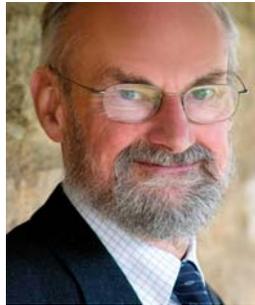


July 2012



Royal Medals 2012

Her Majesty The Queen has approved the Council's recommendation that the RSE's Royal Medals for 2012 should be awarded to: Professor David Milne OBE FREng FRSE (left) for his outstanding contribution to business and commerce in Scotland, and to Professor Sir Edwin Southern FRS HonFRSE (centre) for his outstanding contribution to molecular biology.

We are delighted that HRH The Duke of Edinburgh will present the Medals at the RSE during the early afternoon of 26 September 2012. The Duke will also present the **2012 IEEE/RSE/ Wolfson James Clerk Maxwell Award** to Professor Gerhard Sessler (right), Darmstadt University of Technology.

Fellows are most welcome to attend. There will be a tea with HRH thereafter. To apply for admission tickets, please email: events@royalsoced.org.uk or contact the Events Team on 0131 240 2780. There is no charge, but only those with formal admission cards will be able to attend. If you wish to be accompanied by your spouse/partner or a personal guest, please indicate this when you apply for tickets, which are being issued on a first-come, first-served basis.

Congratulations to Professor Peter Higgs FRS FRSE

The RSE wishes to congratulate Professor Peter Higgs FRS FRSE and the team at CERN on the recent announcement that they have discovered a new particle consistent with the Higgs boson.

Ballot for Council and Office Bearers

Ballot forms were issued to all Fellows at the beginning of July for the election of RSE Council and Office Bearers. Fellows are reminded to return their ballot forms, in the envelope provided with the form, no later than Wednesday 15 August 2012.

Annual Statutory Meeting

The 2012 ASM, at which the ballot result will be announced, will take place on Monday 1 October 2012. Fellows are encouraged to attend as Professor Mary MacAleese, former President of Ireland, will be admitted as an Honorary Fellow during the meeting.

Fellows' Annual Subscription – Direct Debit

Direct Debit is the most efficient and cost-effective means for the RSE to collect the annual subscription and 66% of Fellows have already elected to pay using this method. If you would like to pay by Direct Debit, please print the mandate form available from www.royalsoced.org.uk/93_SubsandExpenses.html and complete it in full, making sure all details are correct and your Fellow's reference number (if known) is entered in the originator's reference number box. Then return it to us by post to: 22–26 George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2PQ (**not** to your bank/building society) and we will do the rest.

We will amend your payment automatically each year, or when a change in your circumstances means that the amount you are required to pay changes, and we will give you at least ten working days' notice before we request any amended amounts from your bank or building society account. If you have any queries please e-mail:

accounts@royalsoced.org.uk .

Fellows Deceased

It is with much regret that we report the deaths of: Sir Thomas Neilson Risk; Dr William Shepherd Robertson CBE; and The Viscount of Arbuthnott KT CBE DSC (John Campbell). In recent years it has proved difficult to obtain obituaries for many Fellows. We will be looking at how we can rectify this in coming months. A list of Fellows for whom obituaries are still required is available on request from: obituaries@royalsoced.org.uk. Existing obituaries can be viewed at: www.royalsoced.org.uk/933_Obituaries.html

Fellows' Golf

The Fellows golf outing to play for the Stewart Cup will be on the Lansdowne course at Blairgowrie Golf Club on Friday 31 August from 2 pm. There is now a very limited number of places available, so Fellows who wish to attend and have not already indicated their interest should contact Lesley Campbell: lcampbell@royalsoced.org.uk for more details.

Fellows' Grants

The next closing date for Fellows' Grant applications is Friday 31 August 2012. These Grants are available to Fellows and Young Academy Members in support of research and scholarship. Joint applications (between Young Academy Members and Fellows) will be considered favourably. Please visit the website for more information and application forms: www.royalsoced.org.uk/584_FellowsGrants.html

International Funding Opportunities for Fellows and non-Fellows

The next deadline for the International Exchange Programme is Friday 31 August 2012. Bilateral applications are invited for this deadline, to support short-term research collaborations between Scotland and those countries with which the RSE has a formal Memorandum of Understanding. The full list of countries covered is available on the RSE website. For further information please contact: international@royalsoced.org.uk or download the application form and guidance at: www.royalsoced.org.uk/798_InternationalFunding.html

Research Awards Currently Available

RSE/BBSRC Enterprise Fellowships – Closing date: Monday 8 October 2012
For further details visit: www.rse.org.uk/638_BBSRCEnterpriseFellowships.html

RSE Newsletter – Summer 2012

The latest edition of the RSE Newsletter, *ReSource* will shortly be available on the RSE website at: www.rse.org.uk/86_RSENewsletterReSource.html

Printed copies are being sent to those who requested them. If you would prefer to receive the newsletter in hard copy, please contact Jenny Liddell: jliddell@royalsoced.org.uk – 0131 240 5019.

RSE Events

For tickets and information about RSE events, please visit the Society's website, or contact: events@royalsoced.org.uk or 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:

Festival of Politics Interactive Discussion – *Humanising the Workplace*. Friday 17 August 2012 1–2 pm in Committee Room One, The Scottish Parliament. In association with British Council Scotland; the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities; RSA UK; Museums Galleries Scotland; and UNESCO UKNC Scotland Committee.

Tickets available at: www.festivalofpolitics.org.uk

Michael Shea Memorial Lecture – *Love's Labour Lost: Why Society is Straitjacketing its Professionals and How we Might Release Them*. Dr Iona Heath, President of the Royal College of General Practitioners. Monday 10 September 2012 at 6 pm. In partnership with International Futures Forum.

Lecture – *Fragments of a Lost Past or Evidence of a Connected History: The Role and Concepts of Islamic Art in the Museum Context*. Dr Stefan Weber, Director of the Museum of Islamic Art in Berlin. Thursday 27 September 2012 at 6 pm. Joint event with the Alwaleed Centre; and The University of Edinburgh. In partnership with the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Edinburgh World Writers' Conference 2012–2013

The Royal Society of Edinburgh is delighted to be supporting The Edinburgh World Writers' Conference, which will be taking place over five afternoons on 17–21 August as part of the Edinburgh International Book Festival.

Fifty world-renowned writers will discuss how writing and the imagination are essential components of society. Starting at the Book Festival, the Conference will then travel to events across the World over the following 12 months. The format of the Conference mirrors the event that took place 50 years ago in 1962.

For more information and to book a place please visit: www.edinburghworldwritersconference.org

Staff News

Doreen Waterland, who has been PA to the President and Chief Executive since 2001, retired on Friday 27 July 2012. We offer Doreen our best wishes for the future.

Doreen's replacement is Julie Steele, who joined us on 25 July. Julie's role will be Executive Officer, still providing PA services but also supporting our Fellowship Office, Young Academy and Friends of Society activities.

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 – 0131 240 5019 – jliddell@royalsoced.org.uk