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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear members and friends of SRUK,

SRUK (CERU) never ceases to amaze us! The sheer passion and excellent ideas of all our volunteers, including the 17 members of the Board of Directors, have enabled us to achieve once more our vision and objectives, very often surpassing our most optimistic expectations. The quality, quantity and impact of our initiatives blows my mind.

I am extremely proud of having chaired SRUK this year. We have kept engaging our members, increasing the number and impact of our initiatives and events, and strengthening our reputation in both Spain and UK as an innovative and dynamic society that facilitates contacts among their members, brings science and research closer to the wider society, facilitates contacts between research groups in both countries, and represents the views of our members. We have also started to lay the foundations for a more sustainable society in the future. This includes a crucial website migration so that it is maintained by new provider able to cater for our growing needs, and moves towards establishing longer-term support infrastructures. These steps may not have born fruit yet but I do hope that they will enable SRUK to keep developing and giving response to the needs of our members in the years to come.

I hope that you will enjoy reading the following pages about all the initiatives that SRUK has developed in the last year. I would like to take the liberty to mention a few highlights :

- We have organized over 65 events, including our Annual Symposium which has been held in Liverpool.
- We have successfully launched the “SRUK On the move” programme, which has enabled 34 researchers to visit groups abroad either in Spain or the UK for at least 3 months each. We have done so while maintaining our programme “SRUK Summer Studentships” for Spanish undergrads.
- We have maintained our commitment to recognising the research excellence of our members and facilitating their development by awarding 10 “SRUK Travel Grants”, and the 4th edition of the “SRUK Emerging Talent Award”.
- We have continued our promotion of research among youngsters visiting schools and participating in scientific fairs. We have also launched the 2nd editions of the “Science-me a Story” and the “Science Zone” initiatives.
- We have developed a wide range of professional development initiatives, including the “Researchers as Teachers” webinars , and a workshop in collaboration with the UK’s Parliamentary Office for Science and Technology (POST).
- Our mentoring programme keeps strong, currently running 38 pairs and being an example to other mentoring initiatives in the UK and Spain.
- Our Women, Equity and Research committee has been very active reaching out to primary schools, and analysing the results of a survey about gender gap in research in Spain.



Javier Escudero

- We have actively monitored Brexit. We have met with various British institutions and we organised a high-level workshop “What does Brexit mean for research?” We have also teamed up with other networks of EU researchers in UK to explore research scenarios post-Brexit, and we have kept providing evidence to the Science and Technology Committee of the House Commons following our surveys on this matter.
- We have organised a workshop, the “Ideas Lab”, to collect suggestions from our members about science policy in Spain and we have analysed the barriers that researchers abroad face when dealing with the ANECA.

I am also deeply proud of having represented SRUK to serve as the first president of the network of Spanish researchers abroad: RAICEX, which was launched in Madrid in July 2018 and it is very much inspired by the objectives of SRUK and our sister societies in other countries.

SRUK has been very active thanks to the work of our volunteers and our Board of Directors. They are the most important asset of our Society. We are indebted to the previous presidents and directors for having created the wonderful platform that SRUK is today. I would like to mention our former president, Dr Estrella Luna, for leading the previous Board and providing the springboard for many of the activities that have come to fruition this year. I would also like to give some very special thanks to Dr Rocío Gaudioso, our current Vicepresident, whose professionalism and enthusiasm has been pivotal in our success this year. I can only be thankful to Rocío for her continuous and excellent work and support. I am fully certain that SRUK could not be in better hands and that the upcoming Boards of Directors will do us proud that we are members of SRUK.

I would also like to express my deepest gratitude to all our collaborators and sponsors who help us in achieving our mission. In particular, I would like to mention the Fundación Ramon Areces, Fundación Banco Santander, the Spanish Embassy in London and its Office for Cultural and Scientific Affairs, the Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology, Fundación Lilly, and the UK Science and Innovation network. We are proud to share our passion for science and research with you.

