
UKEMS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY 4TH JULY 2022, THE ROYAL HALL, HARROGATE



United Kingdom Environmental Mutagen Society

AGENDA

1. Minutes of AGM
2. President's Report (Gareth Jenkins)
3. Treasurer's Report (Jon Howe)
4. Mutagenesis Editor's Report (Shareen Doak)
5. IGG Chairperson's Report (Paul Fowler)
6. MEG Chairperson's Report (Hannah Elliott)
7. NUKEMS Chairperson's Report (Fiona Chapman)
8. AOB



UKEMS PRESIDENT REPORT

GARETH JENKINS

UKEMS PRESIDENT AGM UPDATE



- COVID-19 (cancelled meetings, online meetings, 1-day symposia, extension funding for PhD students)
- Recognition of 2022 Young Scientist Award for Helena Reinardy
- Recognition of 2021 Jim Parry for Awadhesh (and 2020 for David Lovell)
- UKEMS meetings over the last year
 - 1 day UKEMS in-person meeting in December 2021
 - NGS in-person meeting in May this year
 - NUKEMS virtual skills workshop in July 2021
 - NUKEMS virtual symposium in September 2021
- GSN – no longer part of UKEMS
- Genomics SIG proposed by Anthony Lynch following 1-day meeting in May

UKEMS PRESIDENT AGM UPDATE



- Extension of committee roles by 1 year due to covid and cancelled meetings
- Call for 2023 Jim Parry Award Nominations
- Update on 2023 meeting – Affinity are providing info on a few venues for Dublin, Edinburgh and Bath
- IWGT 2022 Ottawa (UKEMS key sponsor for this)
- We've also sponsored the EEMGS/ICAW meeting/workshop
-and the Inhaled Particles Diamond Anniversary Event in London in May 2022
- We've supported eight Summer Placements and seven Small Grants this year
- Ellie Wilde award to ECRs, Rich Williams and Mutagen Paper of the Year Awards



TREASURER'S REPORT

JON HOWE

MEMBERSHIP#



- July 2022 (Jan 2021, Sept 2020, Jun 2020, Jan 2020, 2019, 2018)
- 15 FELLOWS (12, 12, 4, 16, 16, 14)
- 94 (104)* MEMBERS (82, 72, 58, 80, 91, 86)
- 31 STUDENTS (50, 37, 23, 46, 58, 44)
- TOTAL = 140# (154, 131, 85, 142, 165, 144)

* Old DDebits of 10 members paid directly into UKEMS account (will not be listed as members on website)

Current membership from UKEMS website

NON ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP (JULY 2022)



- 8 FELLOWS (not listed)
- 9[#] MEMBERS
- 44[#] STUDENTS
- 10[#] No affiliation

[#] Currently on UKEMS website but with no active membership

SUBSCRIPTIONS



- Subscriptions (£25)/membership now managed on UKEMS Website (Affinity Events Ltd)
- Full membership still increasing as more members register on new website
- Student membership decreasing – need to target new and existing students to register/re-register
- Please ensure students re-join as full members once they have graduated
- It is members responsibility to ensure that there membership is active

BANK ACCOUNTS



- Balance at 30th July 2022
 - Lloyds TSB: £149,731.09
 - HSBC: £54,043.82 (account closed balance transferred to Lloyds account)
- Total reserves = £ 203,774.91
- *Major Debits since Sept 2020*
 - UKEMS PhD Support for COVID-19 Disruption £6,000 (Dec 2020)
 - UKEMS Summer/Pilot grants £29792.11 (Aug 2021)
 - UKEMS 2022 Annual Meeting deposits £
- *Major Credit in 2020, 2021 + 2022 - £94,203, £89,044 + £84,607.00 (Mutagenesis profit share)*

BREAKDOWN OF PAYMENTS (2021 + 2022)



	£
UKEMS PhD Support for COVID-19 Disruption	6000.00 (3 recipients)
UKEMS (1 Day meeting , Dec 21, Bursaries + venue costs)	2062.04 + 5594.9
Committee expenses	1909.34
Summer studentship/Pilot grants (x6)	29792.11
EEMGS/ICAW (UKEMS meeting support)	2500
EEMGS Subs	1320
SOB	390 + 390
IGG, MEG Annual	2x2000 + 2x2000
Mutagenesis editorial expense	6000 + 6000
UKEMS Annual Meeting 2022 (incl NUKEMS Sun session) - Venue hire (incl food and poster boards), Hotels x2 (incl food + Gala dinner + band)	~65,500

UKEMS + SIG ACCOUNTS



- Delay to UKEMS 2019 and 2020 accounts being completed due to Covid restrictions/approvals by The Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).Accounts subsequently approved by OSCR.
- Received all 2021 account info from UKEMS SIGs. UKEMS and SIGs accounts currently being audited by accountants.

