With Alexander Urban, we welcome another new face in the School of Chemistry. Alex is originally from Germany and studied chemistry at Ruhr-University Bochum (2003-2008). After completing his MSc, Alex moved to Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nuremberg for his PhD (2008-2012), where he developed an approximate electronic structure method with Bernd Meyer. For postdoctoral research, Alex turned to more applied computational work on Li-ion batteries with Gerbrand Ceder at MIT (2012-2015) and UC Berkeley (2015-2017). Alex joined the School of Chemistry as an independent Research Fellow earlier this month. He will work in the area of computational materials chemistry with a focus on materials for energy storage and conversion.

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Further Placements Confirmed

Congratulations to the following two third year students, who have secured External Placement positions as noted for session 2018-2019. Together with the lists in Newsletters 820 and 823, this takes the total so far to 16.

Megan Smeaton AkzoNobel (Sassenheim, The Netherlands)
Johanna Woodburn Institute of Porous Solids (Paris, France)

Gleb Krapach comes from Ukraine and completed BSc and MSc degrees there. He is currently a PhD student at the Institute of Organic Chemistry, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, and is spending a 5 month period here as an RSC visiting scholar with DOH. He has interests in photography, art, rowing and athletics.

Yi-Ying Sung comes from Taiwan and completed Batchelors and Masters degrees at the National Cheng Kung University there. She has now started PhD work with RS and is interested in swimming and reading.