

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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SCI is a unique international Forum where science meets business on independent and impartial grounds.

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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London Regional Group
Programme Card/ Autumn 2008

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



programme

Date	Time	Venue	Joint with
Tuesday 7th October 2008	17.30	Department of Chemistry, Christopher Ingold Laboratories, UCL, 20 Gordon Street, London WC1H 0AJ	CPS
Tuesday 21st October 2008	17.30	Department of Chemistry, Christopher Ingold Laboratories, UCL, 20 Gordon Street, London WC1H 0AJ	CPS
Tuesday 28th October 2008	17.30	Department of Chemistry, Christopher Ingold Laboratories, UCL, 20 Gordon Street, London WC1H 0AJ	CPS
Mid-November 2008	TBC	SCI Headquarters, 14/15 Belgrave Square, London, SW1X 8PS	IFST/IFT
Tuesday 18th November 2008	17.30	Department of Chemistry, Christopher Ingold Laboratories, UCL, 20 Gordon Street, London WC1H 0AJ	CPS
Tuesday 25th November 2008	17.30	Department of Chemistry, Christopher Ingold Laboratories, UCL, 20 Gordon Street, London WC1H 0AJ	CPS

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.

Event Details



Odeurs et Lumières 2008

The entertaining demonstration lecture by **Dr. Andrea Sella (UCL)** with whizzes, bangs, explosions, and of course, explanations of what is going on. This lecture is hugely popular, so please reserve your place by emailing Dr. Russell Binions in advance. There will be a wine mixer after this event at 18.30.



Chemical Health Risks – Science and the Media

Dr. Philip Lewis (SCI) will outline some principles and myths associated with risks to health from exposure to chemicals. He will also discuss some examples of chemical scare stories which have been reported by the media, the risks of which have been greatly exaggerated.



The Anatomy of Fragrance

Dr. Charles Sell (Givauden) will talk about his experiences in the fragrance industry and about the exciting chemistry which goes into it. Dr. Sell has published a large number of original research papers, patents and reviews, and is editor and co-author of *The Chemistry of Fragrance*.



Binsted Lecture

A lecture in memory of **Raymond Binsted**, founder of *Food Trade Review*. This lecture promises to be fascinating, covering an aspect of food science or technology and hosted by a speaker of international caliber. For more details please check the SCI website closer to the time.



The Big Debate - Does Science have all the answers?

A debate with **Dr. Hasok Chang (UCL)** and **Dr. Andy Clark (Edinburgh)**. There is an old debate in the philosophy of science about whether the job of science is simply to describe the world accurately, or to provide some kind of explanation of phenomena that goes beyond mere description. Find the answers here...



Bad Science

In this talk, **Dr. Ben Goldacre (Guardian columnist)** will discuss the representation of science in the media, the problems, the pitfalls, and what we can do about it. Dr Goldacre is a regular commentator in high-profile TV and radio shows and has written the weekly Bad Science column in the Guardian since 2003.