

THE SCI'S SCIENCE & ENTERPRISE GROUP
8th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
1st December 2016

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

When I became chair of SEG two years ago, I had serious concerns as to the direction that SCI was taking. Today, it is a very different place as the leadership of the organisation has once again established a position at the centre of where science meets business and in particular where the chemical sciences meet business. 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". As the organisation builds upon this new and exciting phase in its evolution, the group will continue to work to support and grow new initiatives, whilst developing to best reflect what the composition and experience of the group can contribute.

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:

Chairman:	Martin Elliott
Hon. Secretary:	Patrick Kitt
Hon. Treasurer:	Stuart Jordan

No other nominations were received.

Current Committee Members are:

Lambros Antonio
Brian Allin
Inna Baigozina-Gorelli (SCI Trustee)
Kim Chandler (ECTG)
Chris Deakin
Craig Duckham (Food Group)
Martin Elliott (Chairman)
Gianfranco Figini
Bryan Hanley
Stuart Jordan (Treasurer)
Patrick Kitt (Secretary)
Jeff Powell (SCI Trustee)
Peter Reineck
Emma Thomas (SCI)
Clive Thompson (SCI Trustee)
Rebecca Wood
Kieran Quill
Steve East (FCG)

During the year, Jeff Powell has resigned from the board of trustees.

SCI Staff

SEG was very ably supported by Ms Emma Thomas during the year. The chairman thanks her for that support and her guidance through the year.

Group Statistics

The statistics below were taken from the SCI database in November 2016, with data from November 2015 (in brackets) for comparison.

Total members: 260 (259)

Type of Membership:

<i>Type of Membership</i> 2015		
American member	0	0%
Academic Partner - student	13	5%
Academic Partner - member	1	0%
Concessionary member	23	9%
Corporate Partner member	4	2%
Lampit Medallists	2	1%
Life members	10	4%
Standard members	139	54%
SCI funded members	9	3%
Student members	58	22%
total	259	

<i>Type of Membership</i> 2016		
Academic Partner - student	11	4%
Academic Partner - member	1	0%
Concessionary member	21	8%
Corporate Partner member	4	2%
Lampit Medallists	2	1%
Life members	9	3%
Standard members	133	51%
SCI funded members	9	3%
Student members	70	27%
total	260	

Age range of 260 (259) members whose age is known

2015

Age Range		
under 25	34	13%
26 - 35	51	20%
36 - 45	33	13%
46 - 55	44	17%
56 - 65	30	12%
66 - 75	31	12%
76 +	10	4%
unknown	26	10%
total	259	

2016

Age Range		
under 25	40	15%
26 - 35	53	20%
36 - 45	31	12%
46 - 55	47	18%
56 - 65	31	12%
66 - 75	28	11%
76 +	11	4%
unknown	19	7%
total	260	

Comparison of the two data sets shows that membership has remained static, but with a slight continuing increase in membership of under 55y o. More still needs to be done to engage with younger members and those in mid-career. The activities of the group are of interest to a significant number of members and we need to capitalise upon this as SCI moves forward.

Gender: 172 (179) Male / 86 (78) Female 2 (2) Unknown

Groups that members are also members of

November 2015			November 2016		
Fine Chemicals	66	25%	Fine Chemicals	67	26%
Biotechnology	62	21%	Biotechnology	66	22%
Environment H&S	41	14%	Young Chemists' Panel	39	13%
Young Chemists' Panel	38	13%	Food	37	12%
Food	34	12%	Environment H&S	36	12%
Materials Chemistry	28	9%	Materials Chemistry	33	11%
Agrisciencs	26	9%	Agrisciencs	25	8%

Initiatives

Over the past year, we supported a number of initiatives which were strongly aligned with SEG's aims. The most significant were:

- SCI's support for Chemistry Growth Partnership and its strategic initiatives
- SCI's involvement in UK Chemicals Stakeholder Forum and the sustainability sub group
- Collaboration with stakeholder organisations including:
 - KTN Ltd.
 - RSC Industry and Technology Division as well as the Management Group
- SCI's Strategic Review Programme
- Group Officers Day

We look forward to contributing to these initiatives and others during 2017.

More recently, the group have been assessing the most relevant way to support the executive in the implementation of the evolving strategy and the consequence of the strengthening of its involvement with industry. To that end, it is important that the aims and objectives of the group, along with its name should reflect its role within the organisation. The chair would like to thank Stuart Jordan for taking the lead in this area and wishes the group all good wishes for its future.

The Chairman would like to acknowledge the engagement of the committee.

Committee Meetings

The 27th committee meeting was held on 2nd December 2015, the 28th, on 3rd March 2016, the 29th committee meeting was held on 2nd June 2016, as a joint meeting with the Chemical & Industrial Consultants Association (CICA). The 30th meeting was on 6th October 2016. Minutes of these meetings are available in the Group's SCI online download area.

The proposed 2017 Committee Meeting Schedule is as follows, to be agreed at the meeting:

- 2nd March
- 1st June
- 5th October
- 7th December (with AGM)

Other matters.

The chair has been contributing to recent discussions upon a seminar with Construction materials on the subject of IP to be held in late spring 2017.

A conference on the commercial implications of continuous processing is being assessed.

Clive Thompson has been attempting to identify partners who would be able to assist in taking forward the water initiative.

Sustainability has continued to be a subject of increasing interest and should be an area of consideration for strengthening the linking with other technical and regional groups.

Martin Elliott, Chairman