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### Message from the CEO

The **SCI Benevolent Fund** was established to provide modest assistance to SCI members, past members and their dependents when they faced financial difficulties. The trustees of the Fund are particularly aware of the impact of the current financial climate on jobs and personal circumstances, and appreciate the need for individuals to maintain their professional learning, networks and membership. They would therefore be pleased to hear from anyone within this category who would like to apply for assistance from the Fund.

### Upcoming Events:



[McBain Medal Lecture](#)  
11 December 2009

SCI Members may also wish to consider making a donation to this Fund, or even remembering the Benevolent Fund or the Society in their Will to help those less fortunate, and to help advance chemical science in the future.

Please contact [secretariat@soci.org](mailto:secretariat@soci.org) for information on how to apply.

### Member News



[Future Prospects for Chemical insecticides](#)  
21 January 2010



On 25 November, 55 members assembled in Belgrave Square to take part in the Members' Forum and contribute to shape the future of SCI.



[The Marriage of Money to Ideas](#)  
22 January 2010

To conclude a day of hard work, members assembled in the Auditorium to celebrate the SCI careers of two distinguished members: Peter Hambleton and John Farmer, who were presented with the Lampitt Medal. This award recognises those members who give their time and concentrate their efforts on the development of the Society.

### Regional Groups

#### Thames & Kennet Regional Group



[What a Chemist Needs to Know about Patents](#)  
29 January 2010

Pete Baveystock, Waste and Recycling manager at Wokingham Borough Council, spoke at the Thames and Kennet Group's 'What a waste' event, hosted at the University of Reading on 4 November 2009. The following are some of his recommendations to slash food waste over the Christmas period:

- ▶ Check what you have in your cupboards and write a shopping list of what is needed
- ▶ Measure portions
- ▶ Keep food in the fridge
- ▶ Make sure food containers are air-tight
- ▶ Juice over-ripe fruit
- ▶ Freeze food so it keeps longer
- ▶ Use leftovers to create new dishes, like bubble and squeak
- ▶ Compost vegetable trimmings



[Road Maintenance Treatments](#)  
18 March 2010

[Go to the Thames & Kennet Group's page](#)  
**Scotland Group**



[Nuclear Energy: Strategy for the Future](#)  
17 February 2010

Professor Hugh Pennington, Emeritus Professor of Bacteriology at the University of Aberdeen, received the Lister Medal of the Society of Chemical Industry at a public lecture at the Kings Conference Centre, Old Aberdeen, on Friday 20 November.

Professor Pennington's Lister Award Lecture was titled 'Learning Lessons is Hard; Making Predictions Difficult'. He discussed *E. coli* outbreaks and influenza pandemics, and how the treatment of these has been influenced by evolution and history. The lecture was free and open to the public.



[Polymeric Biomaterials](#)  
15-16 April 2010

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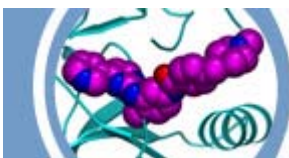
[WFD Lille 2010](#)  
26-28 April

### AGMs

London Group, 12 January

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### Technical Interest Groups



[Cancer Drug Discovery](#)  
25 May 2010

### Horticulture Group

After working on his agricultural engineering degree in Spain, Jordi Gine Bordonaba undertook an MSc in environmental diagnostics at Cranfield University (CU). Immediately after that, Jordi joined the Plant Science Laboratory at Cranfield to conduct his PhD on improving the quality control of soft fruits. He became a member of the Horticulture group a few months ago, and set about organising the 'From Field to Fork' meeting with the support of the group, his supervisor, Dr Leon Terry, and colleagues from the Plant Science Laboratory. Their meeting, held on 17 November, was quite successful.



[Introduction to Drug Discovery Chemistry](#)  
30 June 2010

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### Science and Enterprise Group



[Rideal Lecture: Controlling the Properties of Aqueous Interfaces](#)  
10 March 2010

The 14th annual conference of the German-British Forum was held on 20 October, organised jointly by SCI's Science and Enterprise Group, the German Embassy, and other organisations. The conference focused on the actions local governments can take in partnership with businesses and the financial community to generate city-level solutions to tackle social problems and face issues such as climate change.

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### AGMs

British Carbon Group, 18 December, [University of Oxford](#)

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### Showcase



The SCI International Honours presentation on the evening of 12 November

[Bright Ideas: 2009  
science highlights](#)

2009 was a night to remember. The event showcased the Society's support for science communication, health and safety, and science education by celebrating outstanding contributions from the recipients of its People Awards in these three categories.

- ▶ Professor Trevor Kletz was presented with the Mond Health and Safety Award by Lord Dholakia.
- ▶ Mrs Susan Halliday was presented with the Science Education Award by Sir Tom McKillop, past president of SCI.
- ▶ Professor Richard Dawkins was presented with the SCI Award for Science Communication by Sir Robert Malpas, past president of SCI.

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