

## ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY

### NORTH EAST REGION ANALYTICAL DIVISION

#### Honorary Secretary's Report at 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting

The year 2021 has seen us gradually return to some sort of normality following the global pandemic in 2020.

Committee meetings:

- 3 meetings held: two on Zoom and one in-person.

Scientific meetings:

- Analytical Science in the Garden, an evening symposium on the 9 September 2021 at Alnwick Gardens. The programme included guided tours of the Poison Garden, 4 speakers including John R Dean (Northumbria University), Steve Morley (University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust), Simon Elliott (Forensic Consulting) and Samantha Bowerbank (Northumbria University) followed by a BBQ, drinks with networking.

Outreach activities:

- Schools' Analyst Competition a national competition organised by Graeme Turnbull ([Schools' Analyst | RSC Education](#)) with local, regional and country-wide engagement. In 2021, nearly 1000 teams took part in the competition with each school announcing a winning trio. Each school winner was entered into competitions for each of the nine Analytical Division regions, with these students each taking home a £50 prize along with £500 for their school to spend on their science department (see the winning teams below). The winning entry in our region was Greenhead College, Huddersfield. The Analytical Chemistry Trust Fund is acknowledged for funds that support the competition.
- Level 5 undergraduate prize: awarded to the best student, at any university in the NE region, studying analytical chemistry in its broadest sense, provided their institution applies and nominates them ([Level 5 Student Prize | RSC NERAD](#)) to the committee.

Future activities in 2022

- Analytical Science in the Environment, an evening symposium on the 25 February 2022 at Black Sheep Brewery. The programme included brewery tours, 3 speakers including Bob Shaw (Aver Decommissioning & Environmental Ltd.), John R Dean (Northumbria University), and Michael Deary (Northumbria University) followed by a buffet, drinks with networking.
- Outreach: Alnwick Garden on the weekend of 9-10 July 2022. Fun chemistry activities in The Pavilion at Alnwick Gardens. Event preceded by a launch evening on the Friday night in the presence of the RSC President, Prof. Tom Welton.
- Analytical Science in the Library, an evening symposium on the 15 September 2022, Bishop's Dining Room, Durham Castle, Durham. The programme includes 4 speakers followed by a hot buffet, drinks with networking.