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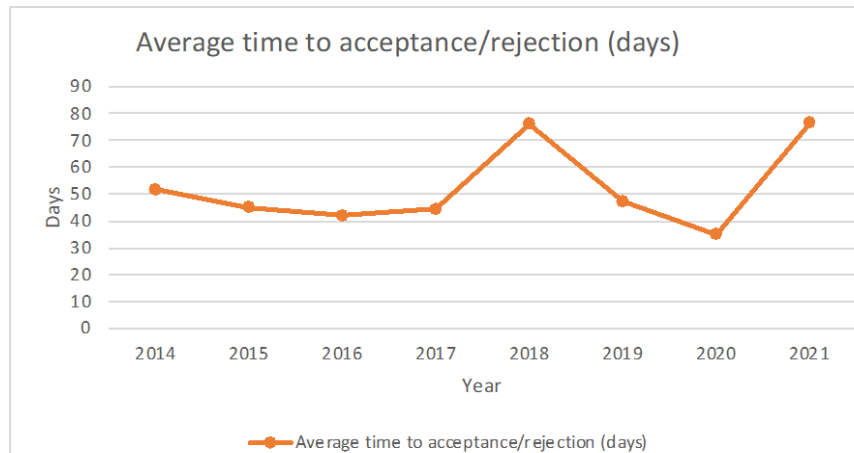
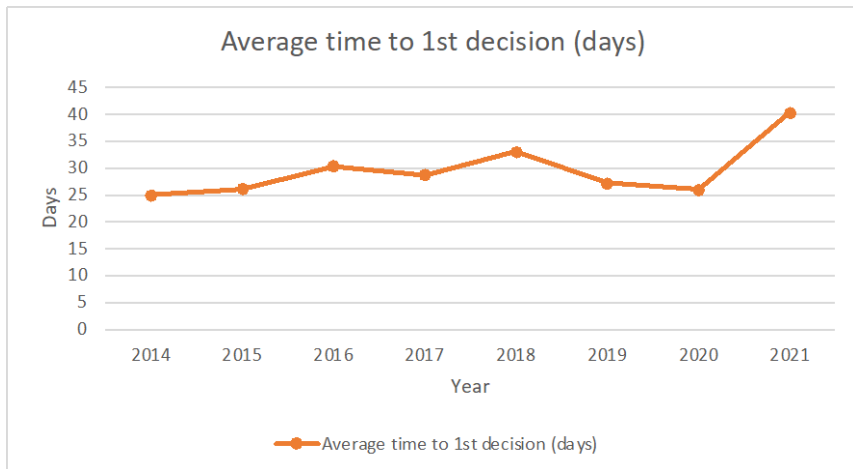
MUTAGENESIS EDITOR'S REPORT

SHAREEN DOAK

MANUSCRIPT HANDLING

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- 37 submissions from 1st Jan-31st May 2022; 86% rejection rate
- Average time to 1st decision: 40.3 days
- Average time to acceptance: 76.4 days

