

PRESS RELEASE

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RSE welcomes 60 new Fellows

Outstanding Academics, Celebrated Professionals and Royalty Join Scotland's National Academy

The Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE) is delighted to announce that HRH The Duke of Cambridge has been elected to become an RSE Royal Honorary Fellow. We much look forward to a long and fruitful relationship with HRH, as we have with our Patron, Her Majesty The Queen, and our other Royal Fellows.¹

Also announced today are the names of 59 distinguished individuals who have been elected to become Fellows of the RSE. Hailing from sectors that range from the arts, business, science and technology and academia, they join the current RSE Fellowship whose varied expertise supports the advancement of learning and useful knowledge in Scottish public life.

The strength of the RSE lies in the breadth of disciplines represented by its Fellowship. This range of expertise enables the RSE to take part in a host of activities such as providing independent and expert advice to Government and Parliament, supporting aspiring entrepreneurs through mentorship, facilitating education programmes for young people and engaging the general public through educational events.

The RSE is heartened to see a continued increase in the number of new Fellows from the arts, business and professional spheres. They include:

• MCDERMID, Val

One of the biggest names in crime writing, Val McDermid is a founding writer of what has become known as the 'tartan noir' genre.

GRICE, Sir Paul

Chief Executive, Scottish Parliament. Sir Paul Grice played a major role in the establishment of the Scottish Parliament and fosters connections between the Scottish Parliament and the world of academia.

BARONESS YOUNG OF OLD SCONE, Barbara (Honorary Fellow)
 Life Peer, House of Lords. Baroness Young was the Chief Executive of Diabetes UK from 2010 to 2015. The Baroness is currently Chair of the Woodland Trust Board of Trustees.

¹ The Duke of Edinburgh, The Prince of Wales, The Princess Royal and now The Duke of Cambridge are all Royal Honorary Fellows of the RSE. Her Majesty The Queen is a Patron of the RSE.

• BRUCE-GARDYNE, Lucinda

Business women and founder of Genius Foods; the brand leader in gluten-free products in the UK.

• ANGIOLINI, The Right Honourable Dame Elish Frances

The Right Honourable Dame Elish is the Principal of St Hugh's College, University of Oxford and formerly the Solicitor General and Lord Advocate of Scotland.

KELLY, Dame Barbara Mary

Dame Barbara Kelly is the Chairman of The Robertson Trust and a central figure in rural affairs in Scotland having acted as the Chair for the £30M Millennium Forest for Scotland Trust.

• WARK, Kirsty

Kirsty Wark is a Scottish journalist and television presenter. Best known for fronting BBC Two's current affairs programme Newsnight, Kirsty also presented on the BBC's Newsnight Review from 2002 to 2014.

A number of the new RSE Fellows are involved in the highest calibre of scientific enquiry and policy making:

• SARGENT, Anneila Isabel (Honorary Fellow)

Ira S. Bowen Professor of Astronomy, California Institute of Technology. University of Edinburg Alumna of the Year 2002. Former President of the American Astronomical Society and Chair of the NASA Space Science Advisory Committee.

SIR WALPORT, Mark Jeremy (Honorary Fellow)

Chief Scientific Adviser to HM Government, Government Office for Science. Distinguished clinical scientist, scientific communicator and advisor. UKRI Chief Executive designate.

Strengthening the international work of the RSE, highly-distinguished individuals join the RSE as Corresponding Fellows, including:

- JAMISON, Kay Redfield, The Dalio Family Professor in Mood Disorders, Johns Hopkins University
- BAER, Thomas Michael, Executive Director, Stanford Photonics Research Centre, Stanford University
- LIU, Congqiang, Professor, Institute of Geochemistry, Chinese Academy of Sciences

New Fellows are elected each year through a rigorous five-stage nomination process. The breadth of the Fellowship—which includes over 1600 individuals from the UK and abroad — enables the RSE to provide a wide range of leadership and expertise.

President of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, Professor Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell, commented, "Each newly elected Fellow has been nominated on their exceptional and extensive achievements; it is a great honour to welcome such a range of outstanding individuals to the Fellowship. In joining the RSE Fellowship, they will strengthen the Society's capacity to advance excellence across all areas of public life in Scotland and further afield."

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Notes to Editors

About the RSE

The Royal Society of Edinburgh is a leading educational charity which operates on an independent and non-party-political basis to provide public benefit throughout Scotland. Established by Royal Charter in 1783 by key proponents of the Scottish Enlightenment, the RSE now has around 1600 Fellows from a wide range of disciplines. The work of the RSE includes awarding research funding, leading on major inquiries, informing public policy and delivering events across Scotland to inspire knowledge and learning.

The RSE's Fellowship comprises Honorary Fellows (members of the Royal House or persons eminently distinguished in any subject within our disciplinary domains), Corresponding Fellows (those who have attained high international standing in any subject within our disciplinary domains, and are not normally resident in the UK) and Fellows.