I can say that this has been a very intense year, also at a personal level. My term as President of SRUK has coincided with the arrival of my first daughters (yes, twins!) I will always cherish in my mind these months, which have been a roller-coaster of emotions, challenges, some failures and many successes, in both my personal and professional life. I hope to see SRUK reach new heights in the coming years in the same way as I hope to see my daughters grow up. Last, but not least, I could not end this words without taking the liberty to thank my partner, Iria, for her incredible support these months.

Un abrazo,



Javier Escudero, President of SRUK/CERU 2018/19

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WHAT IS SRUK AND WHAT ARE OUR AIMS?

The Society of Spanish Researchers in the United Kingdom (SRUK) is a non-profit, independent organization. We do not have any political affiliation.

SRUK was created in July 2011 and was formally established in June 2012. At that time, SRUK was registered in the Company's House of England and Wales.

The Society was created with four main aims:

1

SOCIAL NETWORK

To create a social network of researchers and students working in the United Kingdom. We aim to facilitate the arrival of the new members, offer advice, and share professional and life experiences.

2

SCIENCE COMMUNICATORS

To increase public awareness of every aspect of the Research and Innovation (R&I) system. We aim to close the existing gap between researchers and the general public by holding seminars, roundtables, conferences and the Society's annual symposium.

3

SCIENCE REPRESENTATIVES

To be the representatives of the Spanish researchers in the United Kingdom for British and Spanish organizations, general public and the media. We aim to serve as scientific advisors for both public and private organizations. We believe that our knowledge and experience are relevant and worth sharing.

4

SCIENCE MEDIATORS

To facilitate collaborations between both private and public British and Spanish R&I institutions. It is our opinion that exploring and establishing collaboration between the UK and Spain will bear fruit in the long run.

¿ QUÉ ES CERU Y CUÁLES SON NUESTROS OBJETIVOS?

La Sociedad de Científicos Españoles en Reino Unido (CERU) es una organización independiente sin ánimo de lucro y sin afiliación política. Se creó en julio del 2011 y se constituyó de manera oficial en junio del 2012. La sociedad persigue cuatro objetivos principales:

1. Crear una red social de investigadores que trabajan en el Reino Unido.
2. Acercar la ciencia y la investigación al público en general.
3. Ser los portavoces de los investigadores españoles en Reino Unido ante instituciones británicas y españolas, medios de comunicación y redes sociales.
4. Facilitar colaboraciones entre organizaciones relacionadas con la I+D+i del Reino Unido y de España, tanto públicas como privadas.

OUR STRUCTURE

SRUK is run by volunteers.

During 2018/2019, more than 125 members have actively participated in departments, committees and working groups, which have made possible the Society as it is today.

As in previous years, we have grown, achieved goals and consolidated ourselves as a key “player” Society within Spain and the UK.

SRUK is managed by the Board of Directors, which is elected during the Annual General Assembly. The Board is formed by 17 directors representing SRUK members, pursuing the aims of the Society and defining the strategic plan for the coming years. In addition, SRUK is organized in eight Regional Constituencies across the UK and the directors of these constituencies are also part of the Board. This facilitates the direct communication between members and the Board.

Many volunteers are part of working groups and committees. Each constituency has a **Local Working Group** to shape regional activities and events. SRUK also runs with four departments: International Collaborations, Science Policy, Press and Online. In addition, **SRUK Committees** work to achieve specific goals of the society. Currently, SRUK has six committees: Fellowships; Scientific; International Symposium; Awards; Mentoring; and Women, Equity and Research.

ESTRUCTURA DE CERU

La Sociedad funciona gracias al trabajo de más de 125 voluntarios y voluntarias que hacen posible el crecimiento y la consolidación de CERU. Cada año la Asamblea General elige la Junta Directiva encargada de representar a los socios, desarrollar los objetivos de la Sociedad y delinear el plan estratégico de ésta. CERU se divide en ocho Delegaciones Regionales que facilitan la comunicación entre los miembros y entre éstos y la Junta Directiva, y que cuenta con una Directiva Local y un Grupo de Trabajo. Así mismo, existen departamentos y comités para trabajar en objetivos específicos.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Fellowships Mentoring
 Wo/Men **COMMITTEES** Scientific Awards
 Annual Symposium

