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ANNUAL INTEREST GROUP REPORT FOR 2008

for use by RSC Interest Groups (i.e. Subject Groups and Sectors) including Analytical Division Regions

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<http://www.rsc.org/InterestGroups>

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INTEREST GROUP NAME or AD REGION NAME	Atomic Spectroscopy Group
Chairman	Chris Harrington
Secretary	Andy Fisher
Treasurer	Andy Scothern
Number of members on the committee	10
Editor, Newsletter (if applicable)	
Submitted by	A. Fisher
Signed	
Date	27/3/09

Please list below the dates of your proposed AGM and Committee Meetings for 2009 (where applicable).

Annual General Meeting 2009 (if being held)

Date: Venue:

Proposed Committee Meetings 2009

Date: May Venue: Natural History Museum

Date: September Venue: Natural History Museum

Date: Venue:

Date: Venue:

FINAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2008

Please attach a copy of the financial report you have sent to the RSC Accounts Department

Deadline for receipt of Financial Accounts: **14th February 2009**

Deadline for receipt of Annual Report by members: **31st March 2009** (Annual Report can be posted on webpage if not sent to members individually)

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN 2008

Please report below on activities undertaken by the Group or AD Region in 2008. If you have more detailed information about any particularly successful events, or advice for other Groups and AD Regions, you may use a separate sheet. For more events continue as necessary.

	Date	Venue and number of participants	List of Speakers	How was event publicised (before and after meeting)?	How does meeting fit with RSC strategy / Awards Given?	Any other comments?
Event 1 Name: XRF, Minerals and Much More	14 th May	British Geological Survey (BGS), Keyworth, Nottingham Number of Participants: 60+	Nick Marsh John Mansell Margaret West John Boyle Mark Ingham Graham Martin Owen Butler Richard Meeres Alison Burke Andy Scothern	Mailshot to ASG members ASG website BCA website (+ their advertising)	Collaboration with other learned society.	Held in collaboration with British Crystallographic Association. A highly successful collaborative meeting held every 2 years.
Event 2 Name: Catalyst Characterisation in the Petrochemicals industry	20 th May	Brantingham Park, Brantingham Road, Elloughton East Riding of Yorkshire, HU15 1HX Number of participants: 27	Dr Sofia Diaz-Moreno Dr. Axel Knop-Gericke Prof. Pratibha Gai Dr Steve Fiddy Prof Cameron McLeod Dr Ewen Ferguson Dr Steve Norval	Mailshot to ASG members ASG website Grapevine Fliers sent to secretaries of Catalyst Characterisation and Applied Catalysis Groups of the RSC	Collaboration with UK based industry	Highly positive feedback with requests that a similar meeting be organised for 2 years time.
Event 3 Name: 14 th	7-9 th July	University of Sussex,	Total of 36 lectures given (see	Mailshot to ASG members	Hilger Prize awarded to: Ryan Brennan, PhD student at	5 plenary lectures, 6

Biennial National Atomic Spectroscopy Symposium (BNASS)		Brighton. Number of participants: 120+	http://www.bnass.org/ For details of plenary and invited speakers).	ASG / RSC website Grapevine	George Washington University/NIST Allan Ure Bursary awarded to: Nick Lloyd, PhD student at BGS/University of Leicester	invited lectures and 25 contributed lectures. In addition 45 posters were presented.
Event 4: Name:						
RSC General Assembly	14 and 15/11/08	Did you attend this meeting? No	Any comments:			

SCIENTIFIC MEETING SCHEDULE 2009

Please report below on proposed activities for your Group or AD Region in 2009. For more events continue as necessary on a separate sheet.

	Event 1				Event 2				Event 3				Event 4			
Proposed Meeting Date	19-20 th March				24 th March				17 th June				18 – 22 nd October			
Proposed Meeting Venue	British Geological Survey, Keyworth, Nottingham.				The Council House Banqueting Suite Victoria Square City of Birmingham B1 1BB				Medical Education Centre, Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford				Louisville Marriott Hotel Downtown, Louisville, Kentucky, USA			
Scientific Area/Topic	Practical Applications of Medical Geology				Developments in Atomic Spectroscopic Methods for Water Analysis				Trace Elements in Clinical Practice				RSC session at FACSS 2009. Subject: New Developments in Atomic Spectroscopy for the Life Sciences			
Is meeting for Education/ Training / Networking / Other purposes?	E	T	N	O	E	T	N	O	E	T	N	O	E	T	N	O
	x				x				x		x		x		x	
Are any other RSC Interest Groups and/or RSC Regions involved?	No				Water Science Forum				No				No			
List any other collaborators (incl. International).	British Geological Survey Sponsors include Dionex, CEM Microwave Technology Ltd., ASD / Analytical Solutions, Quantitech, Analytik Ltd								The Association for Clinical Biochemistry (ACB)				FACSS			
Give details of any awards to be presented.	None				None				None				None			
Will certificates of attendance be issued for CPD purposes?					Yes. The meeting will count towards CPD requirements											
PUBLICITY																

Have details been entered onto webpage?	Yes	Yes – both ASG and WSF web sites	Not yet	Not yet
Will RSC Grapevine be used to publicise meeting?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Will any other publicity routes be used?	Mailshot to ASG membership	Mailshot to ASG membership	Mailshot to ASG and ACB membership	No
Will RSC or IG promotional material be distributed?	No	No	No	Yes, by RSC publishing

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Committee expertise that you would like highlighted on your Group/Region web page?

(please refer to AD East Anglia Region at

<http://www.rsc.org/Membership/Networking/InterestGroups/Analytical/ADRegions/ADEARegion/Committee.asp>)

- All aspects of atomic spectrometry
- Geological applications
- Clinical applications
- Environmental applications
- Analysis of petrochemicals and catalysts
- Trace element speciation
- Physiological based extraction methods
- Instrumental development
- Inter-laboratory comparisons and certification exercises
- Matrix elimination and preconcentration methods
- Metallomics
- Inorganic mass spectrometry
- Industrial analysis, particularly plastics

Other information/comments: