



Member Networks Annual Report Form
Reporting events held in 2017 and those planned for 2018

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: **9th February 2018**

Deadline for receipt of Annual Report by Networks Team: **26th February 2018**

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	Speciality Chemicals Sector
Completed by	Sophie Purser – Secretary
Date	

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

Annual General Meeting (if being held)

Date:	-
Venue:	-

Proposed Committee Meetings Dates

Date	Venue
1. 12/03/2018 (14:00)	Burlington House, London
2. September 2018 (to be confirmed during March Meeting)	tba



2017 Events

Please append electronic copies of any meeting reports, newsletters or relevant materials to this report.

Please report below on activities undertaken in the past year. If you have more detailed information about any particularly successful events, or advice to share please use a separate sheet. For more events continue as necessary.

EVENT KEY:

- Education Event (including outreach activities for school students or the general public)
- Public Lecture
- Retired Members Event
- Scientific Conference - 1 day
- Scientific Conference - multi day
- Social Event
- Training/workshop
- Award Lecture
- Other

Event Name	Chemistry in the Oil Industry XV
Event Type (key)	Scientific Conference - multi day
Comments	Chemistry in the Oil Industry Symposium, was held as a joint event by the RSC Speciality Chemicals Sector with the European Oilfield Speciality Chemicals Association (EOSCA) The Manchester Conference Centre on the 6 th -8 th November 2017.

Event Name	Symposium 2017: Continuous Flow Chemistry for Industrial Processes
Event Type (key)	Scientific Conference - multi day
Comments	This conference at Munich Trade Fair Centre, Germany from the 31 st May to the 1st June 2017 is organised by the RSC Speciality Chemicals Sector in association with The Knowledge Transfer Network and is held in conjunction with the 2017 Chemspec Europe and Chemsources Exhibitions organised by Mack Brooks.





Awards and Bursaries

Please list any awards or bursaries presented by your committee in the past 12 months and indicate any which will be open for nomination/application in the next calendar year.

Please ensure that all members of your network are notified of any awards or bursaries for general application.

Our Educational Activities

We promote chemistry through supporting talks and demonstrations in primary and secondary schools, the support of science weeks and science fairs, science web sites, events staged by local sections, and activities for schools run by external organizations such as the Catalyst Science Discovery Centre. Educational grants were awarded to the following organisations and schools:

Catalyst Science Discovery Centre	£1,933
Darrick Wood School	£2,160
Ark John Keats School	£2,550
Northgate Primary School	£2,700
RSC North Wales Local Section	£800
Sir Robert Woodard Academy	£2,711
St. Margret's Primary School	£420
Lenham Primary School	£2,000

Applicants provided applications detailing what the grant will be used for, how it will benefit the school and what legacy it would leave for future students.

Legacy Donation to The Social Mobility Foundation £30,000

For over 30 years, the Speciality Chemicals Sector has been working with the European Oilfield Speciality Chemicals Association to run a biennial multi-day conference, Chemistry in the Oil Industry. As this series of conferences reached the 30 year anniversary in 2013, the organising committee agreed to create a legacy fund from the surplus generated over the course of the 12th (2011), 13th (2013) and 14th (2015) conferences. The surplus from each conference had previously been shared equally between RSC SCS and EOSCA. This legacy fund was to 'enthuse students about chemistry and oilfield chemistry in particular' and from 2016 the committee began to look for ideas on how to use the funds. During the course of 2017, The Social Mobility Foundation (www.socialmobility.org.uk) was identified as a potential organisation to work with. The Social Mobility Foundation targets A' Level students from low-income backgrounds and provides support to encourage them to apply for university through its 'Aspiring Professionals Programme' (APP). This support includes: mentoring by a professional working in the sector they are interested in; providing skills sessions and career workshops; university application support and guidance; and



internships with top employers. The support starts in sixth form and extends through their undergraduate course. They support a large range of subject areas with 'Biology and Chemistry' being one of their key targets. In working with the SMF prior to the donation, we established that this donation could help support around 50 new APP students and so have requested that they use the funds to expand their 2018 'Biology and Chemistry' cohort by around 50 additional places and will receive 6-monthly updates on progress.

Other information/comments:

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.

Event Name	Symposium 2018: Enhanced Performance using Additives
Comments	This two-day international symposium will be held in conjunction with the Chemspec Europe 2018 and Chemsources 2018 Exhibitions organised by Mack Brooks Exhibitions Group. It will take place from 20 th -21 st June 2018 in Cologne, Germany.

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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	Gareth Jenkins	2002+ 2008-2012 Chair I 2013-2017 Chair II
Secretary	Sophie Purser	2015+ 2017-2021 Secretary I
Treasurer	Chris Drew (retired end 2017)	2001-2017 2011-2015 Treasurer I 2016-2017 Treasurer II
Ordinary Members	Bruce Lane	2001-2004 2005-2009 2010-2014 2014-2018 (2004-2008 Chair)
	Steve Jackson	2015-2019
	Mark Barratt	2016-2020
	Mark Bratt	2013-2017
	Simon Rushworth	2014-2018
	Tom Porter	2014-2018
Chemists' Community Fund Representative (if relevant)		



Co-opted members and their affiliation	Ruth Lane, Conference Secretariat	2000+
	Pat Keen, Conference Secretariat	2012+

Diversity & Inclusion

Our trustees are aiming to embed diversity and inclusion in all of our activities and networks. Our [online network handbook](#) contains more information to support our networks in achieving this.

Please comment on how your group is showing that it has embraced Diversity and Inclusion within its practices.

The committee membership does not reflect the diversity in the UK, however recruiting committee members is an ongoing problem. We do however actively promote diversity through the educational grants. Applications are open to all and priority is given to school in less advantaged areas (as measured by the percentage of students who qualify for free school meals).