

Notes

Librarian and information specialist newsletter
from the Royal Society of Chemistry



...And the winner is

Congratulations to Darlene Duterrier at the Karolinska Institutet, Sweden, who correctly spotted all four changes in our spot the difference Christmas completion and wins a Fortnum & Mason hamper. Runners up and winners of a copy of *Chemical Information for Chemists*: Meghan Jamison, Vertex Pharmaceuticals, USA; D. Dawson, University of Saskatchewan, Canada; Isabel Andrade, Universidade NOVA de Lisboa, Portugal

A great start to 2014

Welcome to the first 2014 issue of *Notes*.

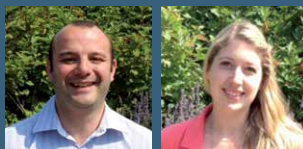
The start of 2014 sees some very complimentary news for our content – we can now boast that all of the world's top 30 universities* subscribe to RSC Gold, our premium package of online content including 41 international journals.

We are also very proud to announce the first issues of two new journals for 2014: *Environmental Science: Nano* and *Inorganic Chemistry Frontiers*. Both of these are available for free at www.rsc.org/libraryfreeaccess.

It was great to be one of the sponsors at this year's A&SL event in Dublin, Ireland (27- 28 February) – we hope those that attended caught up with Brian O'Connor and Sara Bowler at our stand or at our drinks reception.

We look forward to seeing some of you at the major librarian events in the first half of the year. Ezekiel Mariam, Alea Giordano, Roland Bruno and Stephen Hawthorne will be on hand to answer any questions at the ACS Spring Meeting in Dallas, US (16 -20 March).

And do join Stephen Hawthorne, Dan Dyer and Nicola Hayden, amongst others, at the UKSG in Harrogate, UK from 14 – 16 April (stand #52 and #53). This year's highlights include the arrival of our pick and choose eBooks model, a presentation on the process and benefits of Gold for Gold, as well as the opportunity to win an I-PAD mini and test your reactions on our batak game.



Best wishes,
Max Espley and Laura Finn
The Royal Society of Chemistry

Royal Society of Chemistry in Dallas for ACS



Are you attending the ACS meeting in Dallas this March? We're thrilled to be exhibiting again, and we'll be showcasing our products and services at **booth #1101**. Specialists from across the Royal Society of Chemistry will also be attending, and would be delighted to run through our products and services with you, from RSC Gold and our eBook Collections to The Merck Index* Online and ChemSpider.

Keep an eye out for our **pre-show email** which will invite you to relevant talks, informal presentations and networking sessions on stand.

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As part of the ISTEK project, funded by the General Commission for Investment and National Research, we have made more than 290,000 articles published between 1841 and 2010 available to the French higher education and research community.

Our archive adds even more quality to an already prestigious collection of content. Currently the ISTEK project comprises approximately six million quality articles from nearly 2,500 journals titles.

For more information, please contact Davide Fiore at fiored@rsc.org

RSC Gold in Germany

We are delighted to report an enhanced offering for all institutions involved in the DFG-RSC Gold licence agreement. 87 institutions in Germany, plus all Max Planck and Fraunhofer Institutes, are not only able to access the full range of RSC Journals, growing to 41 titles in 2014, but will benefit collectively from more than 900 Gold for Gold voucher codes in 2014. Relevant researchers will have the opportunity to publish Open Access free of charge for the next three years in any of our journals.

"The Alliance-RSC GOLD Licence agreement, negotiated with the Royal Society of Chemistry, is innovative. Not only does it offer our users easy access to all RSC journal content, but all participating institutions receive a certain quantity of Open Access (OA) vouchers with which their authors can publish OA free of charge in any RSC journal."

Uwe Rosemann, Director German National Library of Science and Technology and University Library Hannover (TIB/UB), Germany



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'Pick and Choose' eBook model coming soon...

As part of the new eBook model we're currently developing, customers will be able to login online to search for individual eBooks they would like to purchase. They will be able to login using their Librarian's Portal ID. We hope to announce this service very soon, but in the meantime librarians can register at <http://pubs.rsc.org/en/librarian/registration>

Beyond publishing

Bringing in new partners

Our new fundraising drive will support our programmes to inspire students, assist teachers and engage the wider chemistry community in the UK, India and across Africa.

