

## **News from the Separation Science Group (SSG) (formerly The Chromatography and Electrophoresis Group)**

### **Our New Name**

As a result of the development and publication of the future strategy and activities of the RSC and the Analytical Division the Committee of the Chromatography and Electrophoresis Group reviewed all aspects of the Groups activities. As a result of this review it was decided that the current name did not adequately reflect the wide range of activities and interests of our members and it was decided that we should be renamed The Separation Science Group. This decision was then approved by both AD and RSC Council and in July this year the name change was finalised. We hope that you will agree this title more adequately reflects the wide range of technology covered by one of the largest Interest Groups in the RSC and you will continue to support the Group by joining us again at membership renewal.

### **Our New Web Site**

In addition to our name change we have now launched a new web site for the Group. The site is still in the early stages of development so we welcome any contributions from members which they think may be relevant. Please visit the site for the latest news from the Group at [www.sep-sci.org.uk](http://www.sep-sci.org.uk)

### **The Inaugural Knox Award**

In addition to the name change another outcome of our review, and also as a result of the demise of the Whatman Separation Science Prize from the RSC main awards, we have decided to introduce a new award for separation science. The award has been named in honour of Prof John Knox one of the UKs leading separation scientists and is to recognise individuals deserving special recognition of their innovation or influential work in the field of Separation Science. It can be awarded to anyone, Industrial or Academic, who is working or has worked in the field of separation science.

### **Prof Pat Sandra Awarded the Inaugural Knox Award Medal**

Professor Pat Sandra (Belgium) will be awarded the inaugural Knox Medal during the Desty Memorial Lectures in the Royal Institution of Great Britain in London on the 7<sup>th</sup> October. The award will be presented to Prof Sandra by Prof Knox who will be our special guest for the day and Prof Sandra will also present some of his latest work

Registration is free and there is a varied programme on offer and we encourage members to attend this excellent meeting on Separation Science. For more details please go to <http://www.iexa100.co.uk/Iexa100/Desty.html>

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