Fellows’ Summer Reception
A final reminder that the annual reception for Fellows and their guests will be held at the City Chambers, Glasgow, on the evening of Saturday 12 June 2010 from 7pm. The Rt Hon The Lord Provost of Glasgow, Councillor Bob Winter, will 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 calling the events ticketline on 0131 240 2780, by contacting events@royalsoced.org.uk or by using the online registration facility at: www.royalsoced.org.uk/fellowship/summer.htm

Any Fellows still interested in attending, but who have not yet booked, should do so by THURSDAY 3rd JUNE at the latest.

International Exchange Programme for Fellows and non-Fellows
The next deadline for applications is 12 July. 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 – 0131 240 5018 – mchisholm@royalsoced.org.uk

Fellows Deceased
It is with much regret that we report the deaths of: Professor Peter Brian Denyer; Dr George Alan Garton; and Professor Richard Langton Gregory CBE. The Fellowship Office is grateful for offers of obituary writers in response to previous notifications of deceased Fellows; if you can assist with these or suggest an obituary writer for Dr Garton please contact Dr Lesley Campbell – fellowship@royalsoced.org.uk

Current RSE Consultations
The RSE will be responding in June to the Scottish Government's discussion paper on the move to a low-carbon economy for Scotland. More information on the consultation can be found on the Scottish Government's website at http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/03/22110408/0. Written comments that can assist with the formulation of the response are welcome from all Fellows and should be emailed to evidenceadvice@royalsoced.org.uk by Thursday 3 June.

In July the RSE will be responding to an inquiry into Scotland's International Engagement that is being undertaken by the European and External Relations Committee of the Scottish Parliament, http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/europe/inquiries/euDirectives/InquiryontheScottishGovernmentsInternationalEngagement.htm. Again, written comments are welcome and should be emailed to evidenceadvice@royalsoced.org.uk by Wednesday 23 June.

RSE Inquiry Public Evidence-gathering Meetings
The RSE Inquiry is going around the country gathering evidence from organisations and the public on the opportunities for and barriers to moving to a low-carbon economy in Scotland. The next public meetings will be in Inverness on 2 June at the Town House in collaboration with Highland Council, and in Glasgow on 7 July at the City Chambers in collaboration with Glasgow City Council. The events are free and open to all and Fellows are most welcome to attend. Tea/coffee will be available and an exhibition will be on show before the meetings, with the meetings themselves starting at 6pm.
RSE Events
Last month's e-bulletin notified Fellows about a series of discussion meetings being arranged for the Autumn, for Fellows only, on the scientific evidence as to whether and to what extent climate change is being driven by human activities. The organisation of these events is in the hands of the Meetings Committee, who will further discuss the format of the events at their meeting on 31st May. In the meantime, Fellows may be interested in the forthcoming event:

**Facing up to Climate Change Discussion Forum** – *Climate Change During the Last 10,000 Years: Reconstructions and Uncertainties*. Professor Heinz Wanner, University of Bern; Professor John Haslett, Trinity College, Dublin; Professor Gabriele Hegerl, Chair of Climate Change Systems Science, School of GeoSciences, University of Edinburgh. Wednesday 14 July 2010 at 6 pm. Event organised by ICMS in association with the RSE and further supported by NCAS, SAGES and the Centre for Earth System Dynamics, University of Edinburgh.

Tickets for other events are also available as follows:

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

**Lecture** – *An Epidemiological Perspective on the Causes and Prevention of Breast Cancer*. Professor Valerie Beral, Head of Cancer Epidemiology Unit, University of Oxford. Tuesday 15 June 2010 at 6 pm. Event in association with the Scottish Cancer Foundation, supported by the Cruden Foundation.

For tickets and information about RSE events, please visit the Society's website [www.royalsoced.org.uk/events](http://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.

**IT Improvement Programme**
Fellows may wish to note that we have recently upgraded our internal database system as part of a wider IT improvement programme. As a next step we will, during the course of the year ahead, be renewing our web-site and enabling Fellows and others to check and amend their own individual records. Further information about this and any actions you need to take will follow in the coming months. Meantime, if you have any questions about the improvement programme please contact Graeme Herbert, Director of Corporate Services on 0131 240 5015 – gherbert@royalsoced.org.uk

**Office Closure for Staff Training**
The RSE will be closed on Friday 4 June 2010 for a staff training event. It will be open as usual on Monday 7 June. If you urgently need to contact a member of staff on the Friday, please phone 07787 554495 or 07711 310373.

**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 bulletin@royalsoced.org.uk