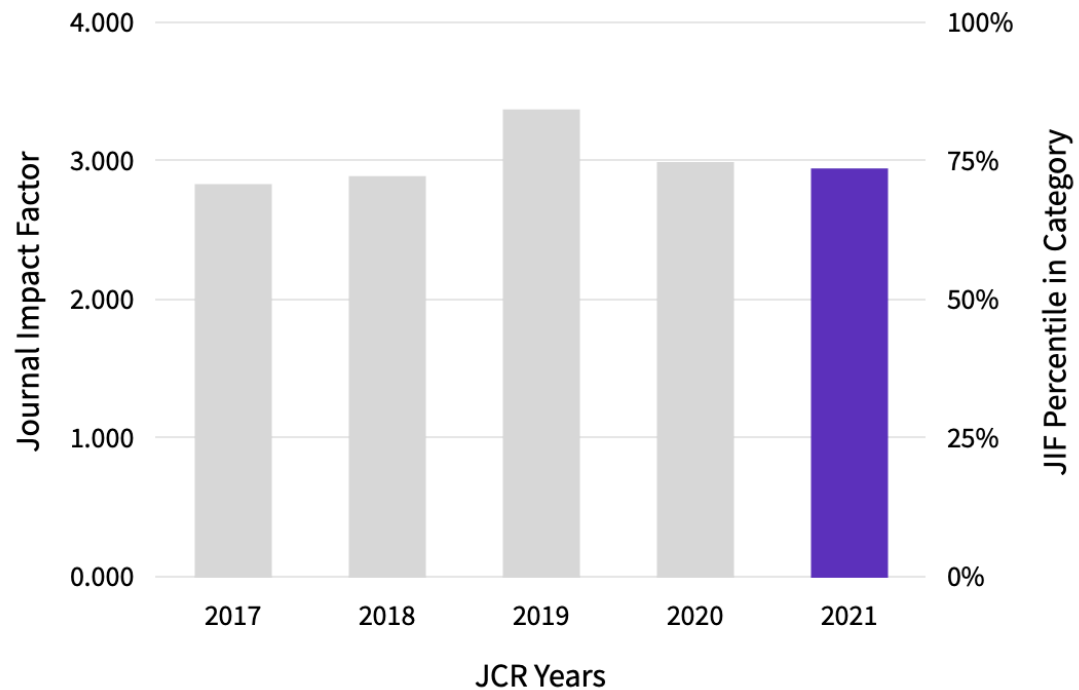


MUTAGENESIS IMPACT FACTOR – 2.954

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Journal Impact Factor Trend 2021

↓ Export



SPECIAL ISSUES AND TOPICS

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2021

- Special Topic: Validation and use of genotoxicity assays based on reconstructed human skin, Vol 36.1
- Guest Editor: Raffaella Corvi & Stefan Pfuhler

2022

- Special Topic: Use of alternative higher-tier models in genotoxicity testing, Vol 37.2
- Guest Editor: Ruth Morse & Stefan Pfuhler

Planned

- Special Issue: Rising stars in environmental mutagenesis
- Guest Editor: Marko Gerić, Fiona Chapman, Eylül Bankoğlu

EDITORIAL BOARD CHANGES

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- Retired from the Senior Editorial Board (Dec 2021)
 - Lynn Harrison (USA)
- Retired from the Editorial Board (Dec 2021)
 - Michael Weil (USA)
- Retired from the Editorial Board (Dec 2021)
 - Robert Ullrich (USA)
- Appointed to the Senior Editorial Board (Jan 2022)
 - Helga Stopper (Germany)
- Appointed to the Editorial Board (Jan 2022)
 - Marc Audebert (France)
- Appointed to the Editorial Board (Jan 2022)
 - Francesco Marchetti (Canada)

MUTAGENESIS BEST PUBLICATION PRIZE

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- Paper of the Year Award
- Scored by its citations & downloads in 2021

The in vitro ToxTracker and Aneugen Clastogen Evaluation extension assay as a tool in the assessment of relative genotoxic potential of e-liquids and their aerosols

L Czekala, Fiona Chapman, L Simms, K Rudd, ET Sticken, R Wieczorek, LM Bode, J Pani, N Moelijker, R Derr, I Brandsma, G Hendriks, M Stevenson, T Walele

Mutagenesis, Volume 36, Issue 2, March 2021, Pages 129–142

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- Salma Begum-Rahman, Mutagenesis Editorial 'Office'
- Senior Editors, past and present
- Sarah McKenna & team, OUP
- Members of Editorial Board, past and present
- Reviewers!
- Last but not least, **AUTHORS!!**



IGG CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

PAUL FOWLER

CHANGES TO THE IGG COMMITTEE



Committee (as of Jan 2022):	Company	Joined	Left
Paul Fowler, Chair	FSTox Consulting	2017	
Darren Kidd, Treasurer	Covance	2019	
Paul Rawlinson, Secretary	Gentronix	2016	
Mel Lloyd, Ordinary member	Covance	2015	2021
Rhiannon David, Ordinary member	AstraZeneca	2015	2021
Amy Wilson, Ordinary member	AstraZeneca	2021	
Eva Lessmann, Ordinary member	Syngenta	2019	
Grace Kocks (Social media)	Lhasa	2020	
Linda Reilly (NUKEMS)	NUKEMS	2021	
Paul Grindey	Sequani	2022	

