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## EDITOR'S LETTER

# Editor's letter

Hi everyone, and welcome to the December edition of Mass Matters.

I hope you have all now recovered from the fun of the annual conference! I was sorry not to have been able to attend this year, but am looking forward already to 2017's offering in Manchester. Do have a look at our conference report section from pg 18 onwards, as well as the travel grant reports, for highlights from the BMSS conference, and others. Congratulations to all the prize and award winners this year (p 20), including Prof Gareth Brenton, the winner of the BMSS medal, whom we interview on p 16.

With the year drawing to a close and the holidays almost upon us, the world is tickling our senses, with twinkling fairy lights, cheesy Christmas tunes, frosty mornings, and of course a whole host of wonderful smells: pine needles, open fires, mince pies, mulled wine, sprouts(?)... But did you know that Mass Spec is used for many applications in the world of 'smells'? In our feature on p 8-15, we have four articles from BMSS members on how MS is 'Making Sense of Scents', analysing both natural and synthetic odours and aromas.

We also have our usual diary dates and hot off the press publications for you. Please remember that if you have any news that you would like featured in upcoming editions of Mass Matters, you can drop me an email ([Rebecca.Burnley@UCB.com](mailto:Rebecca.Burnley@UCB.com)).

Wishing you all the best for the holiday season and a very happy new year!

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Rebecca Burnley, editor



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