HONORARY MEMBERS

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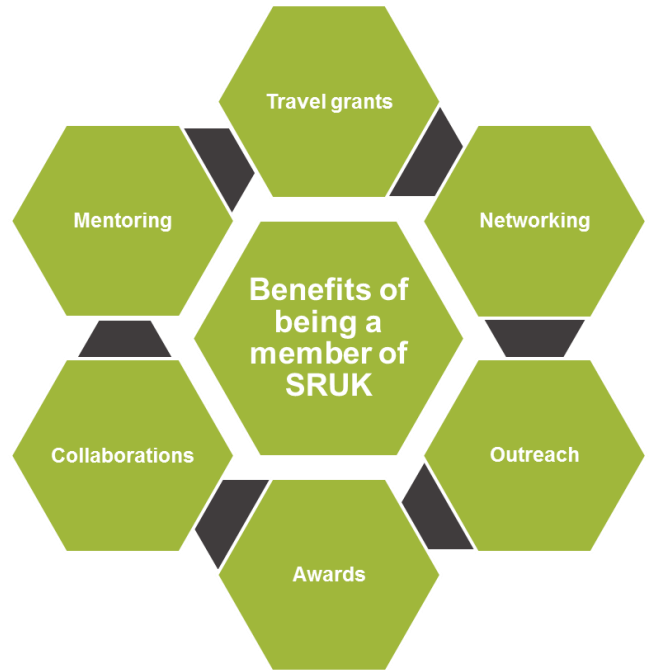
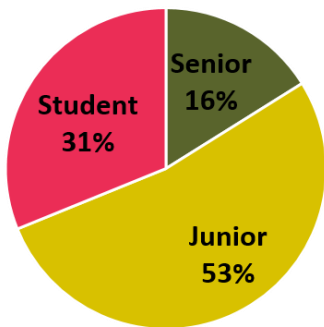
OUR MEMBERS

In the last few years, the number of members of our society has increased steadily. On the 1st June 2019, SRUK counted with **almost 700 members**. They are grouped in eight established constituencies and two in the process to be developed. Also, we have a remarkable number of friend members in Spain and other countries.



	Type of membership	Member %
REGULAR	Spanish Researchers working in the UK	43%
ASSOCIATE	Non-researcher or Non-Spanish working in the UK	3.3%
FRIEND	Working outside the UK	53.7%

SRUK welcomes everybody and offers three regular membership options.



SRUK accommodates all research disciplines and career stages. Most of our academics members are in the 'career consolidation stage', between being a PhD student and an independent group leader. We also count with members working in industry and in the public sector.

NUESTROS SOCIOS

El número de socios de CERU ha experimentado un aumento continuado en los últimos años en todas sus delegaciones. A fecha de 1 de junio de 2019, CERU cuenta con casi **700 socios** agrupados en ocho delegaciones oficiales y dos por constituir. CERU cuenta con tres tipos de miembros: **socios regulares** (investigadores españoles que trabajan en Reino Unido), socios **asociados** (no investigadores o no españoles que trabajan en Reino Unido) y **amigos** (en Reino Unido), dando la bienvenida a todo el mundo interesado en ser parte de CERU.

SCIENCE POLICY

The Science Policy Committee

Sergio Pérez (Director)
Fidel Alfaro Almagro
Miguel Cacho Soblechero
José Antonio Carrillo de la Plata
Daniel Castillo
Javier Escudero Rodríguez
Carlos Fresneda-Portillo
Mónica Gañán
Rocío Gaudioso-Pedraza
Mario González Jiménez
Fernando Jiménez
Isabel López
José Pedro Manzano
Olaya Muñoz-Azcarate
José Manuel Muñoz Félix
Paula Martín-Gonzalez
Joaquín de Navascués
Eduardo Oliver
Diego Sainz de la Maza

The Science Policy Committee was established in November 2014 with the mission to support the development and improvement of Research & Innovation (R&I) systems in Spain and in the UK.