IGG ACCOUNTS SUMMARY (2021)



2021	IN	0.00
	OUT	5.00
Current Balance		8530.14

IN	OUT	Pending	Notes
8535.15			Balance carried from 2020
	5		Bank Charge (24 Dec 2021)

IGG ACCOUNTS SUMMARY (2022)



2022	IN	6762.00
	OUT	4502.96
Current Balance		10789.18

IN	OUT	Pending	Notes
8530.14			Balance carried from 2020
2000			2021 Annual Grant
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	5		Bank charge (Jan)
	5		Bank charge (Feb)
	4098		50% Deposit for The Hallam (10/11th Oct 2022 meeting)
	5		Bank charge (24 Mar)
	71.10		IGG Committee meeting - dinner on 3rd May (for 5 people)
	59.71		IGG Committee meeting - Lunch on 4th May (for 5 people)
	5		Bank charge (24 Apr)
	205.99		IGG committee meeting travel expenses - Amy Wilson
	43.16		IGG domain name - fee (from 2020)
2762			The Hallam deposit (Nov 2021 booking) returned from UKEMS
	5		Bank charge (24 May)

2022 Transactions (Summary)

	IN	OUT
Autumn Meeting		£4,098
Committee expenses		£336.80
UKEMS payments	£6,762	

Note. Bank account to be moved to NatWest due to HSBC now charging for Society Accounts

– Thanks to UKEMS for the annual grant

IGG ANNUAL MEETING 2021



- Booked for Hallam 30th Nov 2021
- Programme designed to be easily converted to a virtual meeting
- Single day 10:30 – 3 or 4 pm
- RW award, three “main” talks and some NI talks.
- ADI's for nitrosamines, QSAR developments for nitrosamines, gene tox perspective on cell therapies.
- No (official) Social programme 😞

CANCELLED



ANNUAL MEETING 2022



HALLAM CONFERENCE CENTRE LONDON, UK

October 10 – October 11 2022

DATA WORKSHOP | RICHARD WILLIAMS AWARD | NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

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THE RICHARD WILLIAMS MEMORIAL AWARD 2022



An award honouring the scientific contributions and memory of Dr. Richard Williams, has been set up to support early career investigators within industry.

To apply, please send a title and abstract (max 300 words) to the IGG Committee at the following email address info@theigg.co.uk by 31st August 2022.





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AMY WILSON

PRESENTING AT THE 2022 UKEMS 44TH ANNUAL MEETING

HIGH CONTENT, HIGH THROUGHPUT, IMAGE BASED
GENOTOXICITY SCREEN: MICRONUCLEUS ASSESSMENT AND
BEYOND.



FUTURE OF IGG



- IGG currently holds an annual meeting with a single F2F committee meeting
- Can we do more?
 - Publications and position papers
 - Data Workshops (in addition to/instead of the annual meeting?) call already out for interesting data sets.
 - Data gathering (Hist ranges etc.)
 - Training – Start with MN test (interest from regulators and risk assessors). In person or virtual? Planning for spring 2023

THANKS TO...



- UKEMS for financial support
- IGG Committee for hard work and persistence
- Contributors, presenters and those sharing data.



Molecular Epidemiology Group UK

MEG CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

HANNAH ELLIOTT

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Committee (June 2022)	Role	Institution
Hannah Elliott	Chair	Bristol University
Jonine Figueroa	Treasurer	Edinburgh University
Robert Hillary	secretary	Edinburgh University
Sabine Langie	member	Maastricht University
Natassia Robinson	member	Karolinska Institute
Rachel Lawrence	member	Swansea University
Robert Young	member	Edinburgh University

- There have been no changes to committee members in the last 6 month period.
- Robert Hillary has taken over the role of secretary (previously held by Jessica Timms).
- We are currently seeking one additional committee member.

MEG MEETING 2022



- We are holding an in-person conference in Edinburgh on the 28th of November at the John McIntyre Conference Centre.
- The conference title is “Pathways to Improving population Health: bringing together industry, academia, patients and policymakers”.
- We have confirmed three invited speakers (Cathie Sudlow, University of Edinburgh; Michael Cook, Our Future Health; Amanda McCann, University College Dublin).

