

**Organic Division: Carbohydrate Group  
Meetings Update, June 2011**

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**Royal Society of Chemistry Discussion Meeting 2011  
Organized on behalf of the Carbohydrate and Biotechnology Groups**

***Stability and Degradation of Complex Carbohydrate Structures:  
Mechanisms and Measurement***

**Monday 5th September, Burlington House, London**

For further details, please see: <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/ncmh/RSC-London-2011/index.html>

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**RSC Carbohydrate Group Autumn Meeting 2011**

***Carbohydrates: Key Interactors at the Chemistry-Biology Interface***

**Thursday-Friday 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> September, University of Liverpool**

This meeting will feature the **RSC Carbohydrate Award lectures**, sponsored by Dextra, which will be given by Dr Stuart Haslam (Imperial College) and Prof Daan van Aalten (University of Dundee). Other invited lectures will be given by Prof Tony Day (Manchester), Prof Gideon Davies (University of York), Dr Max Crispin (University of Oxford), Dr Ed Yates (University of Liverpool), Prof Dave Fernig (University of Liverpool). In addition, ten oral presentations will be selected from abstracts. Those wishing to be considered for oral presentations are encouraged to contact the meeting organizer, Prof. Jerry Turnbull, as soon as possible ([j.turnbull@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:j.turnbull@liverpool.ac.uk)) Further details about this meeting will be available on the Group web site shortly: <http://www.rsc.org/Membership/Networking/InterestGroups/Carbohydrate/ForthcomingEvents.asp>

**Biochemical Society Workshop, co-sponsored by the Royal Society of Chemistry  
Chemical Biology Interface Division**

***Carbohydrate analysis and glycomics: where next?***

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2012, Charles Darwin House, London**

Further information about this meeting will be included in our Autumn newsletter.  
Organisers: Prof Rob Field, Prof Jane Thomas-Oates, Dr Stuart Haslam

### **Next RSC Carbohydrate Group Committee Meeting**

The next committee meeting will be held during the Liverpool meeting in September 2011. If you have items that you would like to bring to the attention of the committee, please contact either Rob Field or Bruce Turnbull.

### **Message from Professor Anne Dell, President of the Society for Glycobiology (2011) Annual Conference, 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> November 2011, Seattle, USA**

Dear colleagues,

I am writing to you in my capacity as President of the Society for Glycobiology (2011). My Presidency brings into sharp focus the International status of this Society. Regrettably, the mistaken perception of many glycobiologists worldwide is that the Society is American. Whilst that is true for its roots, the Society attained genuine international status in the mid 1990's upon affiliation with the Glycobiology journal and currently about a third of members are from outside North America.

Significantly, the Society for Glycobiology is the ONLY international "glyco" organisation which has subscribing members. This is important because having a membership entrusts the Society with both opportunities and responsibilities. For example, membership provides the Society with a clear mandate to lobby funders, encourage journals to invite glycobiologists onto their editorial boards etc etc.

A key responsibility is maximising synergies with other "glyco" organisations for mutual benefit. Thanks to the efforts of past Presidents and the Society's Board Members, a great deal of progress has already been made in "outreach". This is exemplified by the reciprocal guest sessions of the IGO in Vienna (August 2011) and the Society (November 2011; for details of this years Society Meeting in Seattle see: [www.glycobiology.org](http://www.glycobiology.org)). But there is much more that needs to be done to engage glycobiologists worldwide and to make the Society for Glycobiology a powerful champion of international glycobiology.

My aspiration is to double membership during my Presidency and to achieve this I need your help. Please promote the Society amongst the "glyco" groups in your country and encourage your colleagues to become members. The potential benefits are considerable. Indeed I believe that a robust international Society is absolutely essential for the future of glycobiology.

If you have ideas as to how best to synergise future activities of the Society with other "glyco" organisations please do not hesitate to get in touch.

I hope to see you in Seattle in November

Kind regards,

Anne

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