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Hello Karen,

Your July newsletter!

Spotlight on Teaching: A Year in Review

Greetings from Nikola Chmel, Deputy Head of Department (Education)

Whoosh! It seems like this year has flown by in a blur. With the whirlwind of changes - from restructuring our management structure, to welcoming a bumper undergraduate cohort and the implementation of the new curriculum - the work never stopped. Despite this our staff and students have shown remarkable resilience, determination and commitment.

We have many successes this year that we should celebrate and I am incredibly proud of our achievements over the last year. We have successfully implemented the new curriculum for Year 1 undergraduates to much improved student feedback and much higher achievement in exams compared to the previous year.

We are making good progress on Year 2 and Year 3 modules, with good feedback from the RSC on our innovative plans for Year 3 teaching. We have received a total of 14 WATE nominations (!) for our staff and PGRs who teach this year, with **Tom Ritchie** receiving a High Commendation Award for Staff, **Mabilly Cox** receiving Overall Winner for PGR who teach, and **Owen Tooley** receiving a Commendation (PGR). Congratulations to all nominees and winners!

Other successes include very good engagement with NSS and PTES from our students, which we hope will lead to improved results and a positive impact on the rankings next year. We have also seen a massive increase in URSS applications this year, with a record 21 students securing URSS funding from the University and additional students securing funding from the RSC. This is a clear indicator that our students enjoy what they have been doing with us and want to explore more of our research over the Summer!

I extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your contributions and the massive effort put forth this year, contributing to our success. As we head into the summer break, I look forward to new challenges in the 2024/25 academic year.

Staffing News

New starters/leavers

This month we welcomed back Marlene Hill, Research Assistant with Pat Unwin.

We also say a fond farewell to Gokhan Yilmaz.

Personal Development Reviews (PDR)

Don't forget PDR meetings should take place by 31 July 2024. Please let us know when you've done it by completing the online form [here](#) by Friday 9th August 2024. More information can be found [here](#).

Chemistry Staff Feedback form

Please provide feedback via the online questionnaire [here](#), this maybe to report a concern; make a suggestion to improve life in Chemistry; or to tell us about something else.

Feedback can be provided anonymously, or staff may leave their email address in order to receive a response.

Good news

ACS Electrochemistry

Pat Unwin is the founding Editor-in-Chief of ACS Electrochemistry which opened for manuscript submissions in mid-June, with the first issue of the journal to be published in January 2025. Pat says: "It's a tremendous honor to be leading ACS Electrochemistry and that there is now a dedicated home for electrochemistry with the American Chemical Society, which is arguably the most respected publisher in the field of Chemistry. The journal will be forward-looking and embrace the strong fundamental core of electrochemistry, while recognizing the breadth of the subject and its pivotal role in so many areas, including important societal challenges around sustainability, energy, health and the environment. An important part of our mission is to nurture and grow new areas, and support innovative ideas and concepts. We are aiming to develop a distinct and diverse community around the journal that reflects the contemporary field, and will be ambitious, share ideas and promote best practice."

Pat's leadership of ACS Electrochemistry recognizes Warwick as a leading institution for electrochemistry research and colleagues working in electrochemistry are very welcome to submit papers: <https://pubs.acs.org/journal/aecl7>

Felix Franks Biotechnology Medal

Dr Matthew Jenner received the award for his internationally leading research into the discovery and biosynthesis of natural products through application of innovative mass spectrometry-based approaches. Find out more [here](#)

Royal Society of Chemistry Prizes

Thanks to all those who joined us for cake to celebrate the prize winners on Wednesday 12th June. The four prize winners were Professors Reinhard Maurer, Scott Habershon, Tim Bugg and Sébastien Perrier. More information on these prizes can be found [here](#)

EPSRC Open Fellowship

Congratulations to Dr Michael Hope who has won an EPSRC Open Fellowship. More details on this will be available soon in the [news section](#) of the Chemistry website.

Warwick Battery Days 2024 Conference

Our joint Warwick Battery Days 2024 conference successfully took place on 20th and 21st June with over 100 attendees. For photos and highlights of this event, please see [here](#).

Putting Warwick on the Map!

This week (1-4th July), the largest conference that Warwick has ever seen, the IUPAC Macro 2024, the 50th World Polymer Congress is taking place. This has seen 1200 participants attend nationally and internationally, and is thanks to the polymer group that it is here at Warwick. More information can be found on the conference [website](#).



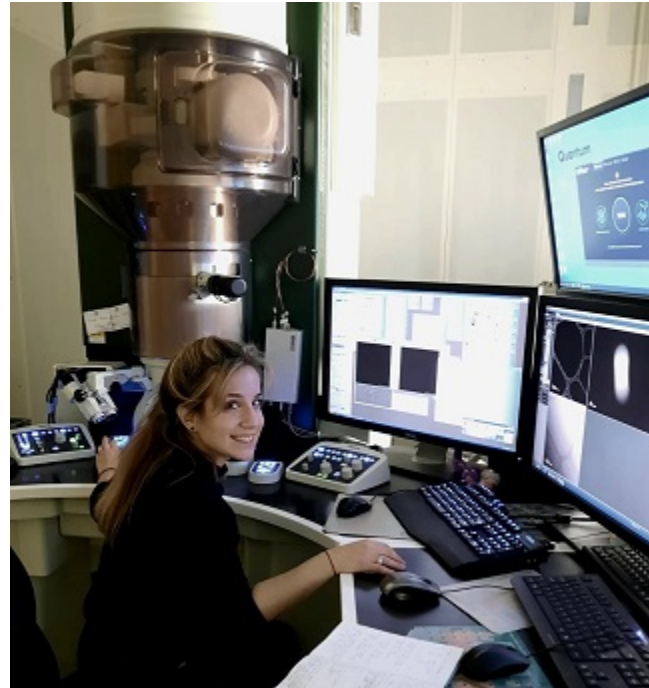
Congratulations to the the following on their recent promotions!

Sam Trouton has been promoted to Assistant Professor (T-focused)

Tom Ritchie has been promoted to Reader (T-focused)

Evelina Liarou has been promoted to Assistant Professor (R-focused)





Health and Safety

Please see this musical edition of the [Irritant](#) for all the latest Health and Safety News.

Forthcoming events

Chemistry Summer BBQ and Rounders Match

Monday 8th July 12-4pm at Cryfield Pavilion

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for food, rounders, board games and the opportunity to get to know each other better!

Warwick Crop Centre Open Day

Wednesday 10th July, Innovation Campus, Wellsbourne (coach from main campus available)

This open day offers the chance to find out how our research will support future farming. To book please see more information [here](#)

Chemistry Graduation Celebration

Monday 15th July, 12-2pm, The Slate

We are delighted to invite you all to join us in celebrating the hard work and achievements of our graduating students at this year's celebration.

[Chemistry Calendar](#)

Please continue to help us populate the internal calendar which aims to be a comprehensive source of non-teaching, standing meetings and social events within the department so you can see everything at a glance! Let us know at cheminternalcomms@warwick.ac.uk if anything is missing.

Best wishes,

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