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## Agenda

*Chaired by Eleanor Campbell*

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| 12:00         | <i>No formal lunch is scheduled, but a sandwich buffet will be available from 12pm</i>  |
| 12.30 - 12.40 | Welcome and Introductions   |
| 12.40 - 13.15 | <b>REF 2014: process, outcome and implications for UK Chemistry</b><br>Speakers: Richard Catlow, Graham Hutchings   |
| 13.15 - 14.00 | Q&A   |
| 14.00 - 15.00 | <b>Panel discussion on "impact" and how we use the evidence in the impact case studies for the benefit of UK Chemistry</b><br>Panellists: Richard Catlow, Matthew Davidson, Lesley Dinsdale, Robert Parker, Alison Wall |
| 15.00 - 15.30 | <i>Tea/ Coffee and biscuits</i>   |
| 15.30 - 16.00 | <b>Panel discussion on Future assessments and lessons learned</b><br>Panellists: Matthew Davidson, Lesley Dinsdale, Graham Hutchings, Alison Wall, James Wilsdon  |
| 16.00 - 16.15 | <b>Final discussion</b>   |
| 16.30 - 17.30 | <i>Reception with wine, soft drinks and nibbles</i>   |

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## About the speakers and panellists

### Eleanor Campbell

Eleanor is Chair of Heads of Chemistry UK and Chair of Chemistry at Edinburgh University. Her research interests include experimental studies of the ionization dynamics of complex molecules using velocity map imaging combined with femtosecond laser excitation and the production, characterization, manipulation and applications of carbon nanotubes. She has a wealth of experience on national and international boards and committees in chemistry and physics, and as well as giving over 250 invited talks at conferences all over the world, she has been involved in the organisation of several international conferences herself. She recently won the Royal Society of Chemistry Tilden Prize.

### Richard Catlow

Richard is Professor of Chemistry at University College London, where he has also served as Head of Chemistry and Dean of Mathematical and Physical Sciences. His research interests are in the development and application of both computational and experimental techniques in materials chemistry and his current programme has a strong emphasis on catalysis and energy materials. He was a member of the RAE2008 Chemistry panel and was Chair of the Chemistry panel for REF 2014.

### Matthew Davidson

Matthew is currently Head of the Department of Chemistry and Director of the Centre for Sustainable Chemical Technologies (CSCT) at the University of Bath. He graduated in Chemistry from the University of Wales, Swansea in 1990 and received a PhD from the University of Cambridge in 1993. After holding a fellowship and lectureships at Cambridge, he was appointed to a Chair of Inorganic Chemistry at the University of Bath in 1999. He established the CSCT at Bath in 2008 and is currently Director of its EPSRC Doctoral Training Centre (DTC). Professor Davidson is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry and is a previous recipient of the Harrison Memorial Prize of the Royal Society of Chemistry and a Royal Society Industry Fellowship.

### Lesley Dinsdale

Lesley read chemistry at university, and after obtaining a masters degree in chemical spectroscopy her career has been mainly in university administration. She was Head of Research Policy at the University of Bristol for ten years, where she led the development of the university's submission to both RAE2008 and REF2014. She has twice been seconded to Hefce to act as a panel adviser during the assessment phases of RAE2008 and REF2014. For the REF, she was a panel adviser for Main Panel B and the adviser to three of its sub-panels, including UOA8 Chemistry.

### Graham Hutchings

Graham, born 1951, studied chemistry at University College London. His early career was with ICI and AECI Ltd where he became interested in gold catalysis. In 1984 he moved to academia and has held chairs at the

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Universities of Witwatersrand, Liverpool and Cardiff and currently he is Director of the Cardiff Catalysis Institute. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 2009, and he was awarded the Davy Medal of the Royal Society in 2013.

### **Robert Parker**

Robert has been CEO of the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) since September 2011. After completing a PhD in chemistry at King's College London, Robert joined the RSC as an assistant editor on physical chemistry journals. As he advanced in the organisation, he grew the RSC's publishing operation into an internationally-renowned publisher. Through his tenure as editorial director and then from 2007 as managing director, publishing, the volume of articles published more than tripled, and the portfolio's high quality cemented the RSC's position as a leading chemical science publisher.

### **Alison Wall**

Alison is a member of the EPSRC Leadership Team and has particular responsibility for the EPSRC strategy for Building Leadership. Alison moved to this role in November 2014 after the leading the Accelerating Impact strategic plan goal, which included developing the relationship with Innovate UK and introducing Impact Acceleration Accounts. Alison was the EPSRC observer on REF Main Panel B.

### **James Wilsdon**

James is Professor of science and democracy in the Science Policy Research Unit (SPRU) at the University of Sussex, and director of The Nexus Network, an ESRC-funded initiative to support joined-up research, policy & practice across food, energy, water and the environment. He was asked by the Higher Education Funding Council for England to chair an independent review of the role of metrics in research assessment, which will report in June 2015. His research interests include the role of evidence & expertise in policymaking; the politics and practice of scientific advice; interdisciplinarity, particularly between natural and social sciences; science and innovation policy in the UK, EU and China; and public engagement in research.