Alice Green Receives Salters’ Prize

Congratulations to Alice Green, who completed her MChem degree here last year and is currently a DPhil student at Oxford, on receiving one of the 2016 Salters’ Institute Graduate Prizes, presented at a ceremony in London on 9th December. These prizes are for the best students graduating in the UK, with ten in total each year, equally split between chemistry and chemical engineering. Other chemistry prizewinners this year were from Durham, Warwick, Edinburgh and Leeds. Previous St Andrews’ students to win the award in recent years were Amanda Jarvis (2007), Martin Peeks (2013) and Patrick Williamson (2015). In total, Alice is the 15th St Andrews student to win the award since it started in 1989 and the earlier list can be seen in Newsletter 495. Alice is pictured below receiving her prize from The Master of the Salters’ Company, Mr Giles de Margary TD, and Dr Annette Doherty of GSK.

Further Placements secured

Congratulations to the following 3rd year students who have arranged External Placements for 2017-18 as noted. This takes the total to 14, with many more applications still in progress.

- Douglas Wheel: Institute of Porous Solids (Paris, France)
- Dag Ivanic: Helleday Laboratory (Stockholm, Sweden)

School of Chemistry Colloquia

- Synthesis Seminar
  Tuesday 17th, 1.00 pm, Lecture Theatre B
  Shuyue Zhang (ADS) – Probing novel reactivities with Lewis base organocatalysis

- Boyi Song (EZC) – Application of supramolecular chemistry in luminescent materials

EaStCHEM Colloquium
  Wednesday 18th, 3.30 pm, Lecture Theatre C
  Prof Eleanor Campbell (Edinburgh) – Free-Flying Fullerenes

New Faces

Lutao Zhang comes from China and has a BSc in applied chemistry from South China University of Technology, and a Masters degree in chemical engineering from Lanzhou University. He has now started CSC-funded PhD work with JDW/PA and has interests in cooking, photography and watching football.

Christmas Card Collection – Shelter Scotland

Many thanks to all who posted a Christmas card on the School Noticeboard and made a donation which will be sent to ‘Shelter Scotland’. A substantial total of £120.50 was received overall.

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Postgraduate Symposium Winner

Congratulations to Diego Rota Martir (EZC), who won one of the poster presentation prizes at the RSC Macrocyclic and Supramolecular Chemistry Group meeting, held in Edinburgh on the 15th and 16th December. Our former student Rebecca Spicer, now a Criticat PhD student at Edinburgh, was one of the other winners.
Jiyu Tian comes from China and completed a BSc in macromolecular materials and engineering at Fudan University last year. He has now started CSC-funded PhD work with EZC/FDM and is interested in dancing, playing guitar and playing tennis and badminton.