

SCI London Regional Group

SCI's London Regional Group has strong links with other Societies, including the Chemical and Physical Society (CPS) based at University College London, the Institute for Food Science and Technology (IFST), and the Institute of Food Technologists (IFT). These collaborations mean that the Group can put on a wide variety of events aimed at furthering the scientific knowledge of its members and the general public.

Centred in the Capital, the Group has unique access to government venues, many universities, headquarters of some of the largest industrial companies in the world, and numerous galleries and museums. With the main focus of science around the UK being in the pharmaceutical and their allied industries, throughout their calendar the Group will look to cover these and the many other aspects of chemistry and science. All events are open to the public and SCI Members alike, and are for the most part free; most will have a wine reception afterward to mingle and network with like minded individuals. For information on all joint CPS events please contact Russell Binions and for IFST/IFT events please contact Richard Benson.

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Anyone can join, and current Members include consumers, business people, environmentalists, industrialists, farmers and researchers. The Society offers a chance to share information between sectors as diverse as food and agriculture, pharmaceuticals, bio-technology, environmental science and health and safety. As well as organising technical and educational events, SCI awards a number of prestigious honours and scholarships each year, publishes five highly rated peer-reviewed journals and provides Members with news from the Chemical and related industries with *Chemistry and Industry* magazine, published twice a month. Originally established in 1881, SCI is a registered charity with members in over 70 countries. (Reg. Charity No. 206883).

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All welcome, you do not have to be a member to attend



Date	Time	Venue	Joint with	Event Details
Tuesday 13th January 2009	17.30	Department of Chemistry, Christopher Ingold Laboratories, UCL, 20 Gordon Street, London WC1H 0AJ	CPS	 <p>Scientific Research: Career or Calling Prof. Sir Richard Brook Director of the Leverhulme Trust, a privately funded research support agency covering all the academic disciplines. Sir Brooke is a materials scientist with a doctorate from MIT. From 1994 to 2001 he was chief Executive at the Engineering and Physical Science Research Council. He is a fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering.</p>
Tuesday 20th January 2009	17.30	Department of Chemistry, Christopher Ingold Laboratories, UCL, 20 Gordon Street, London WC1H 0AJ	CPS	 <p>Heritage Science Prof. Martin specializes in non-destructive analysis; performance and specification of display cases; pollution at heritage sites; preventive conservation. He will describe much of the work his team undertakes. This includes overseeing the development of materials and techniques by practical conservators, developing and maintaining links with scientist, universities and museums and bringing scientific knowledge and attitudes to craftspeople, conservators and curators.</p>
Tuesday 27th January 2009	17.30	Department of Chemistry, Christopher Ingold Laboratories, UCL, 20 Gordon Street, London WC1H 0AJ	CPS	 <p>Green Chemistry Dr. Samantha Tang UK's first Public Awareness Scientist, funded by the Engineering and Physical Science Research Council, her role is to raise awareness of science in schoolchildren and young adults. Nottingham University is a world leader in Green Chemistry and Dr. Tang will describe how this area of research attempts to find environmentally - friendly ways of making chemicals, more efficient use of energy, safer chemical products, renewable raw materials, and 'zero waste' processes.</p>
Tuesday 3rd February 2009	17.30	Department of Chemistry, Christopher Ingold Laboratories, UCL, 20 Gordon Street, London WC1H 0AJ	CPS	 <p>Asbestos Minerals? Consideration An introduction to the current status of asbestos minerals will be briefly discussed by John Bensted, a visiting Professor in Cement Science at UCL and International Consultant in Cement Technology. Since the 1970s, when the dangers of asbestos minerals to human health became more widespread, far fewer studies of the scientific properties of the different forms of asbestos minerals have been undertaken.</p>
Tuesday 10th February 2009	17.30	Department of Chemistry, Christopher Ingold Laboratories, UCL, 20 Gordon Street, London WC1H 0AJ	CPS	 <p>Pattern Formation in Nature Dr. Ball Science Writer describes how non-equilibrium conditions lead to different natural pattern formations from Giants causeway, the B-Z reaction to the patterns of zebras.</p>
Tuesday 17th February 2009	17.30	Department of Chemistry, Christopher Ingold Laboratories, UCL, 20 Gordon Street, London WC1H 0AJ	CPS	 <p>The Science of Taste and Food Prof. John Barham's research interests are mainly in the field of Polymer Research but he also studies penguin's foods and public engagement with science. He has collaborated with Chef Heston Blumenthal in the field of Molecular Gastronomy'. The talk will focus on the science behind some of our perceptions of tastes and food.</p>
Tuesday 3rd March 2009	17.30	Department of Chemistry, Christopher Ingold Laboratories, UCL, 20 Gordon Street, London WC1H 0AJ	CPS	 <p>Juggling: Theory and Practice Juggling has fascinated people for centuries. Seemingly oblivious to gravity, Dr. Colin Wright a skilled practitioner will keep several objects in the air at one time, and weave complex patterns that seem to defy analysis. In this talk Dr. Wright will demonstrate a selection of the patterns and skills of juggling while at the same time developing a simple method of describing and annotating a class of juggling patterns.</p>
Thursday 30th April 2009	17.30	SCI Belgrave Sqaure London SW1X 8PS	SCI/ IFT/ IFST	 <p>Nanotechnology An afternoon seminar and evening IFT Binsted Lecture by the visiting IFT President Sheri Schellhaass, on the implications of Nanotechnology for the food industry.</p>

Additional events are promoted by the Group. Please check the Group's web page on www.soci.org for up-to-date information on upcoming events.