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September 2019

Women in Science in Scotland

Our *Women in Science in Scotland* exhibition currently on display in the RSE reception, will remain in Edinburgh until October, after which we are hoping to have it hosted in venues around the country.

We have also produced a 'pop up', portable version of the exhibition and already taken it with us to the RAEng James Watt event at Strathclyde University in June and the Tartan Heart Belladrum Festival and RSE 'Fascinating Futures' event, both of which were in Inverness over the summer. Future plans include the Festival of Politics at the Scottish Parliament, the Festival of Physics at Dynamic Earth and the STEM Hub at Borders College.

We are keen for this to be seen by as many people as possible and are more than happy for it to be borrowed. If any Fellow would be interested in having it in an appropriate venue or event, please contact Sharon Simpson – ssimpson@therse.org.uk - to discuss further.



2019 Awards Reception

Join us on Monday 9 September, 5.30–8 pm at the RSE to celebrate the 2019 RSE research and enterprise awardees and to thank the funding bodies and voluntary selection panels. The programme will include short presentations from past and current awardees about their research and experiences and a poster display illustrating some of the work undertaken by the awardees. Arrival refreshments will be served from 5.30 pm with the formal programme commencing at 6 pm. Celebratory drinks and a selection of canapés will be served afterwards. Places are limited so please confirm if you wish to attend by email to the RSE Public Engagement team – public_engagement@therse.org.uk.

Annual Statutory Meeting

This year's Annual Statutory Meeting will take place on the evening of Monday 28 October. Fellows are asked to note this date: further details will be made available soon.

RSE Grants and Research Awards currently open:

- **Arts & Humanities Small Grants; Workshops; Networks** – Closing date: Friday 27 September 2019. For further details visit: www.rse.org.uk/funding-awards/funding-search/ (click Arts & Humanities in filter list on left).
- **Sabbatical Research Grant** – Closing date: Monday 14 October 2019. For further details, visit: www.rse.org.uk/awards/rse-sabbatical-research-grants/

Fellows Deceased

It is with much regret that we report the deaths of Professor Thomas Douglas **Campbell** and Professor Gunnar Axel **Hambraeus** HonFRSE. If you have any suggestions of obituary writers for those Fellows for whom we have not managed to commission a writer or source an obituary, please email: obituaries@therse.org.uk.

Doors Open Day

As part of a wider programme of Doors Open Day events taking place throughout Edinburgh; the RSE will invite members of the public into its historic premises on 28th September between 10 am and 4 pm. Last year, we had over 1,000 visitors throughout the day and hope to welcome as many this year. For details, please visit: www.doorsopendays.org.uk/places/the-royal-society-of-edinburgh/

Events for Fellows

• Creative Genius and Mental Health in the Lives of Robert Burns and Robert Lowell

Wednesday 11 September, 5.30–8 pm at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow (RCPSG), 232–242 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5RJ. Professor Kay Jamison CorrFRSE, Professor of Psychiatry and the Dalio Professor in Mood Disorders at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, USA, will discuss the fascinating life and work of the poet, Robert Lowell, and how his bipolar disorder and the treatment he received influenced his creativity. Please book via RCPSG: <https://rcpsg.ac.uk/events/HeritageLecture>

• Ordinary Meeting: The Royal Society of Edinburgh and Russia

Thursday 12 September, 5.45–8 pm at the RSE.

The RSE's links to Russia will be explored during this talk by Dr Dmitry Fedosov CorrFRSE, Senior Research Fellow, Russian Academy of Sciences. This will be followed by a Q&A session and the chance to discuss the topic further over drinks. Fellows are welcome to bring guests. Please RSVP by contacting Ashleigh Thow – athow@therse.org.uk. As this event is also an Ordinary Meeting, it may include a small amount of RSE business.

Fellows' Morning Discussion Meetings

Coffee is available in the Fellows' Room on Tuesdays at 10.30 am. Once a month, between October 2019 and March 2020, there will be a discussion meeting, normally in the Scott Room, introduced by an invited speaker. The 2019/20 programme begins on **Tuesday 1 October** with a talk by The Rt Hon Lord Hope of Craighead KT PC FRSE on *Brexit – where are we now? – Reflections by a Crossbencher*. This will be live-streamed to the University of Glasgow, Room 313, Sir James Black Building. Following the talk there will be an interactive discussion featuring delegates at both locations. Please inform Ashleigh Thow – athow@therse.org.uk if you intend to join the discussion in Glasgow. Registration for Edinburgh is not needed. Full programme details are available at: www.rse.org.uk/fellows-discussion-meetings-coffee-mornings-2019-20/

Events for the public

Lecture – Power to the People. Professor John Irvine FRSE, Professor of Chemistry, University of St Andrews (winner of the RSE/Lord Kelvin Medal 2019). Tuesday 24 September 2019 at 6 pm at the University of Aberdeen. To book, visit: www.rse.org.uk/event/power-to-the-people/. Following this public lecture, there will be a drinks reception for Fellows and YAS members.

Lecture – Hamish Henderson – A New Voice. Professor Fred Freeman, Professor of Scottish Music, The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. Friday 1 November 2019 at 7 pm at the RSE. To book, visit: www.rse.org.uk/event/hamish-henderson-a-new-voice/

RSE Rooms Available to Hire

Rooms can be hired for conferences, dinners, meetings, receptions, seminars and celebratory occasions, and Fellows who do so are entitled to a 25% room hire discount. For more information, please visit: www.rse.org.uk/venue/ or contact Martina Hlinkova – mhlinkova@theRSE.org.uk – 0131 240 5034.

Staff News

We were pleased to welcome Pam Heath who joined the RSE team as Finance Assistant on 13 August and also extend a welcome to Daria Tuhtar, who will start on 16 September as Policy Advice Officer.

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 – jliddell@theRSE.org.uk – 0131 240 5019.