copenhagen), Gideon Davies (York), Harry Brumer (Stockholm), Stefan Oscarson (Dublin), Johannis Kamerling (Groningen), Rob Edwards (Durham), Del Basra (Birmingham) and Nico Callewaert (Ghent). Additionally there were a number of short oral presentations and a poster session on the first evening.

Spring Meeting 2010

'Viral Glycobiology: Chemistry of Infection and Therapeutics'

Oxford, Apr. 13th and 14th, 2010

On this occasion the RSC event will complement, and immediately precede, the Oxford Virology Symposium. We expect that many group members will wish to attend both these meetings, which are being held in the attractive surroundings of Christchurch from Apr 13th to 16th.

Major speakers will be: James Stevens (Atlanta, USA), Ten Feizi (Imperial College), Jan Balzarini (Leuven), Katy Doores (Scripps Institute), Hans Streicher (Sussex), Ben Davis (Oxford), Chris Scanlan (Oxford), Terry Butters (Oxford) and David Harvey (Oxford).

View the website at: www.ovs2010.org/index_files/Page854.htm for further details including accommodation. For the OVS symposium, see: www.ovs2010.org/

Registration: RSC members **£50**, non-members **£70**, students **£20**.

As usual we are offering **student bursaries**, to assist especially Ph D students with their costs. Please take us up on this!

We are still inviting abstracts for both **short oral presentations** and **posters**. Please send abstracts to andrew.stachulski@bioch.ox.ac.uk in the first instance.

Future Meetings

A meeting will take place in **Sept. 2010** in **Dundee**: further details in due course. Dundee is a noted centre for both carbohydrate science and medicine and we expect an excellent meeting. We are in the process of finalizing meetings for 2011, including perhaps a meeting with more of a chemistry slant, as we are aware this aspect has been relatively downplayed in recent meetings.

Article

An article presenting the scope of the group's interests and current trends in carbohydrate science will be placed in **RSC News** shortly.

Committee Meeting

The **RSC Carbohydrate Group committee** will meet at Oxford after the close of the scientific session on the evening of Tues Apr. 13th: the exact venue and time will be notified nearer the event and minutes plus agenda will be circulated to members.

Finally, we are looking for another committee member from the pharmaceutical or other industry. Please let us know if you are suitably placed and interested.

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