In the Science Policy Department we aim to champion the interests and rights of Spanish scientists both in the UK and in Spain. We act as the interface of SRUK/CERU when we deal with institutions, organisations or political parties.

We are an open and diverse committee with members from different disciplines and varied levels of research experience, who have knowledge of the research career in several European countries. During the 2018/2019 period we have focused our efforts on influencing the Brexit scenario and on providing evidence to improve the Spanish R&D system. Due to our continuous effort in these directions during the last years, we have managed to hold high-level meetings with authorities and institutions both from the UK and Spain. The contribution from our members has proven essential in order to better defend and understand their interests and aspirations.

Institutional Links

SRUK/CERU has continued fostering contacts with other institutions and learned societies in the UK to represent the views of our members, particularly concerning Brexit. We have held meetings with Universities UK international, Russel Group, and the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy to communicate the results of our surveys on that matter. We have also kept a fluid communication with Spanish institutions in the UK such as the *Consejo de Residentes en el Exterior*, the Spanish Consulate in Edinburgh, and the Spanish Embassy in London in order to explore collaborations that would help us develop our activities and to inform them about the implications of Brexit in research. SRUK/CERU has also collaborated with other associations of European researchers in the UK (PARSUK, AISUK, Polonium Foundation) in a joint workshop exploring diverse scenarios for research after Brexit.

EL COMITÉ DE POLÍTICA CIENTÍFICA

El comité de política científica tiene como misión defender los intereses de los científicos españoles tanto en Reino Unido como en España. En este año nos hemos enfocado en dos objetivos amplios: continuar nuestras acciones alertando sobre los efectos del Brexit, y actualizar nuestra estrategia de recomendaciones para el sistema de ciencia e innovación español. Con respecto al Brexit, gracias a nuestros miembros hemos cuantificado cómo el Brexit afecta al atractivo de Reino Unido desde el exterior, y la influencia de un Brexit sin acuerdo. Estos resultados han sido bien recibidos por el parlamento británico y diversos grupos e instituciones británicas. Sobre nuestra estrategia de recomendaciones para España, pudimos celebrar el Laboratorio de Ideas, un evento pionero donde nuestros socios nos aportaron sus ideas para mejorar nuestra estrategia.

IN SPAIN

During the last years we have focused on promoting our R&I recommendations report from 2015, which has served as the base of our strategy to improve the Spanish R&D system. In this year we have begun to update this strategy, and one of our aims has been to take input from our members here in the UK, in order to understand their needs and worries with respect to the Spanish R&D system.

With this regard, in March 2019 we organized the “Laboratorio de Ideas” workshop, where 16 researchers from different career stages and areas gave us their insights into the necessary reforms for the Spanish R&D system. Their contribution has allowed us to identify new key points to address when constructing our new recommendations report, which will be addressed during the future months.

Furthermore, we have also aimed to understand whether the homologation procedure of ANECA entails disadvantages for Spanish researchers in the UK. Following various complains in social networks about ANECA, we decided to gather feedback from the experience that researchers have had when applying for the homologations. We have held meetings with the Spanish Minister of Science, Innovation and Universities to address this issue, and so far we are positive about the implementation of some of our suggestions.

We have also contributed to the call for evidence concerning the Estatuto del Personal Investigador Predoctoral en Formación, organized by the Spanish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities. The call for evidence follows the publication of a new “Real decreto” in 2018 to update the conditions of PhD students in Spain.



Attendees to the ‘Laboratorio de Ideas’

IN THE UK

Our Department has been energetically engaged with Brexit since the announcement of the referendum in 2016. Our work during the previous years has allowed us to stand in a privileged position to make the voice of our members heard.

In this last year we have continued conducting surveys to monitor the challenges and opportunities associated with Brexit, and their impact on Spanish researchers both in the United Kingdom and elsewhere. Our surveys of this year have aimed at analysing two uncertainties:

- The attractiveness of the UK for Spanish researchers living outside the UK: our results indicate that over 64% of respondents consider the UK less attractive now than before the EU referendum.
- The possibility of a no-deal Brexit scenario: we conclude that a ‘no deal’ Brexit is the least attractive option and that 27.3% of them would plan to leave the United Kingdom in such scenario, with a further 52.1% not being sure about whether they would leave or not.

