Royal Medals 2008
The RSE’s Royal Medals for 2008 are being awarded to Professor Roger Fletcher FRS FRSE (top left), Rt. Rev. Richard Holloway FRSE (top right) and Sir David Lane FRS FRSE (bottom left). HRH The Duke of Edinburgh will present the Medals at the Palace of Holyroodhouse on the afternoon of Monday 11 August. There are still a few places available for Fellows who would like to attend but application must be made by Friday 1 August at the latest to the President’s PA, Doreen Waterland, preferably by email – dwaterland@royalsoced.org.uk or telephone 0131 240 5022. If you wish to be accompanied by your spouse or a personal guest, please let Doreen know. There is no charge for attendance but admission will be by ticket only. All attending will require to arrive no later than 3.30 pm.

Grants for Fellows of the RSE
The next closing date for Fellows’ Grant applications is 31 August. Fellows are asked to apply well in advance, as retrospective applications cannot be considered. Grants are available in the following areas: Travel Assistance; Support for Meetings; Research Visitors to Scotland; Visiting Lecturer; Research Liaison within Scotland; Publications; and, University/Industry Liaison. Full details and application forms are available on the RSE website at www.royalsoced.org.uk/research_fellowships/grants.htm or contact Anne Fraser – resman@royalsoced.org.uk – phone 0131 240 5013

Fellows Deceased
It is with much regret that we report the deaths of Professor Christopher John Bartlett, Professor Rex Ernest Coupland and Dr James Cameron Gould. 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 the above, please contact Dr Lesley Campbell – 0131 240 5012 – fellowship@royalsoced.org.uk

Fellows’ Golf
The Fellows’ golf outing for the Stewart Cup will be held over the Scotscairg course on Friday 22 August at 11.30 am. Please contact golf@royalsoced.org.uk if you would like to attend.

Building Redecoration
Fellows should note that several of the public areas, including the reception hall, will be redecorated during August. Access to parts of the building may therefore be restricted during this time.

Diary Dates
Annual Statutory Meeting – Monday 6 October 2008
Full list of dates for Council and Executive Board meetings at: www.royalsoced.org.uk/fellowship/meeting_dates.htm

Fellows Discussion Dinner
*Does God Play Dice?* Discussion led by Professor Miles Padgett FRSE. Monday 1 September 2008 at the RSE. Cost – £32. If you wish to attend please contact Susan Walker by 25 August 2008 – events@royalsoced.org.uk – 0131 240 2780. The discussion is preceded by an RSE Ordinary Meeting at 6 pm and a public lecture by Professor Padgett on the same topic.
CRF European Visiting Research Fellowships in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
These Fellowships support research in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences in Scotland. They seek to establish a two-way flow of scholars between Scotland and Europe. The Fellowships provide financial assistance, up to a maximum of £6,000 for 6 months, as a contribution towards the costs of travel and subsistence.
The closing date is 3 November 2008. For further information see www.royalsoced.org.uk/research_fellowships/crf_fellowship.htm or contact Anne Fraser – resman@royalsoced.org.uk – 0131 240 5013

RSE Transactions journal – Special Issues
Fellows are informed that issue 97.4 of Transactions of the Royal Society of Edinburgh: Earth Sciences has now been published. Entitled Plutons and Batholiths, this Special Issue of 15 invited papers is dedicated to the memory of the distinguished granite geologist Professor Wallace Pitcher, HonFRSE. It also contains a special Supplementary Paper by Professor Donald McIntyre, FRSE - The Royal Society of Edinburgh, James Hutton, the Clerks of Penicuik and the Igneous Origin of Granite. Issue 98.3/4 of Earth and Environmental Science Transactions of the Royal Society of Edinburgh is nearing completion. Entitled Brachiopod Research into the Third Millennium, this Special Issue of 23 invited papers is published in honour of the eminent palaeontologist, the late Sir Alwyn Williams, FRS, FRSE, MRIA, Past President of the RSE.

Joint Project with the National Natural Science Foundation of China
The next deadline for the RSE-NSFC Joint Project scheme is 1 September 2008. The scheme is designed to facilitate longer-term international collaborations between researchers based in Scotland and China. Applications are invited for Joint Projects in the field of Management Science, Engineering and Public Policy, with the following possible sub-themes:
- Innovation to Entrepreneurship
- Complex social and economic systems modelling
- Public policy issues in energy systems and sustainable systems
Please note that the application process for the 2008 Joint Project scheme differs from previous years.
For further information, contact Morven Chisholm, – 0131 240 5018 – international@royalsoced.org.uk, or see www.royalsoced.org.uk/international/projects/index.htm

International Exchange Programme for Fellows and non-Fellows
The next deadline for applications is 31 October. Bilateral applications only are invited for this deadline, to support research collaborations between Scotland and countries with which the RSE has a formal agreement. A full list of countries covered by this programme is available on the RSE website. Please ensure your colleagues are made aware of this funding opportunity, and encourage them to apply. For further information, contact Morven Chisholm, – 0131 240 5018 – international@royalsoced.org.uk or see www.royalsoced.org.uk/international/exchanges/

Staff News – NHS Scotland – Healthy Working Lives Award Programme – Bronze Award
Following the submission of its portfolio and an assessment visit in June, the Royal Society of Edinburgh has been successful in attaining the Bronze Award standard. The aim of the programme is to make improvement of health & well-being in the workplace an integral part of Scottish corporate culture. An RSE Healthy Working Lives Group was set up and has worked towards this achievement, organising seminars, talks, health checks events and regular physical activities for staff. The RSE is now working towards a Silver Award.

Feedback
We always welcome feedback on how we could improve this bulletin for Fellows. To comment, or if you do not wish to receive future editions, please contact Jenny Liddell – bulletin@royalsoced.org.uk – phone 0131 240 5019