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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**

- **BARONESS YOUNG OF OLD SCONÉ, 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)**

• **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, Annela 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 SCONÉ, 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

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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

FACCIIO, 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