The quantification of these Brexit perceptions from Spanish researchers has proven to be of great interest to the British Parliament and related science organizations and groups. Indeed, our results were published in two call for evidence from the Science and Technology of the House of Commons, which also invited us to debate in a round table. Further meetings were held with the Russell Group, Universities UK and the Department of Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy. We have also produced articles summarizing our findings in related magazines about politics and science.

Finally, in March 2019 we produced a press statement alerting of the dangers that Brexit poses to the scientific excellence, and condemning the current position of the British government that considers no-deal a viable outcome. In this respect, we urgently ask to ensure a Brexit outcome that respects the needs of the scientific community, based on international collaboration and dynamic mobility between countries.

All our publications can be found in our website: <https://sruc.org.uk/initiatives/science-policy/brexit/>

Being a crucial player in the development of RAICEX

RAICEX, “Red de Asociaciones de Investigadores y Científicos Españoles en el eXterior”, was officially launched in Madrid in July 2018 in a meeting attended by Javier Escudero and Rocio Gaudioso on behalf of SRUK/CERU, and by representatives of the other 14 sister societies of Spanish researchers abroad.

RAICEX’ mission is to promote the exchange of experiences and knowledge among Spanish researchers and scientists abroad and all agents of the Spanish R&D system, serving as an advisory body, information mediator, and catalyst for international and multidirectional research collaborations, contributing to the advancement of science and research. RAICEX is based on the grass-root movement that all the societies of Spanish researchers abroad share. We at SRUK/CERU have worked towards the creation of this network for the last four years as we believe that a framework that brings together all sister societies will increase our impact and will open doors for collaborations that will be beneficial to all. In fact, RAICEX now brings together 16 associations spread across four continents and it represents more than 3,600 Spanish researchers.

Upon the official launch of RAICEX, the associations chose the Board of Directors of RAICEX for this first year of our endeavour. We are honoured that the other societies trusted SRUK/CERU with the task of becoming the first ever President of RAICEX (represented by Javier Escudero). SRUK/CERU has been pivotal in launching the network and shaping its first initiatives, structure and objectives. Furthermore, SRUK/CERU’s volunteers are taking part in the three committees that RAICEX has already set up: Women and Research (Patricia Bernal), External communication (Laura Martínez Maestro), and Talent attraction and science policy (Javier Escudero). Our Ambassador in Spain, Eduardo Oliver, has been crucial in the launch and daily activities of RAICEX, serving as general secretary of the network during this first year.

RAICEX met with the Comité de Ciencia, Innovación y Universidades of the Spanish Parliament on the 10th of July 2018 . We also met with representatives of the Ministry for Science to present the “Informe ATRAE”, a report with 10 measures to promote the attraction of talent to Spain, some of which were incorporated into the Plan de Retorno presented by the Spanish government in March 2018. Researchers who are members of the societies in RAICEX has also been featured weekly in Radio Exterior de España, among other appearances in media. RAICEX has also provided advice to the Royal Spanish Academy of Sciences .



Members of the constituents societies of RAICEX in Madrid in July 2018

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

The International Collaborations Committee

Sara Alvira (Director)
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 Silvia Corrochano
 Cristina Delgado
 Eduardo Oliver
 Antonio de la Vega de León
 Cecilia Alda Vidal
 Moisés García Arencibia
 Miguel Cacho Soblechero
 Jacobo Elías Gómez

SRUK-Cancer Sub-committee

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 Pilar Acedo
 Alba Rodríguez Meira
 Clara Domingo
 Laura Gómez Cuadrado
 Teresa Valero
 Paula Martín González
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 Yolanda Calle Patiño

SRUK-Physics Sub-committee

Julia Campa
 Fernando González-Zalba

SRUK-Industry Sub-

Cristina Delgado
 Patricia Forcén
 David Gutiérrez

Students, supervisors and SRUK and UAM representatives in the closure event of the summer internships 2018

SRUK aims to bridge the collaboration gap between Spain and the UK enhancing the scientific success of both R&I systems.

