

## Science and Enterprise Group (SEG)

### Annual General Meeting

5<sup>th</sup> December 2022

#### Chair's Report

##### Overview

Overview of key activities and events from last 12 months:

We continue to provide a platform where science meets business and to nurture innovation in a multidisciplinary environment. In 2021-2022 the SEG has been building on its agreed aims and vision and recruiting new committee members. We now have a core team and look to build on this solid base further in 2023.

One of our key targets is to secure additional SME representation and those with experience in scaling a business. We are currently taking the opportunity for bringing onboard entrepreneurial early careers researchers who are looking to develop a new enterprise.

It has been a difficult couple of years but we have many opportunities ahead of us. It has been great to witness the growth in the spin outs and start-ups of our members. I look forward to seeing how the group develops further as we get back to networking in person and are able to share these experiences more effectively. It is time for me to step down from my role as Chair of the Group and it has been an honour to work with our members to put a great team together to take the SEG forward.

##### Ongoing Activities

Engagement with the wider SCI continues through our work with the Membership Sub-Committee. We participate in regular Group Chairs meetings, help to support member's needs, discuss any key membership-related issues or challenges, and share learnings from within our committee. SEG members provide support through mentoring and input to the Bright SCIda Challenge.

Events: 2022 has been a challenging time for organising events. An in-person event hosted at Potter Clarkson in Nottingham and a joint event with the FCG, had to be postponed. We are working at rescheduling these and will review what we can do to improve registration uptake for future events.

We have set up working groups to focus on some of our key areas including:

- Bright SCIda Challenge
- SCI Blog/SME Newsletter
- SEG Showcase events
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- E-learning and training

Social media and promotional activity: Through our SEG LinkedIn group page we continue to post SEG member news and activities, funding opportunities, emerging IP and regulatory issues, sustainability, SME and spin-out related items of interest. We also post links to relevant SCI related events, articles, and any other Group news. We encourage members to post, share and like. We currently have 37 members and aim to grow the group further. Note: our SCI web page is live at [www.soci.org/interest-groups/science-and-enterprise](http://www.soci.org/interest-groups/science-and-enterprise).

##### Future Activities:

SEG Award for Innovation - The SEG envisages launching a new award for inventiveness and innovation, a "Science and Enterprise Award". Winners will demonstrate a novel solution to a seemingly intractable problem. This may be a new chemical or biochemical process, an energy saving tool or activity, an efficiency improvement in the workplace, a technological innovation or process improvement. The competition will be open to SCI members or non-members who have been nominated by a Member. Nominees are to be first time innovators and the competition will be open to all.

Events to be rolled out in 2023.

- Rescheduled Event Title – “Turning Your Science into a Business” Location – SCI Headquarters. Postponed from November 2022. The SCI Fine Chemicals Group and SEG will host a joint one-day conference exploring the journey of developing new materials from the page to products.
- Rescheduled Event Title – “Leveraging your IP for business growth” Location – Nottingham
- Title: “From the Brain to the Bank: The journey of creating value from science” Location – Nexis Leeds Date – Feb 22nd 2023.
- Title – “Starting up a sustainable company” Location – Belgrave Square, London. Date – May 23rd 2023.
- Title – “Doing business in Japan” Location – Online
- Proposed Title – “Sustainability – what an investor needs to hear”. Location – Yorkshire or North West England

### **Current Officers**

Chair	Craig Duckham (Stepping down)
Hon. Secretary	Jason Camp (Stepping down)
Hon. Treasurer	Tiffany Wood

### **Current Committee Members**

Alan Steven - Senior Principal Scientist at CatSci Ltd  
John Hudson - Ph.D. Candidate in Molecular Quantum Technologies  
Nicholas Watermeyer - Associate at Withers & Rogers LLP  
Neil Simpson - R&D Director R&D Director, Milliken Chemical  
Jim Denness - Partner at Abel & Imray  
Elijah Nazarzadeh – CEO Nebu-Flo  
Andreas Schätzlein - CEO Nanomerics / UCL  
Charlotte Crowhurst - Partner, Potter-Clarkson  
Marijana Dragosavac - CSO Micropore Technologies and Loughborough University  
Martin Elliot - CCO Centillion Technology  
Neil Crabb - CEO Frontier IP Group  
Thomas Farmer – Leader of the Clean Synthesis Technology Platform (CSTP), University of York  
Ataulla Shegiwal - Chief Executive Officer of Halcyon3D  
Kalyan Kumar Chakraborty - Independent Consultant  
Jan Ramakers - Independent Consultant

### **Craig Duckham, Chair**