

RAS/RSC Astrophysical Chemistry Group AGM

National University Ireland,
Galway

8th Jan 2008

Agenda

1. Chairman's Report: Ian Sims
2. Secretary's Report: Helen Fraser
3. Treasurer's Report: June McCombie
4. AOB

Apchem Committee January 2008

Function	Name, Location	Date commenced
Chair	Ian Sims, Rennes	01/05/2006 (4 yr)
Secretary	Helen Fraser, Strathclyde	01/05/2006 (5 yr)
Treasurer	June McCombie, Nottingham	01/05/2006 (5 yr)
C'tee member	Jeremy Yates, UCL	01/05/2006 (3 yr)
C'tee member	Martin McCoustra, Nottingham	01/05/2006 (3 yr)
C'tee member	Tom Millar, QUB	01/05/2006 (3 yr)
C'tee member	Serena Viti, UCL	01/05/2006 (3 yr)
C'tee member	David Nutter, Cardiff (web)	01/05/2006 (3 yr)
C'tee member	Anita Richards, Manchester	01/05/2006 (3 yr)

Chairman's Report: Ian Sims

Past Meetings

Date	Activity	Attendance Numbers	Comments
January 4-5 2007	Annual Meeting, Dust in the Universe, QUB Belfast	62	Local organiser Prof Tom Millar, AGM held, no new elections
Sept 20 2007	Young Astrochemists' Meeting, Cardiff University	25	Local organiser Dr Dave Nutter
Jan 3– 4 2008	Annual Meeting, High Temperature Astrochemistry, National University of Ireland, Galway	52	Local organiser Dr Matt Redman, AGM held!!, no new elections

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Forthcoming Meetings

Date	Activity	Comments
1–4 April 2008 (1 st + 2 nd)	NAM 2007 Astrochemistry, topic tbc Queens University Belfast	Local organiser, Prof. Tom Millar, + Dr Dave Nutter, Dr Jeremy Yates,
12 Sept 2008	Young Astrochemist's Meeting, Nottingham University	Local organiser, Dr June McCombie
5-6 Jan 2009	Annual Meeting, topic t.b.c. Leeds University	Local organisers, Prof. John Plane, Prof. Paola Caselli, Prof. Tom Hartquist, Prof. Mike Pilling; AGM scheduled
1st – 8th August 2009	IUPAC Conference Astrochemistry Session	Convener Dr H J Fraser + Prof. Ian Sims, Prof. Martin McCoustra, Prof. Tom Millar, Prof. Mike Pilling, Prof. Ruth Lynden-Bell

Secretary's Report: Helen Fraser

Membership = 127 (Oct 2007) + new members this meeting
(up from approx 100 in 2006) encourage PhD's / postdocs be involved

2007

- instigated annual newsletter
- started circulating job / proposal announcements / Phd places /conferences of interest to the group (MORE PLEASE!!). Send as PDF attachment to HJF (group email list) & IRS (for apchem list) **can then add to links and news on web pages HJF -> DN**
- group takes active role not only in the RSC Faraday Division & Groups committees, but also the RAS group's committee.

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Information on the group

New web address - <http://www.astrochemistry.org.uk> (RSC / RAS asked to update links 23/11/07) – web master = Dave Nutter

New mission statement - The Astrophysical Chemistry Group is a subject group of the [Royal Society of Chemistry](#). and the [Royal Astronomical Society](#). Its aims are the encouragement and promotion of research, collaboration, discussion and education in the area of overlap between chemistry, physics and astronomy.

The principal function of the Group is the organisation of regular meetings, lectures, symposia and conferences which may be held in association with others. Activities also include encouraging governmental and academic support for astrophysical chemistry, circulating relevant information and ensuring that the interests of the Group's members are represented within both the RSC and the RAS and also to other bodies.

Further information on the group, its officers, meetings and membership can be found here <http://www.astrochemistry.org.uk>

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Committee matters

- Space for up to 3 new ordinary committee members (3 year term).
- To be co-opted / elected 1st June 2008 – 31st May 2011.
- Must be at least postdoc status, group member & in RAS / RSC (for subsequent senior office) + keen.
- Esp. interested in astrobio / extragalactic astrochem / exoplanetary astrochem / planetary atmospheres or chemistries.

The Astrophysical Chemistry Group

Treasurer's Report January 2008

- 1) We have a total of 127 reported members as of October 2007
- 2) We have 33 reported members from 2007 who are neither RAS or RSC members – these have been invoiced for 2008 subscriptions
- 3) Income from the RSC membership in 2007 was £360
- 4) Income from RAS membership in 2007 was £95.00
- 5) Income from independent members in 2007 (excluding those rolled into bursary payments in January 2007 was £20)
- 6) Income from grants in 2007 was £3000 (bursaries for Jan 2007 and Jan 2008 meetings)
- 7) Income from other sources (sponsorship) was £200
- 8) Applications for RAS and RSC grants for activities in 2008 should be made in January and February 2008 respectively.

Bank Total end of Dec 2007 £1771.27 (this includes monies for January 2008 meeting).

J.McCombie