

# Chair's Reports

Dear Members,

With April approaching fast, the BMSS Committee has already completed half of its yearly cycle. On-going commitments keep the Committee busy, with the peaks for different activities occurring at different times during the calendar year. April is one of our busier months but hopefully the extra workload will result in something for everyone. Our main focus is to enable better communication between existing and new users of MS, hopefully improving educational opportunities. If we are lucky these interactions will open up new areas of opportunity to existing MS users and provide an array of MS solutions to new disciplines.

The activities of the Special Interest Groups are also spread evenly throughout the year. Many groups have already been active. The Environmental and Food Analysis, Ambient Ionisation, and Clinical and Forensic SIGs have already held successful one day meetings

this year. Many thanks to all those involved in organising and attending these activities. I know how much they are appreciated by our members, but often it is easy to forget those working tirelessly behind the scenes. A special mention of congratulations goes to the London Biological Mass Spectrometry Discussion Group. Last December the group celebrated its 10th anniversary, running four successful meetings every year since its inception. The celebration was made even more special by the fact it was over-subscribed and was one of the first external seminars to be held at the new Crick Institute in London. Well done to all and don't forget to check the website for the venues for this year's meetings.

The Educational sub-committee are currently busy with applications for this year's summer studentships, representing another fantastic opportunity to get new users interested in MS. While Prof. John Langley of the University of

Southampton has just completed over fifteen lectures in his capacity as BMSS lecturer. None of us predicted the appetite for this round of lectures, not least John. However, John was not willing to disappoint anyone. Again, we would like to thank John and all the institutes who hosted him during his tour. April sees the final touches being put to this year's annual meeting in September. The four Plenary speakers are in place and the scientific sessions are now accepting abstract submissions. Our annual meeting is still abstract driven. Therefore, we are reliant on our many members coming to tell us the exciting new discoveries they have made. As ever the social programme will play a key part of the meeting making sure there is enough time to speak at length to other delegates. However, Manchester is a busy city so please make sure you book early. Planning is also well advanced for the 2018 meeting which is already promising to be a bit special. More on this to follow.



Gavin O'Connor, BMSS Chair

Finally, the Publicity sub-committee has just collated the first edition of Mass Matters for 2017. Sure to be full of useful tit bits, interesting insights and interviews I hope you enjoy the read. I hope the above shows the work of the committee is never-ending, and is performed by a group of volunteers working on our members' behalf. We continuously review our activities to address the wishes of our members. For some activities, we are solely reliant on our members to act. So please keep an eye out for the newly revamped BMSS awards in April. These are an opportunity for our Society as a whole to honour those worthy of our awards and not just the opinion of the current committee. For further details on all the above, please check out the BMSS website.

## Diary Dates

4th-7th Sept 2017	<b>BMSS Annual Meeting and Introduction to MS Short Course</b>	Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester
15th- 17th May 2017	<b>Spring Symposium SFC and UHPLC</b>	Discovery Event Center, Sandwich, Kent
16th- 17th May 2017	<b>Hydrogen Deuterium Exchange Mass Spectrometry IC HDX</b>	AstraZeneca R&D, Gothenburg, Sweden
2nd- 8th July 2017	<b>Mass Spectrometry in Biotechnology &amp; Medicine</b>	CAAS in Dubrovnik, Croatia
5th July 2017	<b>Sheffield Hallam University and BMSS Imaging SIG: Mass Spectrometry Imaging Symposium</b>	Sheffield Hallam University
5th- 7th July 2017	<b>Stable Isotope Mass Spectrometry User Group Meeting</b>	Keyworth, Nottingham
4th- 7th Sept 2017	<b>22nd International Reid Bioanalytical Forum</b>	The Cambridge Belfy, Cambourne
17th- 21st Sept 2017	<b>HUPO 2017: 16th Human Proteome Organisation World Congress- Hosted by the British Society for Proteome Research</b>	Dublin, Ireland