Call for Nominations for RSE Royal Medals & Prizes 2013
Fellows are invited to submit nominations for Royal Medals by Friday 14 December 2012. This is the Society’s highest award and candidates must be outstandingly distinguished and of international repute. Candidates need not be Fellows of the RSE but should have a strong Scottish connection, irrespective of place of domicile. Nominations for other Prizes should be submitted by Friday 30 November 2012. To recognise achievements across the career spectrum, the RSE Prizes Fund supports eight prizes each year, a ‘Senior Prize’ and an ‘Early-Career Prize’ in the following categories: the Life Sciences; Physical, Engineering Sciences and Informatics Sciences; Humanities and Creative Arts; Social Sciences, Education, Business and Public Services. Senior Prize winners should have a strong Scottish connection but can be based anywhere in the world. They will receive a silver medal and are required to deliver a lecture in Scotland. Early-Career Prize winners should be normally resident in Scotland. They will receive a bronze medal.

Nominations for all of the above can only be made by Fellows of the RSE. Full details (including past winners), nomination forms and guidelines are available from the RSE website at: www.royalsoced.org.uk/585_PrizesMedals.html

Fellows’ Grants
The next closing date for Fellows’ Grant applications is Friday 30 November 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 RSE International Exchange Programmes – Bilateral and Open – is Friday 30 November 2012. For further information, please contact: international@royalsoced.org.uk or download the application form and guidance notes at: www.royalsoced.org.uk/798_InternationalFunding.html

Dates for Fellows’ Diaries
• 4 March 2013 Announcement of Election of New Fellows
• 20 May 2013 Induction of New Fellows
• 31 May 2013 Closing date for nomination of Candidates for Fellowship
• 7 October 2013 Annual Statutory Meeting

Fellows’ Coffee Mornings
Coffee is available in the Fellows’ Room on Tuesday mornings at 10.30 am. Once a month, between October 2012 and March 2013, this will take the form of a discussion in the East Wellcome Room. These are informal and friendly occasions for Fellows and, if you are able to attend, you will be made most welcome. Forthcoming discussions are:
6 Nov 2012  Simonides: Poetry and Photography  Professor Robert Crawford FRSE and Norman MacBeath
4 Dec 2012  Fire and Safety – When Will We Ever Learn?  Professor Dougal Drysdale FRSE

Fellows Deceased
It is with much regret that we report the deaths of: Professor George Andrew Sim; Professor George Melvyn Howe; The Very Reverend Robert Davidson; James Andrew Eddison; and Professor Robert Patton Ferrier.

RSE Newsletter
The Autumn 2012 edition of the RSE Newsletter, ReSourcE, is now available on the RSE website at: www.rse.org.uk/86_RSENewsletterReSourcE.html. Printed copies have been sent to those who requested them. If you would like to receive a hard copy in the post, please contact Jenny Liddell – jliddell@royalsoced.org.uk – 0131 240 5019
New Trustees required by National Museums Scotland
National Museums Scotland are looking for a minimum of three new Trustees, being particularly interested in candidates with experience in managing a significant organisation and the control of substantial financial resources, or candidates with experience in academic research relating to the subjects covered by their collections. Appointments are made for a four-year term. Minimum time commitment is ten days per year and Board meetings are usually held in Edinburgh. Posts are not remunerated, but reasonable travel and subsistence costs will be met. The closing date for applications is 25 November 2012. For full details and how to apply visit: http://applications.appointed-for-scotland.org/

RSE Board Meetings (All meetings are at 2 pm unless otherwise stated)

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Young Academy of Scotland News
The latest recruitment call for the Young Academy attracted almost 200 applications, which will now be reviewed to decide who will join the current cohort early next year. The Young Academy was featured recently in a Times Higher Education article on the Global Young Academy movement, in which co-Chair, Chris O'Sullivan, talked about the Young Academy’s objectives. The articles can be accessed at: www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/story.asp?storycode=421092

Research Awards Currently Available
- **Scottish Enterprise Enterprise Fellowships** – Closing date: Monday 5 November 2012
  For further details visit: www.rse.org.uk/636_ScottishEnterprise.html
- **CRF European Visiting Research Fellowship** – Closing date: Monday 5 November 2012
  For further details visit: www.rse.org.uk/732_CRFEuropeanVisitingResearchFellowships.html

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:
- **SUPA Cormack Astronomy Meeting** – Full day. Tuesday 13 November 2012. This is the first full SUPA Cormack Astronomy Meeting jointly funded and organised with the Scottish Universities Physics Alliance (SUPA).
- **Conference – Europe and the Arab World.** Tuesday 27 November 2012. Full day. Full rate: £150; Fellows/Academics: £75; Students/Concessions: £50 (limited places available). Joint event with the European Movement in Scotland and supported by the European Commission Office in Scotland and the Centre for Advanced Study of the Arab World.
- **RSE/BP Hutton Prize Lecture in Energy Innovation** – MTEM – From PhD Research to Commercial Exploration Tool. Dr David Wright, PGS Senior Research Fellow, University of Edinburgh. Monday 3 December 2012 at 6 pm.
  This event is supported by the BP Trust. The lecture forms part of an RSE Ordinary Meeting and so will be preceded by Society business, such as Fellows signing the Roll.
  Full rate: £120. This event is supported by the Institute of Physics, SUPA, the Royal Meteorological Society and the Astroparticle Physics and Environmental Physics Group.

RSE@Lochaber Programme
This programme of inspirational educational talks, discussion forums and workshops for school-aged children and the wider public across the region of Lochaber will run until June 2013. Further details of coming events will be listed on the website at www.rse.org.uk/1007_RSELochaber.html as they are confirmed.
- **Lecture – The Navvy, the Priests and the King.** Professor Owen Dudley Edwards FRSE. Tuesday 30 October 2012 at 7 pm. Mallaig High School.
- **Lecture – The Dark Side of the Universe.** Professor Martin Hendry FRSE. Friday 2 November 2012 at 7 pm. West Highland College, Kilchoan.

RSE Christmas Lecture – Katherine Grainger MBE (Olympian and gold medallist at London 2012). Tuesday 11 December. Lochaber High School. The lecture will be webcast live by BBC Scotland – full details to follow.

Staff News
We are delighted to announce that Susan Lennox, one of our Policy Officers, gave birth to a baby boy, Finley James, on Friday 25 October. Many congratulations to Susan and her husband Richard.