

National Assembly for Wales

Cross-Party Group on Science on Science and Technology

ANNUAL REPORT 2013-2014

MEMBERSHIP

Chair: David Rees AM

Vice Chairs: Eluned Parrott AM, Nick Ramsay AM and Simon Thomas AM

Other Assembly Members who have attended meetings during the year:

Angela Burns AM, Keith Davies AM, Julie Morgan AM, Jenny Rathbone AM, Mark Isherwood AM, Julie James AM, Aled Roberts AM, Llyr Huws Gruffydd AM, Antoinette Sandbach AM

Coordinator: Leigh Jeffes (Royal Society of Chemistry)

External Members:

Cerian Angharad (Association of Science Education), Professor Keith Smith (Royal Society of Chemistry), Dr Stephen Benn (Society of Biology), Bob Cater (Engineering Education Scheme Wales), Dr Tom Crick (Campaign for Science and Engineering), Andy Pugh (Institution of Mechanical Engineering), Beti Williams MBE (British Computer Society), Professor John Tucker (Learned Society of Wales), Dr David Cunnah (Institute of Physics), Dr David Jones (Geological Society), Professor Ian Wells (Swansea Metropolitan University), Dr Rhobert Lewis (University of South Wales), Dr Sara Williams (Welsh Crucible), Helen Francis (WJEC), Christine O'Byrne (Chwarae Teg), Professor Faron Moller (Technocamps), Wendy Sadler (Science Made Simple), Dr Anita Shaw (Techniquet), Elizabeth Terry (See Science), Professor Mike Edmunds (Royal Astronomical Society), Jessica Leigh Jones (Morgan-Botti Lightning Laboratory), Professor Peter Knowles (Cardiff University)

MEETINGS

The Group met on:

5th November 2013 (AGM), with guest speaker Professor Manu Haddad, Deputy Director, Engagement and International, Cardiff School of Engineering;

In attendance:

Prof Mike Edmunds
Prof Keith Smith
Dr Tom Crick
Prof Manu Haddad
Prof Faron Moeller
Beti Williams MBE

Bob Cater
David Jones
Dr Stephen Benn
Geertje van Keulen
Dr Rhobert Lewis
Dr David Cunnah
Cerian Angharad
Liz Terry
Helen Francis
Leigh Jeffes

18th March 2014 (guest speaker, Professor Chris McGuigan, Executive Chair, Welsh Government Life Sciences Hub);

In attendance:

Prof Ian Wells
Dr Thomas Connor
Joanne Ferris
Leigh Jeffes
Prof Clive Mulholland
Dr Stephen Benn
Dr Rick Greville
Prof Keith Smith
Dr Rhobert Lewis
Dave Jones
Beti Williams MBE
Dee McCarney
Dr David Cunnah
Bob Cater
Dr Tom Crick
Cerian Angharad
Andy Pugh
Dr Geertje van Keulen

8th July 2014 (guest speaker, Professor Denis Murphy, Head of Genomics and Computational Biology Research Group, University of South Wales).

In attendance:

Prof Keith Smith
David Jones
Sara Williams
Beti Williams MBE
Prof Mike Edmunds
Leigh Jeffes
Samantha Murphy

Dr Tom Crick
Dr Stephen Benn
Jessica Leigh Jones
Andy Pugh

VISIT to CERN

Members of the Group visited the Large Hadron Collider at CERN, Geneva, on 20th January 2014, along with representatives of the Scottish Parliament and the Northern Ireland Assembly. The visit was arranged by the Science and Technology Facilities Council.

AN EVENING WITH DR LYN EVANS

The Royal Society of Chemistry hosted a seminar with Dr Lyn Evans at the Senedd on the 12th March 2014. The Chair, David Rees AM, sponsored this event. Dr Evans spoke about his 15 years leading the international team constructing the Large Hadron Collider, at CERN.

SCIENCE AND THE ASSEMBLY 2014

The Royal Society of Chemistry's tenth annual *Science and the Assembly* was held, on the 20th May at the Pierhead and the Senedd, in cooperation with the Welsh science and engineering community. The theme was: Science Education in Wales.

The Chair, David Rees AM, sponsored the event, and was supported by Suzy Davies AM, Eluned Parrott AM, and Simon Thomas AM. Each of whom spoke at the evening reception.

PROFESSIONAL LOBBYISTS, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND CHARITIES WITH WHOM THE GROUP HAS MET DURING THE PRECEDING YEAR

The Group did not meet with any lobbyists or charitable organisations during the year.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Royal Society of Chemistry paid Charlton House Catering Ltd for the cost of refreshments at all three meetings held during the year:

November 2013: £156.20

March 2014: £118.26

July 2014: £112.74

Grand Total: £387.20

No other expenditure was incurred

Leigh Jeffes

Secretary, Cross Party Group on Science and Technology

Royal Society of Chemistry, Public Affairs Adviser – Wales and Northern Ireland

5th November 2014