

**THE SCI'S SCIENCE & ENTERPRISE GROUP
5th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
5 December 2013**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

When SEG was formed it had a clear aim to be the focal point for SCI's delivery on its core message of "where science meets business". It was envisaged as being fundamentally different from the Technical Interest Groups (TIGs), as it would seek innovative ways of going beyond events and publications to deliver value to Members and the wider community.

It is my pleasure to be able to present to the AGM of the Science & Enterprise Group a summary of our activities in the past 12 months.

The current officers are:

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| Chairman: | Peter Reineck |
| Hon. Secretary: | Chris Drew |
| Hon. Treasurer: | Simon Conway |

Peter Reineck is continuing as Chairman and Simon Conway as Treasurer. Stuart Jordan has been nominated by Peter Reineck for the post of Secretary and is willing to accept the role. Martin Elliott has been nominated by Peter Reineck for the newly created post of Vice-Chairman and is willing to accept the role. No other nominations were received.

Current Committee Members are:

Rob Andrew, Lambros Antoniou, Richard Bahu, Bernard Carey, Simon Conway (Treasurer), Martin Elliott, Carlos Harrison, Stuart Jordan, Chris Drew (Secretary), Patrick Kitt, Peter Reineck (Chairman), and Clive Thompson.

Our thanks go to Chris Drew, who is standing down this year. Chris has given outstanding service to SEG as its Secretary: he will be very much missed.

Current Co-opted Members of the Committee are:

Inna Baigozina, Chris Deakin, Gianfranco Figini, Rebecca Wood and Hooshang Zavareh.

SCI Staff

SEG was very ably supported by Ms Jacqui Colgate and Ms Nadine Cameron during the year.

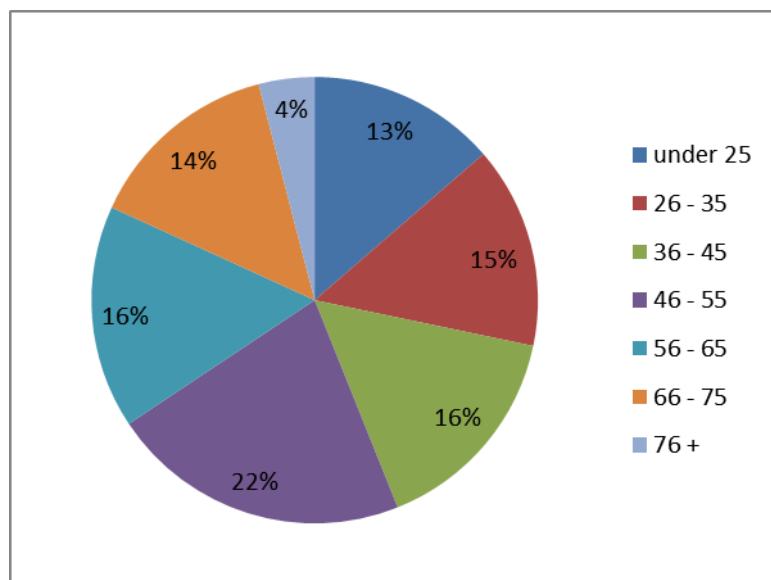
Group Statistics

The statistics below were taken from the SCI database on 7 November 2013, with data from 1 December 2012 (in brackets) for comparison.

Total members: 256 (264)

Type of Membership: Ordinary 150 (161), Student: 55 (54), Concessionary 19 (17), Others 32 (32)

Age range of 198 members whose age is known:



Gender: 198 (191) Male / 58 (75) Female

Groups that members are also members of

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| 1. Fine Chemicals | 66 | 31% |
| 2. Environment H&S | 46 | 21% |
| 3. Biotechnology | 40 | 19% |
| 4. Young Chemists' Panel | 32 | 15% |
| 5. Materials Chemistry | 29 | 14% |

Comparison of the two sets of data shows that total membership is more or less stable, and split fairly evenly between the age groups though with more than half aged over 45. This suggests that more needs to be done to engage with younger members and those in mid-career. Clearly, SEG activities are of interest to a significant number of non-members and should further promote the benefits of SCI membership.

Initiatives

Over the past year, we worked closely with the outgoing Executive Director Joanne Lyall to develop a number of initiatives which were strongly aligned with SEG's aim. The most significant were:

- Input to scenario planning exercise and support for SCI's involvement in formulating the Chemistry Growth Strategy
- Support for SCI's involvement in UK Chemicals Stakeholder Forum
- Collaboration with CIKTN
- Potential collaboration with EEN
- Closer collaboration with RSC
- Development of a presence in the Energy sector

We look forward to pursuing these initiatives further during 2014.

Committee Meetings

The 17th committee meeting was held on 14 March 2013. The 18th committee meeting was held on 20 June 2013 as a joint meeting with the Chemical & Industrial Consultants Association (CICA). The 19th meeting was on 11 September 2013. Minutes of these meetings are available in the Group's SCI online download area.

The Chairman would like to acknowledge the enthusiasm and hard work of the committee and particularly, those who have been critical to the success of SEG events.

Provisional 2014 Committee Meeting Schedule to be advised:

March
June
September at SCI
December at SCI with AGM

Events

Brief details of all events organised are as follows.

Materials Coloration – past, present and future of textile printing - Joint event with SDC at Huddersfield University, 13 February 2013 with Y&H Group. Well attended: we should run it again.

Joint meeting with CICA 20 June 2012 - Presentations covered "Reflections on 29 years of running SORIS" (Chris Drew) and "The change in emphasis from chemical manufacturers to chemical users" (Peter Reineck). This was followed by a brainstorming session aimed at identifying the classes of stakeholder likely to be interested in an improved reputation for the chemical industry.

Developments in Electric Vehicles at IPA, London, 03 October 2013. This event had to be cancelled due to the very low number of registrations. We will look at running it again in partnership with Cleantech Investor magazine.

A New Age for Coal with Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) at IOM3, London, 07 November 2013. This event was a success with a total attendance of ~60, including some of those attending the Energy Reception which followed, who were invited as guests. We intend to run other events focussed on fossil fuel reserves and power generation in partnership with one or more other organisations.

Planning of future meetings: Peter Reineck maintains a comprehensive events list, the latest version of which can be found in the Group's online download area.

We have a significant concern about the marketing and selling of events due to a lack of resources. Future SEG event budgets should include sufficient funds for employing external marketing and sales support such as telesales.

Peter Reineck
Chairman