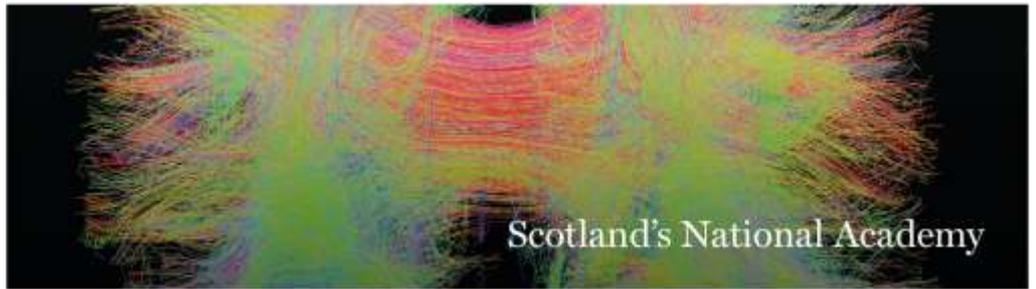




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### Summer Party 2017

Fellows are reminded of the invitation to the Fellows' Summer Party at the RSE on the evening of Friday 9 June. The evening will start at 6.30 pm and will include a short talk by Professor Martin Hendry (left) on gravitational wave astronomy and a brief presentation to mark William Duncan's retirement as Chief Executive. This will be followed by a Drinks Reception. For those who would like to stay longer, a Buffet Supper will be provided at £35 per person. The event is expected to end by 9.30 pm.

To book tickets, please visit 'my account' on the RSE website: [www.rse.org.uk/my-account/](http://www.rse.org.uk/my-account/) and go to 'Book Future Events' in the left-hand menu (the event will not show up until you have logged in). Please then choose which event you would like to attend:

- Summer Party 2017 (Full event) – which includes the Buffet Supper; or
- Summer Party 2017 (Part event).

If you wish to be accompanied by your spouse/partner or a personal guest, please indicate this when you apply for tickets, which will be issued on a 'first-come, first-served' basis. Alternatively, please email the Events Team or telephone 0131 240 2780.

### New Fellows' Induction

A few places are available for Fellows to attend this year's New Fellows' Induction, which will take place on Monday 15 May. Fellows are welcome to attend the Admission Ceremony at 5 pm and the Drinks Reception which follows. To register to attend, please visit the website: [www.rse.org.uk/my-account/](http://www.rse.org.uk/my-account/) and log in to your account (this event will not be visible on the web page until you log in: only Fellows and other invited guests can attend) or contact the Events Team – [events@therse.org.uk](mailto:events@therse.org.uk) – 0131 240 2780.

### Election of Fellows

Fellows are reminded that the deadline for submission of nominations for Fellowship is 31 May. Forms and guidance are available on the RSE website at: [www.rse.org.uk/fellows/becoming-a-fellow/](http://www.rse.org.uk/fellows/becoming-a-fellow/). We rely on our Fellows to bring forward high-quality nominations for consideration, and are very grateful to them for doing so. Any questions should be directed to Morven Chisholm – [mchisholm@therse.org.uk](mailto:mchisholm@therse.org.uk) – 0131 240 5018.

### An Evening with the President

Last year, the RSE launched a five-year Strategic Plan – [www.rse.org.uk/about-us/mission/](http://www.rse.org.uk/about-us/mission/) – and this year the President will host a series of events around the country to find out what you see as the priorities, as we implement this Plan in a rapidly changing environment. A similar event will be held in Edinburgh, likely to be in September. Further details will be available nearer the time. We would also like to find out what kind of activities you would wish to see developed and hear any other thoughts you have on how the RSE might better engage with its Fellowship. These topics are important for the development of the RSE, and your thoughts and ideas – however 'out there' – are most welcome.

Invitations based on your location will be sent in due course, but if you would like to attend a different event, please email Morven Chisholm – [mchisholm@therse.org.uk](mailto:mchisholm@therse.org.uk) or 0131 240 5018.

**London:** 11 May 2017 6–8pm The British Academy, Reading Rooms  
**Glasgow:** 17 May 2017 6–8pm University of Glasgow, BHF Glasgow Cardiovascular Research Centre  
**Dundee:** 13 Sept 2017, 6–8pm University of Dundee, University House  
**Aberdeen:** 25 Sept 2017, 6–8pm University of Aberdeen, Linklater Room

## **David Hume, *My Own Life*, second, revised and expanded edition**

Edited by Iain Gordon Brown FRSE (Curator, 2012–17):

A new edition of David Hume's remarkable autobiography, the manuscript of which is owned by the RSE, has just been published. Fully revised and containing much additional material, the new edition has been restructured, though many of the features of the much-praised first edition of 2014 have been retained.

