



Chemical Sciences Scotland Inaugural Conference 2009  
24th & 25th March, Dunblane Hydro



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Chemical sciences are at the heart of Scotland's economy and underpin the key food and drink, energy, chemicals, life sciences and electronics industries. The chemicals industry in Scotland is Scotland's 2nd top exporter, with revenue of almost £9.3 billion.

Chemical Sciences Scotland is a unique partnership of industry – from petrochemicals to pharmaceuticals – with Scotland's world-renowned academic sector, various stakeholder organisations and government agencies. The aim is to ensure the chemical sciences have a vibrant future, creating high value opportunities for skilled people and innovative companies.

Chemical Sciences Scotland will be hosting its inaugural conference on the 24th (networking dinner) and 25th March (full day conference) at the Dunblane Hydro Hotel in Dunblane.

The conference will provide the opportunity to celebrate success and explore the key issues for driving this vibrant industry forward. In October 2007 Chemical Sciences Scotland launched its Strategic Plan, implemented through five industry led groups - Sustainability, Innovation, Skills, Reputation and Investment. This event continues to build on the strategic plan by inviting contributions from new and existing stakeholders to drive future activity.

The event promises to be invaluable for anyone with a vested interest in Scotland's chemical sciences sector.



Sandy Dobbie



Mark Beaumont



Jim Mather



Peter Tasker



Tom Crotty



Jack Perry

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## Conference Programme

### Tuesday 24th March 2009 – Pre Conference Dinner

- 1830 Drinks Reception
- 1915 Welcome, Sandy Dobbie, Chairman, Chemical Sciences Scotland
- 1940 Dinner
- 2130 Guest Speaker: Mark Beaumont, world record holding Scottish cyclist

On Friday 15th February, 2008, at 1530, he completed his 18,000 miles circumnavigation of the globe by bicycle and arrived back at the Arc de Triomphe 194 days and 17 hours after leaving there on 5th August 2007. The total distance cycled was 18,297 miles through 20 countries. Guinness World Records have verified all the data and confirmed Mark as the new Guinness World Record holder by a margin of 81 days.

Optional: overnight at Dunblane Hydro: see overleaf for booking and cost details

### Wednesday 25th March 2009 – Main Conference

- 0900 Registration, Coffee & Networking
- 0945 Welcome, Sandy Dobbie, Chairman, Chemical Sciences Scotland
- 1000 Main sponsor Address, SQA
- 1005 Jim Mather, MSP, Minister for Enterprise, Energy & Tourism
- 1030 Breakout Sessions 1 (1-6) [\\*see opposite](#)
- 1130 Coffee and networking
- 1200 Breakout sessions 2 (1-6) [\\*see opposite](#)
- 1300 Lunch
- 1345 Feedback from Breakout Sessions
- 1400 Peter Tasker, Professor of Industrial Chemistry, Edinburgh University

Peter has been the Professor of Industrial Chemistry at Edinburgh University since 1996. His previous jobs as a Company Research Associate in ICI/Zeneca, leading the coordination chemistry team, and as a lecturer in the "old-polytechnic" sector (Northern Polytechnic now part of London Metropolitan University) have provided unusually broad experience of training and R&D issues.

- 1430 Tom Crotty, CEO, INEOS, Olefins & Polymers Europe

INEOS is the world's third largest chemical company, with a turnover of \$44 billion. They are a global manufacturer of petrochemicals, specialty chemicals and oil products. Tom has a degree in Agriculture from the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne and has held various sales and marketing posts throughout his career. Tom is Chief Executive Officer of INEOS Olefins & Polymers, Europe, the largest business within INEOS; he is also Chairman of INEOS ChlorVinyls and INEOS Fluor.

- 1500 Jack Perry, Chief Executive, Scottish Enterprise

Jack Perry became Chief Executive of Scottish Enterprise, Scotland's enterprise, innovation and investment agency, in February 2004. Before then he was the managing partner of Ernst & Young in Glasgow, and Regional Industry Leader for Scotland and Northern Ireland for Ernst & Young's Technology and Communications practice. A graduate scientist, Jack is also a Chartered Accountant and a United States Certified Public Accountant. In a career covering many professional disciplines and industries, he has also served as Chairman of CBI Scotland.

- 1510 Q&A Session
- 1525 Review & Closing Remarks
- 1530 Close

## Sponsorship and Exhibitor Opportunities

For further information regarding sponsoring and exhibiting opportunities at the conference telephone 0141 331 2991 or email [trobertson@strategem.co.uk](mailto:trobertson@strategem.co.uk)



## Breakout Sessions 1 & 2

### Theme 1: Investment

**Scotland - A preferred location for the chemicals sector**

What specific actions should be taken to:

- Attract international mobile investments
- Persuade indigenous companies to internationalise their business.

### Theme 2: Innovation

**Increasing the connectivity between academia and industry**

Scotland punches above its weight globally in chemical sciences research as demonstrated by the excellent RAE results achieved in December 2008. This scientific excellence is a potential competitive advantage for Scotland's chemicals industry. What do we need to do to exploit that potential?

### Theme 3: Reputation

**Chemicals sciences are part of the solution**

The world faces major issues with regard to the environment, financial well being, starvation and employment. Scotland is not immune to these issues and CSS are playing their part in the solution, both at home and globally.

The topic group should consider how we as CSS can ensure that all stakeholders are aware of the part being played.

