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The Group has a long and continuous history and was established shortly after the foundation of the Society itself in 1881. Its first Chairman was Sir Frederick Abel, the co-inventor of cordite.

The Group organises a regular and dynamic schedule of activities throughout the year in keeping with its Mission Statement 'Utilising our capital city to publicise science and allow networking opportunities for all.' The broad-based programme of general interest

and specialist events attracts a wide range of attendees - from students and families to science professionals and politicians.

Contact Details

If you would like more information about the group and its activities, or if you would like to get involved in the organisation of events, please contact communications@soci.org

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London Regional Group Programme Card Autumn 2011

All are welcome to our events; you do not have to be a member to attend

All these events take place at:
UCL Christopher Ingold (Chemistry) Building, 20 Gordon Street, London C1H 0AJ
Ramsay Lecture Theatre

All of these lectures are open to the general public
and are free to attend.
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Date	Time	Event	Event Details
4th Oct 11	5.45 for 6.00	Living With Earthquakes: Know Your Faults	 <p>James Jackson There is a close relation between where people live and geology, which leads to the apparent bulls-eye targeting of cities by earthquakes. What can be done with huge populations concentrated in earthquake-prone mega-cities?</p>
11th Oct 11	5.45 for 6.00	Spooklights - Things That Go Flash in the Dark	 <p>Dr Andrea Sella Dr Andrea Sella will explore the strange lights you might see on a dark night and explore the edge of what we know and what we don't. If the moon is in the right phase, we might even see a UFO... or an earthquake.</p>
25th Oct 11	5.45 for 6.00	Social Science	 <p>Brian Owens Social Media are changing the way people interact with science. Papers are now subject to swift (and sometimes vicious) post-peer-review online as soon as they are published. How are scientists and journals responding and adapting?</p>
1st Nov 11	5.45 for 6.00	Upgrading Humans: A User's Guide	 <p>Kevin Warwick Kevin Warwick will examine four different ways in which the use of implant technology opens up the possibility of upgrading human abilities, particularly in terms of mental accomplishments.</p>
8th Nov 11	5.45 for 6.00	Poisons: Chemistry and Criminals	 <p>Dr John Nicholson Dr Nicholson considers the science of poisons and looks at the subject of criminal poisoning through the eyes of a chemist. He will discuss some poisoning cases and show how the perpetrators were brought to justice.</p>
15th Nov 11	5.45 for 6.00	"Melts in your mouth, but not in your hand!" The Physical Properties of Fats	 <p>Dr Tom Coultate Fats' behaviour in foods, especially their melting and crystallisation properties, are far more subtle, and interesting, than most chemistry textbooks would have us believe. Chocolate will be used to illustrate the talk for the audience's delight.</p>
22nd Nov 11	5.45 for 6.00	Marie Curie, a Pioneering Woman in Science, and Much More	 <p>Dr. Serge Plattard, Science and Technology Counsellor, French Embassy, London Curie's accomplishments were due 'not only to bold intuition but to a devotion and tenacity in execution under the most extreme hardships imaginable, such as the history of experimental science has not often witnessed'</p>
6th Dec 11	5.45 for 6.00	Review of International Year of Chemistry	 <p>Prof David Phillips Prof Phillips will discuss the significance of the International Year of Chemistry and provide an overview of what was achieved through the collective efforts of participants in this UNESCO initiative.</p>
7th Dec 11	5.45 for 6.00	The Science Behind your Christmas Dinner	 <p>Dr Lisa Methven This festive lecture looks at the science behind the Christmas Dinner, from the flavour chemistry to the sensory experience, through the nutritional composition to the potential benefits. What could your Christmas dinner do for you?</p>

Additional events may be promoted by the SCI London Group.
Please check our online events list www.soci.org/events to find out about events organised by this and our other regional and technical groups.