Scotland and the United Kingdom – Enlightening the Constitutional Debate

A series of events has been planned which will build upon discussions that took place at two conferences held by the RSE and the British Academy in 2012 and on the report that was subsequently produced – read full report at: www.rse.org.uk/cms/files/advice-papers/2012/scotland_in_the_uk.pdf

These events will look in greater detail at various topics, with the aim of informing the public debate. The opening event will be held on Wednesday 13 March 2013 and will concentrate on the issue of Scotland and the European Union.

Full details of all the events will be available in the near future. To register your interest in these events visit: www.rse.org.uk/eventorders.php?event_id=98

Fellows Honoured

The RSE offers its congratulations to the following Fellows who were honoured in Her Majesty The Queen’s New Year Honours List:

Member of the Order of the Companions of Honour (CH)
Professor Peter Higgs FRS, University of Edinburgh;

Knights Bachelor
Professor Ian Diamond, University of Aberdeen; John Leighton, National Galleries of Scotland; and Professor Hew Strachan DL, All Souls Oxford;

Order of the British Empire; Commander (CBE)
Dr Magnus Linklater, Lately Editor, The Times in Scotland;

Order of the British Empire; Officers (OBE)
Professor John Butt, University of Glasgow; Professor David Porteous, University of Edinburgh; and Professor James Prosser, University of Aberdeen;

Order of the British Empire; Member (MBE)
Professor Peter Buneman FRS, University of Edinburgh.

Fellows’ Coffee Mornings

Coffee is available in the Fellows’ Room on Tuesday mornings at 10.30. Once a month, between October 2012 and March 2013, this takes 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:
5 Feb 2013 An Illustrated History of Some Early Digital Computers Professor Roland N Ibbett FRSE
5 Mar 2013 The Minds of our Children Professor Forrester Cockburn FRSE

Fellows Deceased

It is with much regret that we report the deaths of: Professor Archibald Edmiston Roy; Professor John Anderson Strong CBE; Dr Ronald John Trueman Pennington; Professor Susan Lindsay Manning; and Professor Patrick Gerard (Peter) Walsh KCSG. Recent requests for help with obituaries have resulted in several offers and submissions, and for this we are grateful. However, there are still gaps and we would appreciate any suggestions regarding obituary writers for those Fellows for whom we have not managed to commission a writer or source an obituary. Please contact: obituaries@royalsoced.org.uk. A list showing the current state is available online at: www.royalsoced.org.uk/cms/files/fellows/lists/deaths.pdf

Fellows’ Grants

The next closing date for Fellows’ Grant applications is Thursday 28 February 2013. 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

Reaping the Benefits of a Digital Scotland

The next RSE Inquiry will be launched on Monday 11 February at 10.30 am. This will examine how digital participation can be broadened and how Scotland can best utilise the potential of digital technology to benefit our society and economy. To attend contact: Bristow Muldoon – bmuldoon@royalsoced.org.uk
Young Academy of Scotland News
The Young Academy are delighted to report that Drs Karen Lorimer and Rob Jenkins have been selected for membership in the Global Young Academy (GYA). The GYA "aims to empower and mobilize young scientists to address issues of particular importance to early career scientists". Read more at: www.globalyoungacademy.net/

International Funding
The next deadline for applications for both the Bilateral and Open Programmes is Friday 15 February 2013. Application forms and further information can be found at: www.rse.org.uk/798_InternationalFunding.html
For more information contact: Tracy Rickard – trickard@royalsoced.org.uk – 0131 240 5023.

RSE Cormack and Institute of Physics (Scotland) – Life in the Universe
This one-day event, comprising free public lectures and discussions, will be held on Saturday 9 March 2013, 9.30am–5pm, at the Edinburgh University Student Association Debating Hall. High-profile speakers include Sir Roger Penrose OM FRS, Dr Chris Lintott (of Sky at Night) and Professor John C Brown FRSE, Astronomer Royal for Scotland. A related ceilidh will take place in the evening. Visit: www.johncbrown.org/LifeintheUniverse.html
for full talk programme and to link to ceilidh tickets.

1651 Battle of Worcester Dinner
This Dinner will be held at the RSE on 3 September 2013. Emeritus Professor David Stevenson FRSE, of St Andrews University, will speak on Charles II in Scotland 1650–1651: the tragi-comedy that ended with the Battle of Worcester, 3 September 1651. Dinner price to be confirmed but not to exceed £50. For further details contact: David Hallmark – davidjshallmark@gmail.com – 01905 360767. Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

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:

SCRR Peter Wilson Lecture – The Evidential Basis for Food and Environmental Policy. Professor Ian Boyd FRSE, Chief Scientific Adviser, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs. Thursday 21 February 2013. This is a joint annual lecture with the Scottish Consortium for Rural Research (SCRR) and the Society of Biology, Scotland, in memory of the distinguished agriculturalist and former RSE General Secretary, Professor Peter Wilson CBE.
Conference – Women's Reproductive Health across the Lifecourse: Implications for Public Health and Policy. Wednesday–Thursday 27–28 February 2013. Attendance fee: £40. There will be a limited number of free places available for postgraduate students – please contact the RSE, details above.
Lecture – Sexual and Reproductive Health Issues for Women in Combat. Dr Ngozi Dufty, Consultant in GU Medicine, Birmingham Heartlands Hospital. Wednesday 27 February 2013 at 6 pm.
Lecture – Growing Healthcare Technology Businesses – Bringing Engineering Inventions to Market with Limited Resources. Monday 4 March 2013. Ian Stevens, CEO, Touch Bionics. This is a joint annual lecture with the Royal Academy of Engineering to promote research in engineering.
Lecture – The Scientific Life of Dr Livingstone. Professor Michael Barrett, Professor of Biochemical Parasitology (Infection Immunity and Inflammation Life Sciences), University of Glasgow. Tuesday 19 March 2013. Free exhibition on David Livingstone from 23 November 2012 until 7 April 2013 at the National Museum of Scotland.

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 – ‘For the Benefit of Mankind’: Industrialisation, Environment and the Politics of Highland Development. Dr Andrew Perchard FSA. Monday 4 February 2013 at 7 pm at Kinlochleven High School.
Lecture – From Canals to Linkspan: The Development of West Highland Shipping and Sea-Ports 1812–2012. Professor Donald Meek FRSE, Professor Emeritus of Scottish and Gaelic Studies, University of Edinburgh. Tuesday 26 February 2013 at Mallaig High School.
Lecture – A Lochaber McDonald in the Camp of Sitting Bull. Professor Jim Hunter FRSE, Professor of History of the Highlands & Islands, University of Highlands & Islands. Tuesday 12 March 2013 at 7 pm at Mallaig High School.
Lecture – CTR Wilson, Ben Nevis and the Higgs Particle. Professor Alan Watson FRS, Emeritus Professor of Physics, University of Leeds. Thursday 14 March 2013 at 7 pm at Kinlochleven High School.

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 – jlliddell@royalsoced.org.uk

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