Nominations for new Fellows 2011

Fellows are reminded that the closing date to submit their nominations for new Fellows is 31st May. Forms and supporting information may be downloaded from the RSE web site using the following link: www.rse.org.uk/fellowship/noms/ A password is not required. These documents are also available from the Fellowship Office, lcampbell@royalsoced.org.uk or telephone 0131 240 5012. Please note that nominations must be submitted electronically and be supported by a hardcopy with original signatures. Conveners and members of Sectional Committees are not permitted to act as proposers or supporters of a new nomination.

Fellows' Summer Reception

This annual reception for Fellows and their guests will be held at the City Chambers, Glasgow, on the evening of Saturday 12 June 2010 from 7 pm. We are delighted that The Rt Hon The Lord Provost of Glasgow, Councillor Bob Winter, has offered to co-host the Reception with Lord Wilson. A buffet supper will be provided and there will be an opportunity to view displays from organisations connected with the recently-launched Glasgow City of Science initiative.

Admission tickets costing £25 are available by using the online registration facility NO LATER THAN 10 MAY 2010 at: www.royalsoced.org.uk/fellowship/summer.htm – contact: events@royalsoced.org.uk or the events ticketline – 0131 240 2780.

Fellows Deceased

It is with much regret that we report the deaths of Sir Norman (William) Graham CB; Professor Robert Balson Dingle; Sir Kenneth (James) Dover; Professor James Francis McMillan; Professor (Arthur John) Robin (Gorell) Milner; and Sir James (Whyte) Black OM. The Fellowship Office has an obituary for Professor Dingle, but if you can suggest writers for any of the others, please contact Dr Lesley Campbell – fellowship@royalsoced.org.uk

Notification of requests for evidence, advice and comment received by the Society

The Society is often asked to provide evidence, advice and comment on proposals prepared by Government Departments, Parliamentary Committees and other public bodies. As a Fellow, you have the opportunity to contribute to the Society's responses and thereby influence the processes being advised upon. If you would be interested in being notified of requests for advice received by the Society, which the General Secretary has agreed to take forward, please send an email to evidenceadvice@royalsoced.org.uk

Contributors to the Young People's Programme

Do you enjoy inspiring young people? The RSE runs a successful programme of events for young people all year round and we would love you to get involved. We send speakers to schools to give engaging talks, with the aim of firing pupils' curiosity about a variety of subjects. Each year we run a high profile Christmas Lecture for school and public audiences and a Discussion Forum for upper secondary pupils (previous contributors have included the Right Reverend Richard Holloway and Professor Steve Jones). If you think you've got what it takes to enthuse, energise and excite young people about your subject, please get in touch with Conor Hull, Education Outreach Officer – chull@royalsoced.org.uk – 0131 240 5035.

Fellows' Golf Outing

The next golf outing for Fellows will be the Sector Group match at Elie Golf Club on Thursday 20 May. All Fellows are welcome to attend. Enquiries should be made to Lesley Campbell – 0131 240 5012 – golf@royalsoced.org.uk
International Exchange Programme for Fellows and non-Fellows
The next deadline for applications is 30 April. Bilateral applications are invited for this deadline, to support research collaborations between Scotland and those countries with which the RSE has a formal agreement. Please ensure your colleagues are made aware of this funding opportunity, and encourage them to apply. For further information, see www.royalsoced.org.uk/international/exchanges/ or contact Morven Chisholm – mchisholm@royalsoced.org.uk 0131 240 5018.

Research Awards
• RSE/Science and Technology Facilities Council (formerly PPARC) Enterprise Fellowships
• BBSRC Enterprise Fellowships
  – Closing date: 4 May 2010 – www.royalsoced.org.uk/research_fellowships/bbsrc.htm
• Gannochy Trust Innovation Award of the Royal Society of Edinburgh
  – Closing Date: 14 May 2010 – www.royalsoced.org.uk/research_fellowships/gannochy.htm
This high-profile award carries a £50k prize for an individual who has an innovation which will lead to social and economic benefits to Scotland in the long term.
For further information or application forms visit the websites specified or contact Anne Fraser – 0131 240 5013 – afraser@royalsoced.org.uk

RSE Events
For tickets and information about RSE events, please visit the Society's website www.royalsoced.org.uk/events, contact events@royalsoced.org.uk, or the events ticketline – 0131 240 2780. Unless stated otherwise, events are held at the RSE and start at 6 pm. Registration is required for all RSE events. Tickets are available as follows:

Lecture – Central Africa … A New Cradle of Mankind. Professor Michel Brunet, Chair of Human Palaeontology, Collège de France, Paris; International Institute of Palaeoprimatology and Human Palaeontology, Poitiers University. Friday 16 April 2010 at 6 pm. Event fee – £7.00 (£5.00 concession). Please note: tickets are only available from the Edinburgh International Science Festival – online at www.sciencefestival.co.uk or phone the box office – 0131 553 0322. Lecture arranged in cooperation with the Consulat General of France and the Institut Français d’Ecosse;

Discussion Forum – A Question of Chemistry? The Role of the Composer and Librettist in the Creation of Opera. Andrew Clark, Critic and Music Journalist; Stuart MacRae, Composer; Louise Welsh, Librettist; and Alex Reedjik, Director, Scottish Opera. Monday 19 April 2010 at 6 pm. Event fee £8 (to include refreshments). Joint event with Scottish Opera;

Lecture – Thomas Reid and the Art of Philosophy. Professor John Haldane FRSE, Director of the Centre for Ethics, Philosophy and Public Affairs at the University of St Andrews. Monday 26 April 2010 at 6 pm.

Lecture – China’s Environmental Challenges and the Contribution of the Flora of China Project to Resolving Them. Professor Peter Raven HonFRSE, FAAAS. Wednesday 12 May 2010 at 6 pm. Supported by the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh.

Conference – Diabetes & Obesity: Getting to the Heart of the Matter. Wednesday 26 May 2010 at the Royal College of Physicians, 9 Queen Street, Edinburgh. Places are free but must be pre-registered. Joint event with the Academy of Medical Sciences, supported by the Caledonian Research Fund of the RSE Scotland Foundation.

BP Prize Lecture – The Art of (Women) Walking: An Embodied Practice. Dr Deirdre Heddon. Monday 7 June 2010 at 6 pm. This lecture forms part of an RSE Ordinary Meeting and so may be preceded by Society Business.

Staff News
Kate Kennedy joined the RSE on Monday 22 March 2010 as RSE@Dumfries & Galloway Project Officer. Kate is part of the RSE Events team; she works part-time and will be based at Crichton University Campus in Dumfries. She can be contacted at dumgal@royalsoced.org.uk

Events Assistant, Catriona Hart, married Colin Blair on 26 March. We offer our congratulations and best wishes to Mr and Mrs Blair.

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

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