The book is priced at £20, which includes free postage within the UK. For more information, go to: [www.rse.org.uk/publication/david-hume-my-own-life/](http://www.rse.org.uk/publication/david-hume-my-own-life/) or, if you would like to buy the second edition of *My Own Life*, email: [publications@theRSE.org.uk](mailto:publications@theRSE.org.uk) or call 0131 240 5039. Fellows who purchased the first edition are offered the opportunity to buy the second, expanded edition at half price.

## **RSE Research Awards – Available Now:**

**D S MacLagan Travel Grant** – Closing date: Wednesday 31 May 2017.

For further details visit: [www.rse.org.uk/awards/d-s-maclagan-travel-grant/](http://www.rse.org.uk/awards/d-s-maclagan-travel-grant/)

## **Grants for Fellows and Members of the Young Academy of Scotland**

The next closing date for Grant applications is Wednesday 31 May 2017. These Grants are available to Fellows and Young Academy Members in support of research and scholarship. Joint applications (between Young Academy Members and Fellows) would be particularly welcome. Please visit the website for more information and application forms: [www.rse.org.uk/awards/grants-for-fellows/](http://www.rse.org.uk/awards/grants-for-fellows/)

## **RSE International Exchange Programme**

The RSE is keen to support research collaboration in all areas between Scottish and overseas researchers. The International Exchange Programme, funded by the Scottish Government, is designed to enable postdoctoral scholars and researchers to come to Scotland, or for Scottish-based researchers to visit overseas, for a short period of time (one–four weeks) to develop new and ongoing collaborations. International Exchanges are available through links with sister Academies with which the RSE has a Bilateral Agreement. More information and application packs, can be found here: [www.rse.org.uk/awards/international-exchange-programme-bilateral/](http://www.rse.org.uk/awards/international-exchange-programme-bilateral/)  
The next deadline is Wednesday 31 May 2017.

## **RSE Events**

For tickets and information about RSE events, please visit the [Society's website](http://www.rse.org.uk), email the Events Team – [events@theRSE.org.uk](mailto:events@theRSE.org.uk) or phone the events ticketline – 0131 240 2780. Unless stated otherwise, events are held at the RSE. Registration is required for all RSE events. Tickets are available as follows:

**RSE Gifford Discussion Forum** – *Religion Unbound: Ideals and Powers from Cicero to King*. Wednesday 10 May 2017 at 6 pm. Based around the themes of this year's University of Edinburgh Gifford Lecture Series; Professor Jeffrey Stout, Professor of Religion at Princeton University, who is delivering the series, will be a member of the panel, along with other eminent speakers. Full details at: <http://edin.ac/2jvYrYl>

**Public Talk** – *My hands are tied but my tongue is free: swords with songs and Kinmont Willie*. Dr Valentina Bold, University of Edinburgh. Thursday 11 May 2017 6.30–8.30 pm at Dumfries Museum. For further information and to book, please contact Dumfries Museum – 01387 253374.

**Sir James Black Prize Lecture** – *NEW Drugs from OLD Pathways – Teaching Nature New Tricks*. Professor Thomas Simpson FRS FRSE, Alfred Capper Pass Professor of Chemistry, University of Bristol. Monday 22 May 2017 at 6 pm.

**Lecture** – *Living an Ethical Life*. Professor Peter Singer, Ira W DeCamp Professor of Bioethics, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, US. Thursday 25 May 2017 at 6 pm. Organised in partnership with the Royal Institute of Philosophy. **Please note: this event is now taking place in the George Square Lecture Theatre at the University of Edinburgh.**

## **RSE Rooms Available to Hire**

Rooms can be hired for conferences, dinners, meetings, receptions, seminars and celebratory occasions, and Fellows who do so are entitled to a 25% room hire discount. For more information, please visit: [www.royalsocedvenue.co.uk/](http://www.royalsocedvenue.co.uk/) or contact Martina Hlinkova – [mhlinkova@theRSE.org.uk](mailto:mhlinkova@theRSE.org.uk) – 0131 240 5034.

## **Staff News**

We are pleased to welcome Holly Fleming from the University of Edinburgh, who started on Tuesday 18 April on a Work Placement until 14 July 2017. She is working with the Policy Team.

We also welcome Paul Stuart, Policy Advice Officer and Ashleigh Thow, Membership Assistant, who both commence work on Monday 1 May 2017.

## **Feedback**

Feedback on how we could improve this bulletin for Fellows is always welcome. To comment, or if you do not wish to receive future editions, please contact: Jenny Liddell – [jliddell@theRSE.org.uk](mailto:jliddell@theRSE.org.uk) – 0131 240 5019.