In this issue, we welcome Lauren Keiller, who started work in the School in October as a trainee technician. Lauren originally comes from Perthshire and, prior to taking up her current post, spent two years working with a global pharmaceutical research company in Glasgow. She is currently working with Iain and Dominic in the teaching lab and will circulate around various other technical roles to gain experience.

School of Chemistry Colloquia

Computation in Chemistry Seminar
Monday 19th, 1.00 pm, Purdie Theatre D
Shahbaz Ahmad (MBue) – Methoxycarbonylation of Propyne by a Palladium Catalyst with P,N Chelating Ligands, A Density Functional Theory Study

Synthesis Seminar
Tuesday 20th, 1.00 pm, Purdie Theatre B
Jacqueline Bitai (ADS) – Tandem Palladium and Isothiourea Relay Catalysis
Matthew Ashford (AJBW) – Catalytic Asymmetric Protonation of Vinyl Heterocycles

EaStCHEM Colloquium
Wednesday 21st, 2.00 pm, Purdie Theatre C
Prof Jennifer Love (University of British Columbia) – Understanding Nickel’s Role in C(sp3)-H Activation: Structure, Reactivity, & Mechanism

Staff Expenses Claims
As from 9th December, these must now be submitted using the new online system via Self Service, except for those made on research grants whose code begins with “S” rather than “A”. Such research grant based claims will continue to use the paper-based system until around March 2019. For further details, please see the email circulated by Iona on Friday 16th November.

Health and Safety Training Courses
Following a request made at the Postgraduate Committee last year, we are pleased to say that a range of specialised health and safety-related training courses have now been set up and can be booked in advance. Details of those for the remainder of 2018 are shown below and these may be booked online at:

https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/pdms/index.php

Any staff who are interested are encouraged to attend these. On the above site, go down to the second section: “Environment, health, safety, wellbeing, legislation and policies” and tick “add course” to book a place.

Further courses covering manual handling, compressed gases and display screen equipment will take place in early 2019.

Radiation Protection Course
(note change of date and venue)
Date: Mon 26th Nov 2018, EHSS Meeting Room, Bute Building
Time: 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm
Key details: Legal requirements, effective management of radioactive protection, detection of radiation, handling of radioactive materials, biological effects of radiation

Biosafety Awareness Course – Biological Agent Risk Assessment 2018
Date: Wed 5th Dec 2018, BMS Seminar Room
Time: 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm
Key details: Legislation, risk assessments of biological agents

Biosafety Awareness Course – Control Measures and Disinfection Processes-2018
Date: Wed 12th Dec 2018, BMS Seminar Room
Time: 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm
Key details: Legislation, use of MSC and other LEV, disinfection processes
Engagement and Communication School Surgery Drop-in Session

The public engagement, press, and research impact teams are hosting school surgery drop-in sessions in all schools. During these sessions, we invite you to find out about existing support portfolios and we are also available to address individual questions surrounding the topics of Engagement, Impact and Communications.

WHEN: Tuesday 20th November, 11 am to 3 pm
WHERE: School of Chemistry, Common Room

We are looking forward to meeting you. No booking required. For any queries please get in contact with Alina Loth (al75).

Bogus Journals

I suppose many colleagues are also receiving almost daily invitations like the two below which, despite the disparate journal areas, have a suspicious degree of similarity. In the era of “fake news”, we also have “fake journals”. I can’t help feeling the perpetrators’ mission would be more successful if they targeted their messages better according to subject area and took some elementary English lessons.

Dear Dr. R Alan Aitken,
Good Morning…..!
Can we have your article for successful release of Volume 4 Issue 3 in our Journal?
In fact, we are in need of one article to accomplish the Issue prior 26th November we hope that the single manuscript should be yours. If this is a short notice please do send 2 page opinion/mini review/case report, we hope 2 page article isn’t time taken for eminent people like you. Your trust in my efforts is the highest form of our motivation, I believe in you that you are eminent manuscript brings out the best citation to our Journal. Anticipate for your promising response.
Best Regards,
Elisha McCormick
Research & Investigations in Sports Medicine (Impact Factor: 0.492)

Dear Dr. Alan Aitken,
Good Morning!
We are in shortfall of one article for successful release of ongoing Issue i.e., Volume 2 Issue 4 of our Drug Designing & Intellectual Properties International Journal (DDIPIJ).
Please submit us your transcript for this issue before 28th November. If this is a short notice in your busy schedule please do send 2 page article, we hope 2 page article isn’t time taken for eminent like you. We are confident that you will always be there to support us as in the role of Eminent Editor of our Journal. Await your response. Regards, Christine Timothy

New Faces

Ettore Crovini comes from Italy and has BSc and MSc degrees from the University of Parma, the latter including a period at Eindhoven University of Technology. He has now started PhD work with EZC and has interests in running, fencing, archery, cooking, cinema and reading.

Joanna Sadler obtained an MSci at the University of Bristol, followed by a PhD in biocatalysis at the University of Strathclyde. Following a postdoctoral period at the University of Manchester, she has now started further postdoctoral work with RJMG. Joanna is interested in science outreach, music, art and hillwalking.