We are committed to connecting scientists from across the world and encouraging and enthusing the next generation of scientists to help address global societal challenges through a wide range of activities. To do this, we need to work with organisations and individuals who share our passion and goals, combining our expertise and resources to make the maximum possible investment in the chemical sciences.

Our new five-year fundraising initiative launches in March, and will help us to do far more than we could alone. We will partner for impact, hoping to raise an ambitious £12.5 million by 2018.

Our three new funds will be:

UK Chemistry Engagement and Education fund

"The Wolfson Foundation supports and promotes excellence and we have a longstanding interest in science education. Reach & Teach, run by the RSC, has therefore been an important and fruitful partnership – helping to inspire and encourage the next generation of scientists."

Paul Ramsbottom, Chief Executive, the Wolfson Foundation

Pan Africa Chemistry Network fund

"It is a wonderful thing to see African scientists and experts from all over the world coming together in my country."

H.E. Mr Alemagehu Tegenu, Minister of Water and Energy, Ethiopia

India Developing Talent fund

"We committed to significantly expanding our activities in India in 2013. The best way to do this is to work in partnership with those on the ground. This is our route to truly understanding how we can make the most meaningful impact in a sustainable way to deliver long-term benefits."

Vibhuti Patel, International Development Manager for India, RSC

To discuss these fundraising projects contact Richard Porte at porter@rsc.org

Spotlight on... the Middle East

The start of 2014 sees a very busy period for us in the Middle East. You can see us at the following events:

Saudi Downstream

in Yanbu Al-Sinaiyah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 4-5 March 2014. This very prestigious event provides an excellent forum to build strategic partnerships for innovation. If you would like to know more about how your company can benefit from working with us, contact Richard Porte, Head of Strategic and Commercial Partnerships at porter@rsc.org.

The 20th Annual Conference of the Special Libraries Association Arabian Gulf Chapter,

Doha, Qatar, 25-27 March 2014. Librarians should join us at our stand to find out more about our publishing packages, books and ChemSpider. Plus there will be a chance to win a Google Nexus 7. We look forward to seeing you in Doha.



ANKOSLink 2014 Conference,

Antalya, Turkey, 18-20 April 2014. We are Gold sponsors at this vital event for Turkish librarians. If you are attending, and would like to arrange a meeting to find out more about our publishing offerings, including RSC Gold, our premium package of 41 international journals, databases and magazines contact abusaifw@rsc.org.

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New features

We've been working on a few useful improvements:

- COUNTER 4 compliant usage statistics will be available for January's data
- Readers now have the option to filter their publishing platform search results to show only Open Access articles
- We have also updated the Advanced Search to enable you to search specifically for Open Access articles

Coming soon...

We are:

- working to add article abstracts to the information already available via Mendeley's web importer feature (the 'Save to Mendeley' button for your bookmarks toolbar)
- reducing the number of clicks needed to find an issue on our journal homepages

We welcome feedback on our platform, please send your comments and suggestions to technicalsupport@rsc.org or use the orange Feedback link at the top of our publishing platform pages

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Gold for Gold end-of-year spike

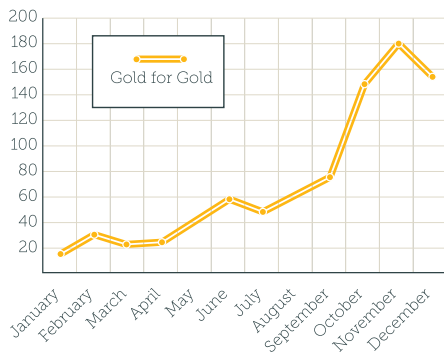
A total of 878 Gold for Gold applications from 187 institutions in 26 different countries were made in 2013, with a monthly record number of 184 Gold for Gold applications made in November.

The UK led the way with 278 Gold for Gold articles in 2013. Other prominent users included Switzerland, the USA and Australia. ChemComm, the largest and fastest publisher of high quality communications within the general chemistry arena, had the highest number of applications in 2013 with 143.

"When my paper was accepted for publication in an RSC journal, I contacted our librarian to request a complimentary Gold for Gold voucher; with that in hand the article was soon converted for publication under a Creative Commons open access license. It was that easy and quick to see that our work would be placed in a well-regarded journal but not locked up behind a pay wall."

Professor Kit Cummins, Professor of Chemistry, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, US and Associate Editor of Chemical Science

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