Details on all the new Fellows:

HONORARY

SARGENT, Anneila Isabel

Ira S. Bowen Professor of Astronomy, California Institute of Technology

WALPORT, Sir Mark Jeremy

Chief Scientific Adviser to HM Government, Government Office for Science, and Chief Executive designate, UKRI

BARONESS YOUNG OF OLD SCONE, Barbara

Life Peer, House of Lords

CORRESPONDING

BAER, Thomas Michael

Executive Director, Stanford Photonics Research Centre, Stanford University

GAO, George Fu

Professor and Director, CAS Key Laboratory of Pathogenic Microbiology and Immunology, Chinese Academy of Sciences

LIU, Congqiang

Professor, Institute of Geochemistry, Chinese Academy of Sciences

PRICE, Neil

Distinguished Professor of Archaeology, Uppsala Universitet

JAMISON, Kay Redfield

The Dalio Family Professor in Mood Disorders, Johns Hopkins University

FELLOWSHIP

AITMAN, Timothy John

Professor of Molecular Pathology and Genetics and Director of Centre for Genomic and Experimental Medicine, University of Edinburgh

ANGIOLINI, The Right Honourable Dame Elish Frances

Principal of St Hugh's College, University of Oxford

BENSON. David John

Sixth Century Professor of Pure Mathematics, University of Aberdeen

BOSWELL, Christina Anne

Professor of Politics, University of Edinburgh

BREWSTER, Stephen Anthony

Professor of Human-Computer Interaction, University of Glasgow

BRINK, Stefan

Sixth Century Professor of Scandinavian Studies, University of Aberdeen

BRUCE-GARDYNE, Lucinda Emma Kate

Founder and Research and Product Development Director, Genius Foods Ltd

DALBY, Matthew John

Professor of Cell Engineering, University of Glasgow

DUFF, Peter Robert

Professor of Criminal Justice, University of Aberdeen

FACCIO, Daniele

Professor in Physics, Heriot-Watt University

FAIRBAIRN, James Bennett

Executive Director, Howden Group Ltd

FLETCHER, Lyndsay Fletcher

Professor of Astrophysics, University of Glasgow

GAMMELL, Sir William Benjamin Bowring

Chairman, Genius Foods Limited; Chairman, Winning Scotland Foundation; Director, Figured Ltd.

GILBERT, Martin James

Chief Executive, Aberdeen Asset Management

GILLESPIE, Stephen Henry

Sir James Black Professor of Medicine, University of St Andrews

GRICE, Sir Paul Edward

Chief Executive, Scottish Parliament

HAAS, Harald

Professor of Mobile Communications, University of Edinburgh

HALL, Hazel Jane Read

Professor of Social Informatics, Edinburgh Napier University

HANNAFORD, Philip Christopher

Vice-Principal (Digital Strategy), University of Aberdeen

HORN. David

Professor of Parasite Molecular Biology, University of Dundee

HUNT, Kate

Associate Director, MRC/CSO Social and Public Health Sciences Unit, University of Glasgow

INNES, Elisabeth Ann

Principal Scientist and Director of Communication, Moredun Research Institute

KELLY, Dame Barbara Mary

Chairman, The Robertson Trust

KINLOCH, Maggie

Freelance Theatre Director

MACPHERSON. Fiona Elizabeth

Professor of Philosophy, University of Glasgow

MACPHERSON, Lorna Margaret Davidson

Professor of Dental Public Health, University of Glasgow

MARTIN, Ursula Hilda Mary

Professor of Computer Science, University of Oxford

MCCONNELL, Bridget

Chief Executive, Glasgow Life

MCCORMAC, Francis Gerald (Gerry)

Principal and Vice-Chancellor, University of Stirling

MCDERMID, Valerie Lesley Campbell

Author

MCKEOWN, Neil Bruce

Crawford Tercentenary Professor of Chemistry, University of Edinburgh

NAUGHTIE, (Alexander) James

Special Correspondent and Books Editor, BBC News

NORMAN, Jane Elizabeth

Professor of Maternal and Fetal Health, University of Edinburgh

O'CARROLL, Ronan Edward

Professor of Psychology, University of Stirling

PERMAN, Raymond John

Director, David Hume Institute

RAMPEN, William Hugh Salvin

Chairman and Founder, Artemis Intelligent Power Ltd.

REID, Jane Margaret

Professor of Population and Evolutionary Ecology, University of Aberdeen

REID, Derryck Telford

Professor of Physics and Head of Institute of Photonics and Quantum Sciences, Heriot-Watt University

ROBERTSON, James Roy

Medical Practitioner, Muirhouse Medical Group

ROUSE, John William

Professor in Chromosome Biology, University of Dundee

SHARP, Joanne Patricia

Professor of Geography, University of Glasgow

SMITH, Andrew David

Professor of Organic Chemistry, University of St Andrews

STEELE, Robert James Campbell

Professor of Surgery, University of Dundee

STEWART, Iain Simpson

Professor of Geoscience Communication and Director of the Sustainable Earth Institute, University of Plymouth

TETZLAFF, Doerthe

Professor in Hydrology and Landscape Ecology, University of Aberdeen

TUDHOPE, Alexander William

Head of School of GeoSciences and Professor of Climate Studies, University of Edinburgh

WALKER, Greg

Regius Professor of Rhetoric and English Literature, University of Edinburgh

WARK, Kirsty

Presenter, BBC Newsnight

WATT, Alison

Painter

WILLIAMS, Richard Andrew

Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Heriot-Watt University

WILSON, Jeremy David

Head of Conservation Science, RSPB Scotland