MEGUK WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA



- We are currently working on growing our social media content.
- This is being led by Sabine and Natassia.
- We are planning a series of blogs and media content aimed predominantly at ECRs.
- Natassia has led redesign of the MEG-UK logo (see above).

FINANCES



- NatWest have transferred account management to Jonine and Hannah.
- MEG-UK accounts are just over 12k in credit.



NUKEMS CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

FIONA CHAPMAN

NUKEMS UPDATE



- NUKEMS have arranged two successful online events to support our NI members and in August 2021, launched the Dr Eleanor Wilde Memorial Award

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VIRTUAL EVENT
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9.40-11.40
PANEL DISCUSSIONS
with esteemed UKEMS scientists
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Panel 2: Industrial career options

12.00-14.30
COMMUNICATING YOUR SCIENCE
to different audiences
Public engagement: Drs Ian Turner & Nigel Francis
Publishing your work: Dr TJ Moore
Presentations skills: Dr Pamela Styles

14.45-15.45
POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY
with STEM coach, Dr Nicole Tschierske
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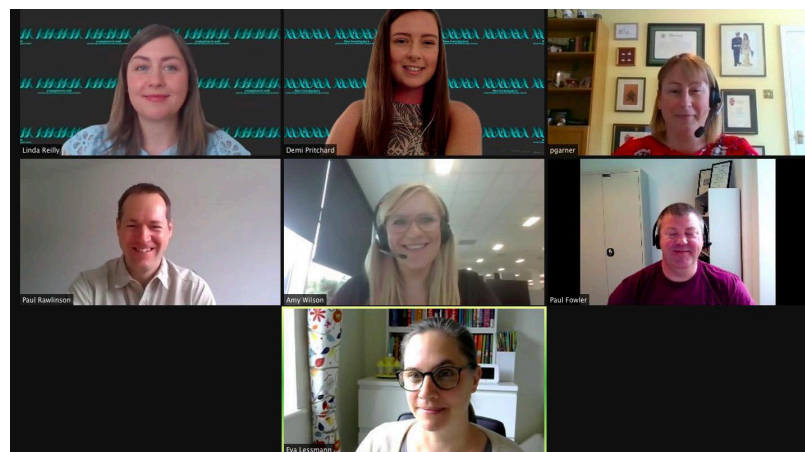
1.00-1.30pm	Welcome lunch for New Investigators*
1.30-2.30pm	Dr Ruth Morse, UWE – 'Tips on scientific writing: planning your thesis and manuscripts'* The session will introduce new investigators on how to start planning your writing, what to include and what not to include. We will cover the different types and styles of writing that are appropriate for different writing scenarios, and also cover scientific conventions that will be expected of you, but that you might not be aware of. Some parts of the presentation will be interactive, so do bring along some paper and pens which will help you to engage with the ideas presented!
2.30-3.00pm	Dr Helena Reinardy, SAMS* Helena will take us through her career timeline to date as an inspiring early career scientist and the winner of this year's UKEMS Young Scientist Award
3.00-3.20pm	Afternoon tea*
3.20-3.25pm	Dr Eleanor Wilde Memorial Award session – Introduction** Four New Investigators have been selected to speak with the chance to win a travel bursary
3.25-3.45pm	Dr Angela Saccardo, Swansea University** 'Evaluating the genotoxicity of multicomponent nanomaterials with the in vitro cytokinesis block micronucleus (CBMN) assay – a comparison with their individual components'
3.45-4.05pm	Harshini Asurappulige, UWE** 'Mutagenicity resulting from a chemotherapy-induced cytokine storm in a model of the human bone marrow'
4.05-4.25pm	Kathryn Munn, Swansea University** 'Measuring DNA damage in circulating blood cells as a potential biomarker for early detection of oesophageal adenocarcinoma'
4.25-4.45pm	Dr Rebekah Beck, AstraZeneca** 'High content in vitro micronucleus assay highlights novel links between epigenetic changes and genotoxic outcomes'
4.45-4.50pm	Audience voting open (winner will be announced at the conference dinner) and session close**



Join us at UKEMS 2022, Harrogate!
NUKEMS SUNDAY SESSION, 3RD JULY

*New Investigator focussed
**All UKEMS delegates invited to join

SKILLS WORKSHOP



Preparation and experience will help you to manage presentation nerves.

