

SCI's SCIENCE & ENTERPRISE GROUP
1st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
4 December 2009

HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT

“The Science and Enterprise Group (SEG) aims to mobilise wide and diverse expertise to develop a unique cross-disciplinary and cross-sector network to forge new links to accelerate innovation: the successful exploitation of new ideas. SEG will spearhead the delivery of SCI's promise to be where science meets business.”

<http://www.soci.org/Membership-and-Networks/Technical-Groups/Science-and-Enterprise-Group>

We want to provide leadership within SCI so that the Society may become more relevant to the world we find today, encompassing all stakeholders, from universities, technologists and entrepreneurs, businesses engaged in technology driven markets, financiers, government and society in general.

It is my pleasure to be able to present to the AGM of the Science & Enterprise Group a summary of our activities between the launch event on 22 January 2009 and 4 December 2009.

The current officers are:-

Chairman:	Rob Andrew
Hon. Secretary:	Richard Bahu
Hon. Treasurer:	Simon Conway
Communications Officer	Alan Baylis
Programme Coordinator	Peter Reineck

Confirmed Focus Area Leaders:

Transportation	Richard Bahu
Packaging	Peter Reineck (BioResources)
Renewable Resources	Alan Baylis (BioResources)
Chemical Industry	Richard Bahu
Processing	Carlos Harrison (Process Engineering)
Water	Clive Thompson (Environment)
Innovation Process	Simon Conway
Textiles & Fibres	Derek Heywood

Vacant Focus Areas:

- Chemical Industry
- Consumer Products
- Energy
- Health & Nutrition
- Horticulture
- Innovation Process
- Packaging
- Printed Electronics
- Processing
- Renewable Resources
- Smart Materials
- Textiles and Fibres
- Transportation
- Water

Co-opted Members of the Committee:

Raglan Tribe, Tony Bennett, Bernard Carey, Patrick Kitt, Christopher Drew, Thomas Moore and Matthew Tidmarsh (no longer with CIKTN).

SEG has been supported by Ms Erin Taylor from SCI who has provided exemplary service to the committee.

SEG has some 200 members.

Engagement of, and participation of, TIGs is seen as critical and significant effort has been made to communicate with TIGs on the significant value to them of SEG activities. In advance of each event, opportunities for TIGs are highlighted and pathways to encourage attendance are devised. The Chairman and Treasurer attended the Fine Chemicals TIG in July 2009. In addition, the Chairman and Alan Baylis had discussions with leaders of a number of the TIGs, including Colloids & Surface Chemistry, Electrochemistry, Separation Science & Technology, Health and Safety and BioResources. There was much interest in sustaining good lines of communication, sharing of best practice and exploiting ideas, events and intelligence for mutual value.

The Chairman attended the SCI Committee Officers' Training Day on 28 September 2009 and notes have been circulated to core committee members.

Committee Meetings and Events

The Group was launched on 22 January with an evening reception attended by some 50 people from SCI and diverse organisations.

The first committee meeting was held on 14 May 2009 with Peter Reineck acting as Chair. The second committee meeting (teleconference) was held on 29 June 2009 and the third was on 7 September 2009. The Chairman would like to acknowledge the enthusiasm of the committee and particularly, the focus area leaders who are critical to the success of SEG events.

2010 Committee Meeting Schedule:

- 3 March @ SCI
- 2 June @ SCI
- 8 Sept @: SCI
- 9 Dec @ SCI with AGM & potentially an addition event.

Brief details of all meetings organised are as follows. Please note that attendee numbers can be found in the 2009 Honorary Treasurers report.

Innovation in Packaging 4 May 2009

As our first event organised relatively quickly, it was well attended and received by both presenters and attendees. A report of the event can be found at: <http://www.soci.org/News/Science-enterprise-launch>

The Future of BioResources: Niche or Mainstream? 10 June 2009 - Joint with BioResources Group. Unfortunately this event was cancelled due to few too many registrations.

Energy for the Future: Governments, Cities & Technologies for the New Age 19-20 October 2009 - Joint with British German Forum. This was a very successful event and a review of the event at which Professor Beddington & Bianca Jagger spoke at will be online shortly.

What a Waste: What can and what is recycled at present 4 November 2009 – joint with SCI's Thames & Kennet Group

Enhancing your Business with Green Chemistry at King's Mansion, York is scheduled for 2 December is a joint event between SEG and the Green Chemistry Network. For further information on this event please visit: <http://www.soci.org/General-Pages/Display-Event?EventCode=YOR004>

Confirmed Future Meetings:

The Marriage of Money to Ideas 22 January 2010, 09.30 - 17.00, SCI HQ, London, UK
<http://www.soci.org/General-Pages/Display-Event?EventCode=SE965>

WCEC4 Water contamination emergencies: monitoring, understanding, acting 11-13 October 2010, IWW Water Centre, Mülheim-an-der-Ruhr, Germany joint with SCI's Environment Group
<http://www.soci.org/General-Pages/Display-Event?EventCode=ENV020>

Planning of future meetings:

A list of all possible future meetings can be found in the members area.

We are particularly interested in securing engagement from committed partners within the TIGs who are looking to running events with a business element as SEG Focus Area Leaders - be it from an innovation, market, process, growth or wealth creation perspective. As an example, the Electrochemical Technology group, under the leadership of Chike Oduoza, are looking to incorporate an Innovation to Commercialisation symposia element in Electrochem 2010. The SEG will endeavour to support this objective with know-how, contacts and expertise.

Communications

An excellent article in issue 11, 8 June 2009 of C&I by Alan Baylis introduced SEG to a wider audience. Following a discussion on 28 September 2009, the Chairman drafted a message which has been uploaded onto SEG web pages. Erin Taylor is actively pursuing editorial space in C&I for articles to be published with a target of 4/5 articles in main body of journal and in Members News. Erin Taylor is arranging a photo shoot of the Chairman and Andrew Ladds on steps of Belgrave Square as an accompaniment to one article. Alan Baylis will be seeking articles from rest of committee, in line with copy/C&I space availability. He is also starting threads from the Committee to kick off the SEG e-Forum as a going concern for members of the SEG to use/interface via the SCI e-Forum. He will ensure that the Group News web page for SEG is populated with our News.

Richard Bahu

Honorary Secretary