

# SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHROMATOGRAPHY

*In any organisation it is sensible every now and again to take a pause to revisit the fundamentals and consider whether the primary aims and objectives of the organisation are being fulfilled. The purpose of The Chromatographic Society is essentially to promote separation science and foster its development. This means more than staging meetings and awarding medals.*

*For example, our bursaries are very important to us as a means of assisting the young separation scientists of today who we hope may go on to work in the field for many years to come.*

*Accordingly, a number of student bursaries are available to attend all the Chromatographic Society meetings held throughout each year.*

The exact amount we will have available to fund bursaries each year is usually finalised between January and March of each year and obviously will vary from year to year. Importantly though, we have given some thought to our priorities and have strongly reaffirmed our ongoing commitment to do more to support young separation scientists.

Therefore each year we will strive to ensure that we have made available a sum sufficient to meet expected demand. In this way we can strongly encourage young separation scientists to attend our meetings and to avail themselves of the opportunity to apply for a bursary. Supervisors, please make sure your students take note of this.

Our meetings provide the obvious benefit of allowing delegates to hear about the latest important developments in separation science but also are ideal for



Research Students taking a break at the Reading Spring Symposium, May 2008



Mature student and bursary awardee Yash Kansal (right) tackles keynote speaker Tony Edge (AstraZeneca) on chromatography matters

The bursary scheme is overseen by Dr. Amjad Khan, AstraZeneca and he may be contacted for informal enquiries also via this e-mail address.

## Chromatography Focus

social and networking opportunities (see Reading Spring Symposium photographs on this page) be it young student to young student, inexperienced separation scientist to seasoned campaigner or whatever.

Visit our website ([www.chromsoc.com](http://www.chromsoc.com)) to look out for the details of our forthcoming meetings (also see the Diary below) for which bursaries may be available and also for how to apply for a bursary. Bursaries are of course available only to members of The Chromatographic Society but it is possible to join the Society at the same time as applying for a bursary. Bursary opportunities are highlighted in the publicity for individual meetings but the form is available all year round in the "Member's Area". Application forms may also be had by e-mailing a request to [chromsoc@meetingmakers.co.uk](mailto:chromsoc@meetingmakers.co.uk).

Finally on bursaries, it should be borne in mind also that partial support may be available to attend international events, particularly those such as in the International Symposium on Chromatography (ISC) series in which the Society has a stake. Within the scope of our budget we would like to do what we can to ensure that Brits are not thin on the ground at such major international events (see below for ISC info, see HPLC2008 article for future HPLC meetings) and think also of PBA2009 March 1st – 4th in Agra, India or even the Chirality meeting in Colorado in July, 2009 (but remember that for such far off places we would very much be thinking of partial support!).

Students, take us up on our offer and we'll look forward to meeting you at one of our events in the near future.

### DIARY OF FORTHCOMING CHROMATOGRAPHIC SOCIETY EVENTS

<b>2008</b> 7th-10th September 21st-25th September 13th November 27th November	BMSS Annual 3-Day Meeting ISC2008 Advances in BioSeparations Separation Science in the UK: State of the Nation	University of York, York Munster, Germany GlaxoSmithKline, Ware Liverpool
<b>2009</b> March 20th-21st May  6th-9th July September November	Recent Developments in Instrumentation. SPRING SYMPOSIUM & AGM Advances in LC-MS and Related Hyphenated Techniques Reid International Bioanalytical Forum Big Prep 5 Advances in Gas Chromatography	Liverpool Stadium of Light, Sunderland  University of Surrey, Guildford Venue to be confirmed North West England
<b>2010</b>	Programme under development but will include a series of meetings on the impact of separation science on pharmaceutical R&D, a meeting on "separation science and data and involvement in ISC2010 (almost certainly to be held in Spain).	

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