PRESENTATION

Emotion

Science intersects with all aspects of the public's life

- ▶ Should you display emotion when talking about science?
- ▶ How do you acknowledge peoples' personal stories / accounts and perspectives.

Foolproof tips



Why?

Always ask "Why?"



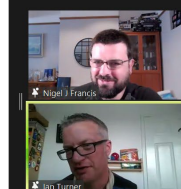
Ask for help

100% of nothing or 50% of something



Persevere

In writing and getting published



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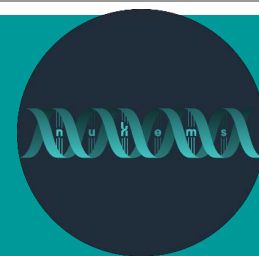
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Winners

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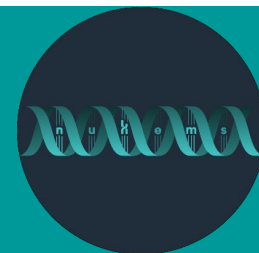
Halh Al-Serori,
King's College London

Poster prize winners:

Alan Dawson, University of Leicester
Angela Caipa Garcia, King's College London
Linda Reilly, Swansea University



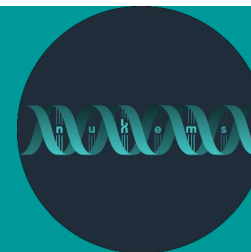
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- Unfortunately due to other commitments, Anup Rai and Alex Afarinkia-Vinader stood down from the committee earlier this year – NUKEMS would like to thank them for their time and input on the committee
- However, we are pleased to welcome three new members, selected via our application and voting process
- The new committee is as follows (new members in bold):

Name	Company/ institution	Career stage	Role
Fiona Chapman	Imperial Brands	Senior Regulatory Science Writer	Chair
Bethan Rogoyski	De Montfort University	Senior Lecturer	Vice-Chair
Alan Dawson	University of Leicester	Cardiothoracic Surgical Registrar	Secretary
Demi Pritchard	Swansea University	PhD candidate/ Research Officer	Memberships / Social Media
Linda Reilly	Swansea University/ AstraZeneca	PhD candidate	Social Media
Harshini Asurappulige	University of the West of England	PhD candidate	Ordinary member
Rebekah Beck	AstraZeneca	Senior Scientist	Ordinary member
Danielle Harte	GSK	Senior Scientist	Ordinary member
Natasha Irani	Imperial College London/ AstraZeneca	PhD candidate	Ordinary member
Rachael Chidugu-Ogborigbo	University of the West of England	Senior Lecturer	Ordinary member

NUKEMS COMMITTEE



Fiona Chapman
Chair



Bethan Rogoyski
Vice Chair



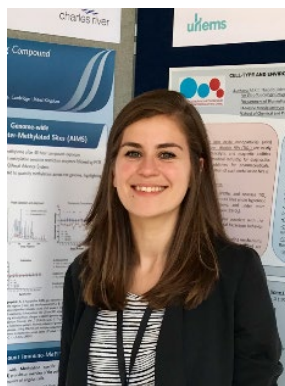
Alan Dawson
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Demi Pritchard
Memberships/ Social media



Linda Reilly
Social media



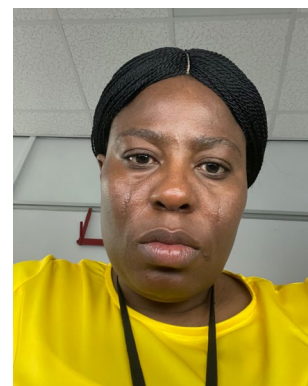
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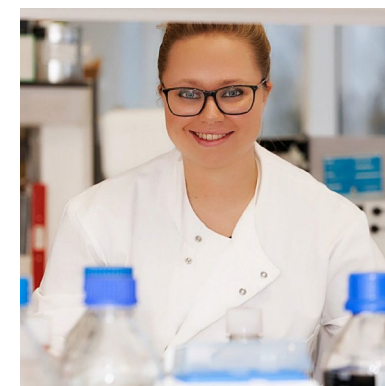
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