Dear All,

It is with great pleasure that I write this message for our second newsletter. As we continue with Covid restrictions in place and approach the end of the academic year, I would like to pay tribute to the way in which we have all pulled together and have kept the School running over what has been a very difficult and challenging period. The contribution of everyone, right across the School, is highly valued and is greatly appreciated.

I have a number of updates since the previous newsletter. An NMR user group to liaise with David Adam in the running of the School's NMR facilities has been brought together with Joelle Prunet as Chair. Will Peveler is coordinating a grouping which is looking at potential activities to run next year in relation to our 275th anniversary - please feel free to contribute any ideas and suggestions in this regard. Will is also acting as our interface in relation to the development of a Chemistry brochure which will be used to publicise the School. Over the coming months, our website will also be updated and Bernhard Schmidt is liaising with External Relations in this regard. I would like to thank Joelle, Will and Bernhard for taking on these additional roles for us and I would also like to express our appreciation to Lynn Kearns and Indira Gray for putting together this newsletter.

Finally, as always, please do not hesitate to contact me at any point if there is anything at all which you would like to discuss.

Very best wishes,

Justin
Recent Appointments

We have been pleased to welcome the following new members of staff over the last few months:

**Research Associates:**
- Dr Nicolas Flores-Gonzalez (Gregory Group)
- Miss Tianyu Hu (Magennis Group)
- Dr Sophia Boyadjieva (Forgan Group)
- Mr Daniel Gahler (Cronin Group)
- Mr Euan McLean (Sutherland Group)
- Mr Liam Martin (France Group)
- Dr Namrata Pant (Docampo Group)
- Dr Arvin Eskandari (Forgan Group)

**Technical / Admin Appointments:**
- Caroline McCoo - PGR Administrator

**We said goodbye to:**
- Brodie Fitzgerland
- Melanie McEvoy

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Professional Services Excellence Awards

The University believes in celebrating the contribution of its people and recognising those who go the extra mile to make a standout contribution to support each other to succeed. This can be evidenced by individuals or teams providing exceptional customer service, contributing to service innovation, and by demonstrating positive behaviours that exemplify our University values of Ambition & Excellence, Curiosity & Discovery, Integrity & Truth, and Inclusive Community.

Full details of the award which is available to all professional services staff (technical, admin, operational) can be found on the [Awards Portal](#) where full details of the award (including nomination eligibility, the process and guidelines) can be found. Please note that the deadline for nominations is 4 June.

Any nominations should be sent to Lynn.Kearns@glasgow.ac.uk in the first instance.
We continue introducing colleagues who have joined Chemistry (fairly) recently

**Dr Pablo Docampo** investigates solar energy that is a truly renewable energy source and the materials to enable improved solar cell development. Thanks to a class of materials called perovskites, which have a range of exciting properties, solar cells can be made at low cost, and are printable. These devices also match the performance of commercially available solar panels. They require small capital investments for mass production, and are ideal for manufacture in the UK, helping to transition to a fully net zero energy economy.

**Dr Angela Daisley** has joined the Hargreaves research group and her research involves the synthesis and characterisation of novel high activity ammonia synthesis catalysts suitable for operation on a localised scale. These materials include metal nitrides, such as inverse perovskite ternary nitrides, and metal hydrides.

**New arrival**

Congratulations to **Professor Ross Forgan** and his wife Claire who have become proud parents of baby Lewis, whose safe arrival on 26th March delighted his big sister Eilidh.
Dr Emily Draper has received the BTM Willis 2020 prize from the UK Neutron Scattering Group for her outstanding work on neutron scattering in the field of self-assembly.

She won the award for her work on using small angle neutron scattering (SANS) with magnetic alignment, contrast matching, RheoSANS and development of electrochemistry on the beamline, all to aid with the understanding of self-assembly of supramolecular materials.

Emily gave her prize-winning talk at the annual Neutron and Muon Users Meeting on 30th April, where she was awarded the prize.

The IOP Neutron Scattering Group and the Faraday Division of the Royal Society of Chemists awards an annual prize for outstanding neutron scattering science in honour of the founding chairman of the Neutron Scattering Group, Professor BTM Willis.

‘I am a scientist’ website (https://imascientist.org.uk) – an online, student-led STEM enrichment activity. It connects school students with scientists through energetic real-time text based chats.

Throughout March, students had an opportunity to connect with scientists in the Molecule Zone. Students can Ask questions, Chat to them, and Vote for their favourite of the week to win £500 to do more science outreach activities.