To achieve this goal, agreements will focus on three key aspects:

1. Facilitate collaborations and visibility of research groups and potential partners.
2. Facilitate mobility of researchers to improve career development and attract talent to Spain.
3. Overcome the challenges arising from Brexit.

Both new and established collaborations allow the development of SRUK initiatives, including:

1.- **International research mobility between UK and Spain.** We offer fellowships focused on training and collaborative stays for undergraduates, master, PhD students, postdocs and lecturers (e.g. Summer studentships and On the Move fellowships)

2.- **Talent recruitment and networking opportunities.** We manage short-term fellowships and forum events to connect British, Spanish and European researchers and research groups to facilitate new collaborations for funding and job opportunities (University of A Coruña short fellowships, Physics and Cancer forum events). We collaborated with RAICEX' initiatives to promote and support the connections between Spanish researchers and organisations around the world.

3.- **Professional development and awards.** We provide informative, training and mentoring schemes that advice about alternative or complementary research pathways (e.g. Researchers as Teachers) and enrich the CVs of our members (e.g. Young Basque Investigator Award).



DEPARTAMENTO DE RELACIONES INTERNACIONALES

SRUK/CERU tiene como un objetivo fundacional ser **intermediario de la Ciencia**, para ello busca establecer acuerdos con instituciones científicas españolas. Estos convenios quieren estimular colaboraciones entre España y Reino Unido que ayuden a atraer fondos internacionales y que promuevan la movilidad entre ambos países. Las iniciativas desarrolladas dentro del departamento de colaboraciones internacionales de SRUK engloban programas de movilidad para estudiantes e investigadores, posibilidades de transferencia de conocimiento, reclutamiento de talento así como desarrollo profesional y premios a la carrera investigadora.

2018/2019 HIGHLIGHTED PROGRAMMES AND EVENTS

On the Move Fellowships: The first edition of this brand new bi-directional mobility programme between UK and Spain has offered 110 research groups from all disciplines across several British Spanish Universities to host researchers (PhD students, postdocs and lecturers). From a total of 55 offered fellowships, 34 researchers will enjoy a research stay during 3-6 months.

SRUK Summer Studentships: Following the successful first edition of the SRUK-UAM summer studentships, more Spanish Universities (Universidad de Zaragoza and Universidad Francisco de Vitoria) have joined this scheme for its second edition. A total of 12 students will enjoy a summer research stay at different groups of SRUK members.

FUTURE INITIATIVES

Young Basque Investigator Award: During 2019, we will launch the second edition of the biannual award Young Basque Investigator in partnership with Bizkaia Talent. This aims to recognize and support the professional career of a young Spanish researcher linked to the Basque Autonomous Region who carries out their research activity in the United Kingdom.

Mentoring and mobility programme with the Universidad de La Laguna: PhD students from 2nd and 3rd year from the Universidad de la Laguna will have the chance to participate in virtual activities, professional courses or symposiums, linked with trained SRUK mentors that will advise them about their career. The students will enjoy after the mentoring period a research stay of 3 months at a hosting group in the UK different from their mentors'.

Cancer forum: SRUK will organise in autumn 2019 (UK) and spring 2020 (Spain) two symposiums focused on the frontiers of the oncology knowledge to discuss new advances and challenges in cancer and provide a meeting point between young researchers in the field from the UK, Spain and Germany to foster collaborations.

