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RSE welcomes 66 new Fellows

Leading figures from academia, public service, business and the Arts join Scotland’s National Academy

The Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE) is pleased to announce the election of 66 new Fellows.

The new Fellows include former Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown, who since leaving politics has become a hugely respected advocate for a variety of humanitarian issues and global education; and the US-based philanthropist and former pianist, Carol Colburn Grigor, who has donated more than £30 million to the arts in Scotland and lent her support for a variety of arts campaigns in the UK. Both have been elected as Honorary Fellows.

The 66 new Fellows will help the RSE to continue to provide independent and expert advice to policymakers, support aspiring entrepreneurs, develop research capacity and leadership, inspire and facilitate learning and engage with the general public through inspiring events.

The RSE, unusual amongst National Academies for its multi-disciplinary approach, continues to strengthen its Fellowship by appointing leading professionals from within the arts, business and public sector as well as within academia. Some of these leading professionals include:

Zinnie Harris
Playwright, Screenwriter and Theatre Director
Harris is arguably Scotland’s leading female playwright, writing for large national companies including the Royal Shakespeare Company and the National Theatre of Scotland, and directing plays for the National Theatre of Scotland, Traverse and Lyceum Theatres. As a screenwriter she has written for BBC1 and Channel Four, most prominently with the hit TV series Spooks.

Ian Callum
Director of Design, Jaguar
Ian Callum is one of the world’s leading automotive designers and had been Director of Design at Jaguar since 1999. In 2006 was elected Royal Designer for Industry by the Royal Society of Arts.
Jayne-Anne Gadhia
Chief Executive Officer, Virgin Money
Chief Executive Officer, Virgin Money since 2007. In May 2016 on behalf of the UK Government she published her review of Women in Finance which focuses on progressing gender diversity. She sits on the Board of Trustees of the Tate.

Gordon Charles Rintoul
Director, National Museums of Scotland
In 2002 Gordon Rintoul became Director of the National Museums Scotland, the leading visitor attraction in Scotland with 2.7 million annual visitors across four sites. He oversaw the £60 million development of the National Museum of Scotland which is now the most visited attraction outside London.

Our new RSE Fellows are also involved in the highest levels of research:

Giles Hardingham
Professor of Molecular Neurobiology, University of Edinburgh
As Director of the Edinburgh-based MRC UK Dementia Research Institute, Giles Hardingham is undertaking key research impacting on dementia and neurodegenerative disease research.

Giles Hammond
Professor of Experimental Gravitational Physics, University of Glasgow
Giles Hammond played a pivotal role in the recent detection of gravitational waves from binary black hole mergers, leading the work on noise reduction that was the critical factor in enabling the detection. He is also a founding member of the RSE Young Academy of Scotland.

Michele Burman
Professor of Criminology, Head of School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Glasgow
Michele Burman is a leading criminologist in Scotland. Her research on young women and violence and on criminal justice responses to rape has had a significant impact on policy, legislation and police and judicial training.

International work is key to the RSE, demonstrating the strength of our international programme, several notable individuals join the RSE as Corresponding Fellows, including:

Ian Frazer
Head, Cancer Immunotherapy Program, University of Queensland
Co-inventor of the technology behind the HPV vaccine which has been administered to over 130 million people globally.

Man-Chung Tang
Chairman of the Board, T.Y. Lin International
A civil engineer, Tang is the world’s leading innovator of cable-stayed bridges. Works includes Yangpu Bridge, Shanghai, China – one of the world’s longest bridges and Penang Bridge, the second longest bridge in Malaysia.

Diversifying the Fellowship:

The RSE is committed to diversifying its Fellowship and with that in mind we are delighted that 41% of our new Fellows are female. The RSE is also pleased to welcome six current
and former Young Academy of Scotland (YAS) members, bringing the total number of former or current YAS members in the RSE Fellowship to 12.

On 1st April 2018, the RSE’s new President and Council will take up their positions. For the first time since its conception in 1783, the RSE has a council membership that is majority female, including first female President Dame Jocelyn Bell Burrell, and is led by its first female CEO, Dr Rebekah Widdowfield. The new Council in April 2018 will continue to be majority female including Professor Dame Anne Glover as President and Dr Allison Elliott OBE as General Secretary.

Commenting on the new fellows, current President of the RSE, Professor Jocelyn Bell Burnell DBE, said, “Each year we welcome a selection of nominated extraordinary individuals into the Fellowship and this year is no exception. The diverse range of achievements of these individuals will be an asset to the RSE and I am sure they will strengthen the RSE’s standing as a national academy committed to providing public benefit to Scottish society. I also welcome the increasing number of female Fellows to the RSE, something we have focused on improving in past years and part of our wider commitment to diversity.”