And one week it was won by Holly Yu!
Beth Lomax (Symes group) made the cover of February 2021’s "The Chemical Engineer", the Institution of Chemical Engineers magazine, along with Mark Symes. It also includes some really nice artwork. Mark is happy to report that the title was his idea. Find the article here:

https://www.thechemicalengineer.com/features/fly-me-o2-the-moon

5th year Chemistry students Gabrielle Holness and Sofia Della Sala have been involved in some media publicity student recruitment and share their advice on the best places to socialise and meet new friends. Check it out at https://youtu.be/VnGCKABU33w.
Katie McClure, a former Chemistry undergraduate (France group), has been awarded a competitive PhD studentship to be supervised jointly by David France and Dr Anita Quye (College of Arts). The studentship is funded by the Scottish Graduate School for Arts and Humanities through their highly competitive Doctoral Training Partnership. During the studentship, Katie, David and Anita will study synthetic Calcedon dyes that were used on textiles in the early 20th century. The team aims to develop a new analytical protocol to aid in identification and preservation of heritage collections.
Well done to the following students who recently qualified with PhDs:

Jessica Elwood
Nicola Irvine
Jake McGuire

Congratulations for passing their vivas to:

Nicolás Flores-González
Ana Mari Fuentes
Sophia Boyadjieva
A photo montage of the female faces of ScotCHEM was created to celebrate International Women’s Day on 8th March 2021.
Grant Successes

Dr David France (Co-I), MRC, £551,035
Dr Gordon Hedley, EPSRC, £200,304
Dr Mark Symes, British Council (UK), £49,700
Dr Mark Symes, RAE, £2,000
Dr David France (Co-I), EPSRC—internal bid, £47,830
Dr Andrew Jamieson, EPSRC—internal bid, £70,113
Dr Jesko Koehnke, EC, £1,694,920
Dr Andrew Jamieson, MRC—internal bid, £15,505
Prof Peter Skabara, Quantum Science Ltd., £71,802
Dr Andrew Jamieson, MRC—internal bid, £58,495
Dr Emily Draper, SFC Covid Funds, £6,000
Dr Andrew Jamieson, SFC Covid Funds, £16,287
Dr Joy Farnaby, Carnegie Summer Vacation Studentship, £3,990
Dr Andrew Jamieson, Carnegie Summer Vacation Studentship, £3,325

All information correct as at 9/5/21 in Agresso and total UoG values are quoted.
**SCHOOL OF CHEMISTRY**

**Funding Opportunities**

**Horizon Europe**

The UK research community can breathe a sigh of relief with the news that we can engage in Horizon Europe, the follow-on EU Research and Innovation programme from Horizon 2020. Find out more [here](#).

Introducing Horizon Europe, the EU's new seven-year Research and Innovation funding programme

*with Ross Hanley, EU Advisor and Bid Writer in the Overseas Team:*

Ross will present on the Horizon Europe programme's many opportunities for all our researchers at a session geared much more towards the School of Chemistry on Tuesday, 25 May 2021, at 3:30pm.

There are opportunities to win funding at all career stages, to work on your own project or in a bigger collaboration with European colleagues.

Join in Zoom: [https://uofglasgow.zoom.us/j/92886307404?pwd=Zy9BZVVEcG92UlJrdVNEK3ImRmc5Zz09](https://uofglasgow.zoom.us/j/92886307404?pwd=Zy9BZVVEcG92UlJrdVNEK3ImRmc5Zz09)

Meeting ID: 928 8630 7404                       Passcode: 399899

**Lower Saxony - Scotland Tandem Fellowship Programme**

Launched by the European Centre for Advanced Studies (ECAS) this opportunity is open to Researchers who have completed their PhD within the last 10 years and have an employment contract with a Scottish or Lower Saxonian higher education institution. It is an excellent opportunity to conduct research in a cross-national exchange at the most recognized higher education institutions in Lower Saxony and Scotland. The “Open Call for Applications” may be downloaded [here](#). For additional information please also visit their website [https://ecas-academia.org/tandem-fellowship-programme/](https://ecas-academia.org/tandem-fellowship-programme/). Deadline 31 August 2021.

**Health and Wellbeing**

**PAM Assist** is an external and independent service, based in Glasgow, offered to all staff at the University of Glasgow, who can be contacted on 0800 882 4102. This is a free and confidential service.

**COVID Testing** is available for all staff and students at the University at our on-campus testing centre on Gilmorehill, tests can be booked [on-line](#). Free lateral flow test kits are also [available to order for home](#) use.
School Vignettes Series

Our new informal series of short talks from colleagues in the school is now well underway. The brief is simple: an easy-going 5-minute talk from academics in the school on their research, covering what they do, and why they do it. The ideal outcome is new intra-school collaborations, but at the very least we will now all know what each other does when we say hello in the corridor! At time of publication, we have had the first 3 episodes, with contributions from Drs Docampo, Koehnke, France, Gibson, Draper and Peveler.

Episode 4 is at 11am on 25th May with short talks from Profs Cooke and Kadodwala. Staff and students alike are welcome, and you can join on the usual zoom link: https://uofglasgow.zoom.us/j/99386241052?pwd=OStueTRENndvM0VTcU1hdDA2aStNdz09

Vignettes will be held every two weeks until the end of June, then pause for the summer, before restarting in September.

If you want to volunteer and book your slot, just email gordon.hedley@glasgow.ac.uk

P&A Presentation

Professor Daniele Faccio will be giving a presentation in relation to possible research links involving the School of Physics and Astronomy on Tuesday 1st June at 11 am.

The link for the talk is: https://uofglasgow.zoom.us/j/99386241052?pwd=OStueTRENndvM0VTcU1hdDA2aStNdz09

Meeting ID: 993 8624 1052       Passcode: 288121

Don’t forget to join staff virtual coffee breaks on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11am, and 10.30am on Fridays for professional services staff