

May 2018



Welcome from the RSE President, Professor Dame Anne Glover

It was my pleasure to take over the role of President from Dame Jocelyn at the beginning of April. I would like to thank her for her achievements as President. She has been skilful in guiding the RSE through the appointment of a new Chief Executive and starting many new initiatives at the Society. I will learn from what she has done and will continue to seek new ways by which the RSE can increase its contribution to public life.

I would also be happy to hear your views regarding ways we might increase our value, visibility and impact in Scotland. Although only in post a few weeks, I have enjoyed chairing my first Council meeting, have introduced guest speakers in George Street and have had the great pleasure of admitting new Fellows to the Society. As we want the RSE to reflect the society we serve, I hope we can continue our efforts to see a greater diversity in our Fellowship in terms of age, gender, ethnicity and contribution to society.

Royal Medals 2018

Her Majesty The Queen has approved Council's recommendation that the RSE's Royal Medals for 2018 should be awarded to David **Climie**, for his outstanding contribution to the field of Civil Engineering, particularly for his work on the Queensferry Crossing; Professor Richard **Henderson** FRS for his outstanding contribution to the field of Molecular Biology; and Dr Thea **Musgrave** CBE for her outstanding contribution to the betterment of humankind through music. The Royal Medals will be presented at a special event at the RSE on Thursday 5 July 2018, details of which are yet to be confirmed. Further information will be available in due course.

New Fellows welcomed to RSE

On Monday 14 May, 49 of the 66 new Fellows elected to the RSE in 2018 attended the annual Induction Ceremony and were welcomed to the Fellowship by the President. Photographs taken at the event can be viewed on the website at: www.rse.org.uk/new-fellows-welcomed-rse-may-2018/ along with details of all the new Fellows.

Fellows Deceased

It is with much regret that we report the deaths of Professor Robert James **Berry**; Professor Morag Crichton **Timbury**; Professor Roderick Samuel Fisher **Campbell** Fellow Emeritus; Professor Joseph McGeachy **Thomson**; and Professor William Edward **Watts**, Fellow Emeritus. If you have any suggestions of obituary writers for those Fellows for whom we have not managed to commission a writer or source an obituary, please email: obituaries@therse.org.uk. A list showing the current state is available at: www.rse.org.uk/fellows/past-fellows

Fellows at the Festival

We are planning to produce a booklet, highlighting the engagement of Fellows in the Edinburgh Festivals over the summer. This booklet would be available at our George Street premises and distributed in other venues to mark the contribution of RSE Fellows to Scotland's cultural life, and forms part of our wider efforts to enhance the visibility and reach of the RSE. If you are engaged in any of the festivals and willing to be included in such a booklet, please inform Debbie Morris – dmorris@theRSE.org.uk – 0131 240 2798 by Friday 8 June. We will then be in touch to seek details of the event.

RSE Expenses Claim Forms

As required under the new GDPR regulations, an amended Expenses Claim form has been created and is available online at: www.rse.org.uk/fellows/fellows-information/documents/

Please delete all older versions from your files as this new form must now be used. Claims made on older versions will be returned, resulting in delays to payments.

RSE Fellow Regional Champions

The Oxford–London Regional Champions are hosting their next local activity – an afternoon tour of the Science and Technology Research Council's **Rutherford Appleton Laboratory (RAL)** on **Tuesday 26 June**. Located in Oxfordshire, RAL is home to some of the UK's largest scientific facilities, providing a thriving and collaborative environment for research in particle physics, neutron science and applications, astronomy and space science. For more information and to register, please contact Ashleigh Thow – athow@theRSE.org.uk – 0131 240 2794.

Unlocking Ambition Enterprise Fellowship Programme

On 28 June 2018, the RSE and the Scottish Government will celebrate the official start of this Programme by welcoming up to 20 newly-appointed awardees to the RSE for an Unlocking Ambition showcase event. Speakers include: Paul Wheelhouse, MSP, Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy; Dr Margaret Anne Craig, Former Founder and CEO of Clyde Biosciences, Entrepreneurial Ambassador for the Scottish Government; and Sandy Finlayson, FRSE, Founder MBM Commercial LLP. Guests will have the opportunity to meet each of the awardees to find out more about their innovative projects.

Joint Projects with National Research Council of Italy (CNR)

To support research and innovation links between Italy and Scotland, the RSE and CNR are now calling for joint grant applications from Scottish- and Italian-based researchers who wish to collaborate on projects covering the following research areas: Quantum Technologies; Cultural Heritage; and Water. The Joint Project Scheme is designed to facilitate international collaboration and the RSE and CNR will each contribute up to £6,000 per project. Each project is expected to run for two years. The closing date for applications is Tuesday 26 June 2018 at 5 pm. For full information and application forms, visit:

www.rse.org.uk/awards/joint-projects-with-national-research-council-of-italy-cnr/

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 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:

- **Joint Lecture with the Scottish Cancer Foundation.** *Is Cancer Genetic?* Sir John Burn, Professor of Clinical Genetics, Newcastle University. Monday 25 June 2018 at 6 pm. In association with the Cruden Foundation.

RSE@ Inverness Events

The aim of the RSE@ Programme is to enhance the understanding and appreciation that people, and in particular school children, have of their local community, by encouraging a sense of belonging to an area rich in cultural and human resources. Full details of coming events are available at: www.rse.org.uk/events/rse-at/

- **Family Day – *Scotland's Biodiversity – Ask the Experts*.** Saturday 2 June 2018, 10 am–4 pm at Bishop's Palace, Eden Court, Bishop's Road, Inverness.

Anti-Bribery Policy

Although the risk of bribery is considered very low, the RSE is committed to ensuring that its business is conducted in an open and transparent manner. Hence, in compliance with the Bribery Act 2010, the Society has an Anti-Bribery Policy. Fellows are asked to acquaint themselves with the policy. Any questions regarding it should be directed to Graeme Herbert – gherbert@theRSE.org.uk – 0131 240 5015. The policy can be found on the RSE website at: www.rse.org.uk/fellows/fellows-information/documents/

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.rse.org.uk/venue/ or contact Martina Hlinkova – mhlinkova@theRSE.org.uk – 0131 240 5034.

Staff News

Bristow Muldoon, Head of Policy Advice and Parliamentary Affairs who has worked at the RSE since September 2007, left the RSE at the end of May to pursue new challenges.

Welcome to two new members of staff joining the RSE in newly-created posts. Linsey Thyer will start on 18 June as Venue Coordinator and Gillian Anderson on 27 June as Business Manager.

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 – 0131 240 5019.