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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 new Fellows:

HONORARY FELLOWS

BROWN, The Rt Hon Gordon
Office of Gordon and Sarah Brown

COLBURN GRIGOR, Carol
Trustee, Dunard Fund

**KANDEL, Eric Richard**
University Professor, Columbia University

**WEIR, Judith**
Composer, Master of the Queen’s Music

**CORRESPONDING FELLOWS**

**BIRKS, Hilary Helen**
Professor Emerita in Quaternary Palaeoecology and Palaeoclimate Research, University of Bergen

**DALRYMPLE, William Hamilton**
Writer and Historian

**FEDOSOV, Dmitry**
Senior Research Fellow, Russian Academy of Sciences

**FRAZER, Ian Hector**
Head, Cancer Immunotherapy Program, University of Queensland

**GORDON, Douglas**
Artist

**LAI, Ying-Cheng**
Professor of Physics and Chair Professor of Electrical Engineering, Arizona State University

**TANG, Man-Chung**
Chairman of the Board, T.Y. Lin International

**FELLOWS**

**BEST, Philip Neil**
Professor of Extragalactic Astrophysics, University of Edinburgh

**BOWIE, Ronald**
Partner, Hymans Robertson

**BREWARD, Christopher John**
Director, Collection and Research, National Galleries of Scotland

**BROWN, Jessica**
Professor of Philosophy, University of St Andrews

**BURMAN, Michele**
Professor of Criminology, Head of School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Glasgow

**CAIRNS, Douglas Laidlaw**
Professor of Classics, University of Edinburgh
CALLUM, Ian Stuart
Director of Design, Jaguar

CAMERON, Peter Jephson
Professor of Mathematics, University of St Andrews

CAMPBELL, Colin
Chief Executive and Director, The James Hutton Institute

CHANDRAN, Siddharthan
MacDonald Professor of Neurology, University of Edinburgh

COIA, Dame Denise Assunta
Chair, Healthcare Improvement Scotland

CROMBIE, Sir Alexander Maxwell
Chairman, Amiqus Resolution Ltd

CUMBERFORD, Audrey
Principal and Chief Executive, West College Scotland

CURTIS, Sarah
Professor Emeritus, Durham University and Honorary Professor, University of Edinburgh

DAVIES, Michael Evan
Jeffrey Hamilton Collins Professor of Signal and Image Processing, University of Edinburgh

DESMULLIEZ, Marc Philippe Yves
Deputy Head of Institute of Sensing, Signals and Systems and Director of Microsystems Engineering Centre, Heriot-Watt University

DZIERZAK, Elaine
Professor of Haematological Regeneration, University of Edinburgh

FAULDS, Karen Jane
Professor of Pure and Applied Chemistry, University of Strathclyde

FELDMANN, Joerg
Head, Department of Chemistry, University of Aberdeen

FFRENCH-CONSTANT, Charles
Professorial Fellow, University of Edinburgh

FINLAYSON, William Alexander
Founder, MBM Commercial LLP

GADHIA, Jayne-Anne
Chief Executive Officer, Virgin Money

GILLIES, Crawford
Chairman, The Edrington Group Ltd

GILLIES, John Calum MacDonald
Deputy Director, Scottish School of Primary Care
GRAY, Muriel Janet
Presenter, Broadcaster, Author and Businesswoman

HAMMOND, Giles Dominic
Professor of Experimental Gravitational Physics, University of Glasgow

HARDINGHAM, Giles Edward
Professor of Molecular Neurobiology, University of Edinburgh

HARRIS, Zinnie
Playwright, Screenwriter and Theatre Director

HENDERSON, Robert Kerr
Professor of Electronic Imaging, University of Edinburgh

HEVIA, Eva
Professor in Pure and Applied Chemistry, University of Strathclyde

HEYMANS, Catherine
Professor of Observational Cosmology, University of Edinburgh

HIGGINS, Bernard
Chief Executive Officer, Tesco Bank

JACKSON, Peter
Professor of Global Security, University of Glasgow

JAMIE, Kathleen
Professor of Creative Writing, University of Stirling

KING, Ruth
Thomas Bayes' Professor of Statistics, University of Edinburgh

KUENSSBERG, Nicholas Christopher
Chairman, Social Investment Scotland and the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland

LANE, Barbara
Director, Ove Arup & Partners Ltd

LEAN, Michael Ernest John
Professor of Human Nutrition, University of Glasgow

MACDONALD, Angus Donald MacKintosh
Independent Businessman and Investor

MACKAY, Fiona
Professor of Politics; Director genderED, University of Edinburgh

MASSIMI, Michela
Professor of Philosophy of Science, University of Edinburgh

MURRAY, Alison Dorothy
Roland Sutton Professor of Radiology, University of Aberdeen
O’NEIL, Deborah Antoinette
Chief Executive Officer and Chief Scientific Officer, Novabiotics

PONTING, Christopher Paul
Professor of Medical Bioinformatics, University of Edinburgh

POWELL, Wayne
Principal and Chief Executive, SRUC - King’s Buildings Campus

PRICE, Martin Francis
Director, Centre for Mountain Studies, Perth College, University of the Highlands and Islands

RINTOUL, Gordon Charles
Director, National Museums of Scotland

SHAW, Jo
Salvesen Professor of European Institutions, University of Edinburgh

SIGSWORTH, David
Chairman, Sigma Capital Group plc

STANLEY-WALL, Nicola Ruth
Professor of Microbiology, University of Dundee

STUART-SMITH, Jane Helen
Professor of English Language and Linguistics, University of Glasgow

SUDLOW, Cathie L M
Professor of Neurology and Clinical Epidemiology, University of Edinburgh

VAN HEMERT, Jano Ilja
Research Director, Optos Plc

WALLACE OF TANKERNESS, The Rt Hon Lord James
Member, House of Lords

WHYTE, Moira
Director, MRC Centre for Inflammation Research and Sir John Crofton Professor of Respiratory Medicine, University of Edinburgh