

National Assembly for Wales

Cross-Party Group on Science and Technology

Annual General Meeting

Meeting at 6.30pm, Wednesday 5th November, 2014, Conference Room 24, Ty Hywel

Minutes

Present: David Rees AM (in the chair); Eluned Parrott AM; Nick Ramsay AM, Simon Thomas AM, Keith Davies AM, Mark Isherwood AM, and external members: Dr Stephen Benn; Dr Tom Crick; David Jones; Samantha Murphy, Joy Byrne, Sara Williams, Jessica Leigh Jones and Leigh Jeffes

Welcome

The Chair welcomed all to the Annual General Meeting, including our speaker, Jessica Jones

Election of the Chair of the Cross-Party Group on Science and Technology

David Rees AM was elected Chair for the coming year

Election of three Vice-Chairs of the Cross-Party Group on Science and Technology

Eluned Parrott AM, Nick Ramsay AM, and Simon Thomas AM were elected as Vice Chairs for the coming year

Election of the Secretary of the Cross-Party Group on Science and Technology

The Royal Society of Chemistry was happy to continue administering the work of the Group, and Leigh Jeffes was elected as Secretary for the coming year

Annual Report and Statement of Accounts 2013-14

This was circulated and approved

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from: Prof Keith Smith, Prof Faron Moller, Dr Rhys Phillips, Helen Francis, Professor Ian Wells, Dr David Cunnah, Christine O'Byrne and Cerian Angharad

Minutes of the meeting held 8th July 2014

These were approved as a true record

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

Topics for meetings in 2015

The Group was asked to think about suggestions for topics in 2015, and email ideas to Leigh. With the Donaldson Report expected early in the New Year, it was decided to focus on STEM subjects for the March meeting

Learned Societies and Professional Bodies update on activities

Representatives reported on current activities and forthcoming events

Presentation: Jessica Leigh Jones, Morgan-Botti Lightning Laboratory, Cardiff University

Jessica spoke on: ***How to build a Lightning Lab unique to Europe:***

The ongoing development of Cardiff University's Morgan-Botti Lightning Laboratory. The Lightning Lab is Europe's only University-led lightning research centre capable of generating artificial lightning with currents in excess of 200,000A. The Lab's primary purpose is to perform research into materials and Lightning Strike Protection (LSP) systems for the aerospace industry, but is now venturing further afield, developing novel diagnostic and characterisation capabilities attractive to a wide range of industries.

Following questions, the Chair thanked Jessica for her presentation

Any Other Business

There was no other business

Meeting Dates in 2015

Wednesday 4th March; Tuesday 7th July; Tuesday 3rd November
All in Conference Room 21 at 18.30

Close of Meeting

The Chair closed the meeting at 19:40