Welcome Back

As we begin a new academic session, I would like to welcome all new students, undergraduate and postgraduate, to the School. We also welcome back returning undergraduates, including those entering year 5 of MChem who have been away for over a year on their External Placement. We have a busy session in prospect, with high numbers of entrant students once again. I would like to draw your attention to the Irvine Review Lectures being held on Wednesday afternoon (programme below) with an excellent line-up of speakers. All readers are most welcome to attend.

38th Annual Irvine Review Lectures

This annual event is organised by Tayside Local Section, Royal Society of Chemistry and this year the focus is on:

“Sustainable Chemistry”

Wednesday, 19th September 2018: Lecture Theatre B

2.00 pm Welcome and Introduction

2.05 pm Plastics: wonder materials or existential threat
Paul Mines (CEO, Biome Technologies plc)

3.00 pm Substitution and Sustainability in Functional Materials and Devices
Derek Sinclair (Professor of Materials Chemistry, University of Sheffield)

3.50 pm Coffee Break, Chemistry Common Room

4.05 pm Closing the loop: recovering metals from “urban mines”
Jason Love (Professor of Molecular Inorganic Chemistry, University of Edinburgh)

5.00 pm Wine Reception, Chemistry Common Room

School of Chemistry Colloquium

Computation in Chemistry Seminar
Monday 17th, 1.00 pm, Lecture Theatre D
Agnieszka Stanczak (MBue) – Mechanistic insights into enzymatic peptide bond formation from QM/MM calculations

Roche RSC Organic Division Poster Symposium 2018

Taking place in London on 3rd December (10.00 am – 5.30 pm), the poster symposium is one of the RSC Organic Division’s flagship events. The competitive symposium brings together outstanding organic chemistry PhD students from across the UK and Ireland to present their work to invited representatives from industry and academia. Prizes are awarded to the best posters, including an Industry Prize awarded to the best research poster that demonstrates potential for industrial application. This symposium provides a fantastic opportunity for final year organic chemistry PhD students to showcase their research and network with peers, leading academics, and industrial chemists. Abstracts should be submitted by the closing date of 1st October to:

http://rsc.li/organic-poster2018

Registration to attend the meeting is open until 5th November.

Explorathon '18

Explorathon 2018 will take place on Friday 28th and Saturday 29th September at a variety of locations including Dundee Science Centre, the Byre Theatre and local schools.

There are many ways you can be a part of this festival, from bringing a short performance to setting up an interactive table-top activity at the research fair. You can participate in established events or assist behind the scenes in running the festival; the perfect opportunity for you to take your first steps in public engagement.

To find out more about Explorathon, or to submit a proposal for an event please see:

https://synergy.st-andrews.ac.uk/publicengagement/explorathon/

For informal enquiries, email standengaged@st-andrews.ac.uk