

Our Objectives

The aims of the Society of Spanish Researchers in the United Kingdom (SRUK/CERU) are:

- Creating a social network of researchers and students working in the UK.
- Increasing social awareness of R+D in the public opinion of the Spanish and British Society by seminars and other activities.
- Representing the Spanish Researchers in the UK before Spanish and British Institutions, as well as social and mass media.
- Facilitating collaborations between Spanish and British Public and Private R+D Institutions.

Website Launch

9th February 2013. After a long journey of creativity and design, the SRUK website was launched in an opening ceremony during the 1st Seminar of 2013. This website (www.sruk.org.uk) supposes a turning point in our existence. What can you find in there?, our calendar of activities; a gallery of pictures, audios and videos; news on the media related to SRUK, our press releases, a forum to discuss, as well as a job opportunity section where anyone can upload job ads from their institutions or their labs. Any SRUK member will have an activated user profile.

The website has been sponsored by the **Fundación Ramón Areces**.

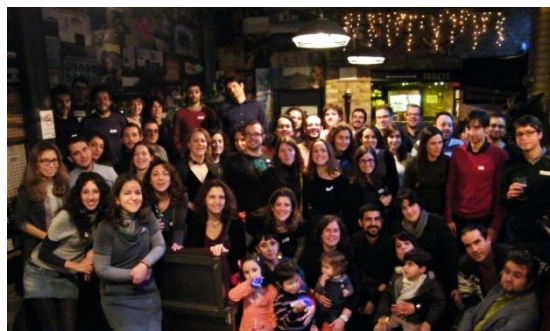


What is Newton thinking about? Ah! Our website has been launched! Come and visit it!

Feel free to contact us for information or to join us by e-mail to info@sruk.org.uk

Our Social Events

SRUK keeps hosting social events for our membership to mingle and discuss about R+D. The Christmas event was also preceded by a guided tour to the Wellcome Trust Exhibition. A new cycle of 'Science Beers' has been celebrated in both Cambridge and London from February to March, and now it is extending to Nottingham and Bristol.



Great success of the Christmas Event (last 15th December) with more than 60 attendees.

Cena Ibérica

27th April 2013. SRUK and PARSUK (Portuguese Association of Researchers and Students in the UK) will hold their first joint meeting in Bath. The event is focused on how to best seek funding for scientific research from the European Union. A walking tour in Bath and a dinner will bring the day to a close.



See the programme [here](#), and register [here](#).

Visit us on <http://www.sruk.org.uk> and follow us on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/comunidad.ceru>), Twitter ([@ComunidadCERU](https://twitter.com/ComunidadCERU)) or LinkedIn (<http://linkd.in/comunidadCERU>)

SRUK in Midlands and Cardiff-Bath-Bristol

Spring 2013. New SRUK Constituencies are being fostered in East Midlands and the region of Cardiff-Bath-Bristol. This represents two more enthusiastic groups of Spanish Researchers backing this Society and organising events in more UK regions.

1st International Symposium SRUK

1st April 2013. SRUK celebrated its 1st Symposium in Madrid at the Ramon Areces Foundation. It served as the official presentation of SRUK to the Spanish general public.

The Symposium started with an inaugural ceremony by the Secretary for Science and Innovation in Spain, Román Arjona. Then, the Board of SRUK talked about our Society and introduced the four SRUK awarded speakers, who presented their research in layman terms.

Sir Gregory P Winter, Prince of Asturias Award for Scientific and Technical Research 2012, gave an inspiring plenary lecture. Following a poster session break, the Spanish Foundation FECYT talked about its support to societies of researchers abroad.

The symposium ended with a very successful and dynamic roundtable about the role of SRUK and similar associations across Europe with representatives from CERFA and PARSUK.



Roundtable with Raúl Delgado (CERFA), Lorenzo Melchor (SRUK), and Joana Moscoso (PARSUK)

1st Seminar SRUK-OCSA 2013

9th February 2013. The Cycle of Seminars and Roundtables SRUK/CERU 2013 started last February at King's College of London. Dr Francisco A González-Redondo gave a History seminar about "The presence of Spanish Scientists in the UK during the last three centuries". From the confinement, espionage and Spanish Science in the UK in the 18th Century, to London as the intellectual capital of Spain in the 19th Century, and the scientific to political migration in the UK during the last century. The event was well attended and preceded by an informative session about SRUK.

The "Cycle of Seminars and Roundtables SRUK/CERU 2013" is sponsored by the **Office for Cultural and Scientific Affairs** of the Embassy of Spain. More events will take place in Cambridge and London with speakers such as Prof Peter Lawrence, Dr Ginés Morata and Sir Salvador Moncada. Do not miss them!

The SRUK Podcast

In our efforts to close the gap between researchers and the general public, SRUK has launched its podcasts. Visit [our website](#) to listen to them. Interviews to our panellists and speakers, as well as to SRUK members who detail our activities, are available for the visitor.

A SRUK-CERFA joint Cycle of Webinars

Spring 2013. Seminars, symposium, podcasts, pubs... What else could SRUK do to bring Science to anyone? **Webinars!** In collaboration with CERFA, a new cycle of webinars will be coming soon: online roundtables to discuss scientific issues, online symposium on specific Research fields...

The online platform to perform these activities 'GoToWebinar' has been provided by **FECYT**.

Science in the Pub

18th April 2013. Bringing Science closer to the general public is one of SRUK's foundational aims. Thus, the SRUK Constituency of London is hosting a new type of scientific event: "Science in the Pub", where a speaker will discuss a scientific issue of interest in a dynamic and highly participative format.

"Cell phones, radiation and health"



Our first "Science in the Pub" will bring Dr Xurxo Mariño, Jury's Special Prize in the 1st FECYT Contest for Scientific Communication, who will talk about how cell phones do not affect human health.

SRUK meetings with FECYT, COSCE and Royal Society

2013. The SRUK Board of Directors have met with other Spanish and British institutions and associations to discuss about collaboration opportunities. A strong emphasis has been placed not only on Science Communication, but also on creating possibilities and scenarios to influence Science Policy in the UK, Spain, and Europe.

SRUK on the Media

More than 40 interviews and reports on newspapers, journals (including [Nature](#)), radio and TV have been done to SRUK. You may see all the links on [our website](#). To emphasize:

[Europa Press TV](#) fully covered the 1st International Symposium in Madrid. Highlights of the symposium, an interview with Sir Gregory Paul Winter and

interviews with members of the Board of Directors may be found through our website.

The Spanish Scientific News Agency [SINC](#) interviewed Dr Lorenzo Melchor, President of SRUK, early in the year, about the origins and aims of SRUK.

The blog '[Viajeros Made in Spain](#)' had a cycle of interviews with three Spanish Researchers from our Society in a very dynamic and casual format.

SRUK supports 'Science is Vital'

8th April 2013. In our efforts to promote the value of R+D in a knowledge-based society, SRUK has officially supported the campaign '[Science is Vital](#)'. This initiative urges the UK Government to increase its direct contribution to R+D to at least 0.8% of GDP, as part of an overall strategy of innovation and training to boost growth and enable the UK to meet the social and technological challenges of the 21st Century. To support it, fill up [their petition](#).

SRUK has also backed similar initiatives in Spain, as a part of its commitment to defend R+D in both countries.

SRUK participates in INNOVACEF

February 2013. INNOVACEF is an annual report that aims to improve the current R+D Spanish System, through the input of young researchers both in Spain and abroad. This year, INNOVACEF has contacted [SRUK and CERFA](#) to increase the pool of survey participants.

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