### Theme 4: Sustainability

**Using resources to develop competitive advantage**

Scotland has a wealth of resources, which of these are used to good effect? Which of these are not? How do we turn our use and provision of utilities, materials and other resources in Scotland into a long term sustainable competitive advantage for the chemical industry?

### Theme 5: Skills

**Developing the right skills for Scotland**

Scotland needs to attract a higher proportion of its population to key roles which support the growth and success of the Chemical Sciences Sector. We need more talented researchers, more highly competent technicians for production and manufacture, and more than anything we need more learners - young and not so young who want to pursue science, maths and technology careers. Recent OECD reports on national performance in science education give us all cause for concern. How can we achieve a step change?

### Theme 6: Scottish Enterprise

**The Scottish Government enterprise, innovation and investment agency**

The Chemical Sciences sector is a key priority for Scottish Enterprise (SE) as it contributes significantly to the growth of the Scottish economy through competitive businesses; creation of new businesses; developing innovative practices; attracting high value investment; and commercialising academic research. Are you maximising what SE can offer to support your business to flourish in Scotland and globally?



## Chemical Sciences Scotland Inaugural Conference 2009

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### 24th & 25th March: networking dinner & full day conference

#### Location:

Dunblane Hydro Hotel, Perth Road,  
Dunblane, Perthshire, FK15 0HG  
Tel: 01786 822 551  
Fax: 01786 825 403  
[www.dunblanehydrohotel.com](http://www.dunblanehydrohotel.com)

#### Accommodation:

If you require accommodation, please contact Dunblane Hydro directly quoting the 'Chemical Sciences Scotland Conference'.

#### Prices:

**Single occupancy bedrooms:**  
£85.00 per room per night B&B

**Double Rooms:**  
£115.00 per room per night B&B for two people sharing

### Directions to Dunblane Hydro Hotel

#### From Edinburgh:

Dunblane is 41 miles north-west of Edinburgh, (35 miles from Edinburgh Airport - drive time: 35 minutes) Directions: Take M8 to Newbridge interchange, follow sign posts for M9 (Stirling) and continue along M9. Take exit for Dunblane and drive for half a mile on dual carriage-way then go straight over the roundabout. Continue straight until second roundabout, go straight over and hotel is 200 yards on the right.

#### From Glasgow:

Follow signs for Stirling M80. Keep on the M80 and it will go onto the A80 for a few miles and then revert back to the motorway. Do not take exit for Stirling, but keep on until you see the sign for Dunblane. Take exit for Dunblane and drive for half a mile on dual carriage-way then go straight over the roundabout. Continue straight until second roundabout, go straight over and hotel is 200 yards on the right.

#### From Aberdeen:

Take the A90 all the way to Perth, to join the A9 southbound. At the Broxden roundabout at the southern end of Perth follow the signs for Stirling. Continue south for around 25 miles and you will come to a large roundabout with an exit clearly signposted for Dunblane. At the roundabout, take the exit for Dunblane and continue on the dual carriage-way for about half a mile until you come to a roundabout. Go straight over and about 200 yards on the right hand side, you will see the sign-posted entrance to the hotel.

For more information on Chemical Sciences Scotland visit  
[www.chemicalsciencesscotland.com](http://www.chemicalsciencesscotland.com)  
For more information about the SQA, visit [www.sqa.org.uk](http://www.sqa.org.uk)



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## BOOKING FORM

Please complete the form below to register your attendance at the conference.

For multiple registrations, please photocopy this form, complete and fax to 0141 332 4982

### Cost

£450 plus VAT pre conference dinner table for 10 people (24th March)

£50 plus VAT per delegate (Dinner, 24th March)

£95 plus VAT per delegate (Main Conference, 25th March)

£125 plus VAT per delegate (combined dinner and conference)

### Accommodation (optional)

Please contact Dunblane Hydro quoting 'Chemical Sciences Scotland Conference' for reduced delegate rates. (see overleaf for contact details)

Name			
Company		Position	
Address			
		Postcode	
Telephone		Email	

I would like to attend the following: Please tick appropriate box

Pre conference dinner table for 10 people – 24th March (£450 plus VAT)

Pre Conference dinner only – 24th March (£50 plus VAT)

Main Conference only – 25th March (£95 plus VAT)

Combined dinner and conference - 24th & 25th March (£125 plus VAT)

### Wednesday 25th March 2009 – Main Conference

I would like to attend 2 of the following breakout sessions (please select 3 of the following themes in order of preference, 1-3)

Theme: Investment

Theme: Sustainability

Theme: Innovation

Theme: Skills

Theme: Reputation

Theme: Scottish Enterprise

Your allocated sessions will be confirmed to you along with the conference confirmation details.

### Cancellation terms:

Cancellations must be notified in writing. Only cancellations received up until 21 days before the Conference are eligible for a refund.

I am aware of the cancellation terms and understand that I will be unable to receive a refund if I cancel within 21 days of the conference (please tick):

Please select one of the following payment methods: Please tick appropriate box

Invoice prior to conference (BACS or cheque)  If required please provide a PO number: .....

By credit card (via Paypal)

Please note all payments must be received in advance of the conference.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Print Name: ..... Company: .....

If you have any queries, please contact the booking office on 0141 331 2991

**PLEASE FAX FORM to 0141 332 4982 or EMAIL to trobertson@strategem.co.uk**

On receipt of this form, confirmation will be sent by return. Additional information will be provided prior to the conference.

To register: You can also download the booking form from [www.chemicalsciencesScotland.com](http://www.chemicalsciencesScotland.com) or call Tarryn Robertson on 0141 331 2991 for further details.