Partnerships

SRUK have signed different agreements with several Spanish institutions:

Universities	Networks	Charities and Foundations	Societies	Research Institutes
Universidad Autónoma de Madrid- UAM	Conferencia de Rectores de las Universidades Españolas – CRUE	Fundación Damián Rodríguez Olivares (DRO Foundation)	Asociación Española de Investigación sobre el Cáncer – ASEICA	Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas – CSIC
Universidad de Zaragoza - Unizar	Red de Universidades Valencianas por el fomento de la I+D - RUVID	Bizkaia Talent	Real Sociedad Española de Física (RSEF)	Fundación Instituto de Investigación Sanitaria de Aragón – IIS Aragón
Universidad Francisco de Vitoria - UFV	Fundación Pública Andaluza para la Investigación Biosanitaria Andalucía Oriental (FIBAO)	International Mentoring Foundation for the Advancement of Higher Education (IMFAHE)	Sociedad Española de Bioquímica y Biología Molecular (SEBBM)	Instituto de Investigaciones Biomédicas de Málaga – IBIMA
Universidad de La Laguna - ULL			Sociedad Española de Ingeniería Biomédica (SEIB)	

ONLINE DEPARTMENT

The Online Department

María Barreira (Director)

Community Managers

Sara Alvira
Olaya Muñoz
Patricia Bernal
Teresa Rayón
Miguel Cacho
Cecilia Alda

Regional Community Managers

Raúl de la Flor (Cambridge)
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Isabel Peset (NorthWest)
David Ruiz (NorthWest)
Sergio Silva (Oxford)
Mario González (Scotland)
Victoria Bueno (SouthWest)
Alba López (SouthWest)
Eduardo Oliver (Spain)
Margarita Segovia (Yorkshire)
Cristina Navarro (Yorkshire)



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Making SRUK a world-wide known brand

The SRUK Online department is responsible of **all SRUK online communications**, from our website to our social media. Our goal is to keep our members updated with all the events and initiatives organized by our society and the latest news about science and research. We also work to increase SRUK's visibility world-wide through **Internet and social media**.

This department is composed by 18 volunteers, known as community managers, some of which are regional community managers, responsible for advertising events taking place in their constituency. All community managers work in a daily basis to manage and maintain the following:

1. **SRUK website:** we are in charge of the maintenance and management of our website. This website has enabled our members to be updated with the **latest events and activities**, manage their **membership profile and finances** and register to **new initiatives and programs**. In addition, it has also improved our visibility and reputation to both internal and external audiences. During this year, our department has been working to improve the website features to meet SRUK needs.
2. **SRUK Corporate image:** Since July 2017, we have worked on the establishment of a new SRUK corporate image, more homogenous, professional and stylish, that has helped in the development of the **SRUK brand**.
3. **SRUK Social media:** . We have reached **5317 followers in Facebook, 3368 in Twitter and 793 in LinkedIn**. We have tackled a wide range of matters and we have participated in social media campaigns, with a special focus on science policy, Women in STEM, and science outreach. We have also reactivated our **YouTube Channel** where our members and the general public can find the latest videos of our events and enjoy interesting webinars organised by SRUK.

If you are interested in joining the Online Department or you have any enquiry regarding our website or social media, please contact us at: online@sruk.org.uk

EL DEPARTAMENTO DE COMUNICACIÓN ONLINE Y REDES SOCIALES

El departamento de comunicación online y redes sociales se encarga de visibilizar el trabajo de CERU a través de Internet y las redes sociales. Esta labor ha servido para conectar investigadores, promocionar eventos y dar difusión a becas, premios y nuevas iniciativas de la asociación, pero también para la participación activa de CERU en campañas e iniciativas relacionadas con política científica, el papel de las mujeres en la Ciencia y la Investigación. Este año hemos continuado mejorando nuestra web, además de implementar la imagen corporativa de CERU. Además, hemos seguido trabajando en nuestras redes sociales, donde seguimos experimentando un aumento constante del número de seguidores, y hemos dinamizado nuestro canal de YouTube donde nuestros socios y seguidores pueden encontrar vídeos de algunos de los últimos eventos y webinarios organizados por CERU.

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PRESS DEPARTMENT

News from Researchers to Society

The Press Department

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Season 5:

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Beatriz Baño Otálora and Angélica Santiago Gómez(2016 August 2018) (Northwest)

Toni Ferragud (until August 2018) and **Juan Manuel Bermúdez García** (October 2018 - April 2019) (Cambridge)

Eva Latorre (until August 2018) and **Iñigo Urrutia** (Southwest)

Miguel Jodra Davó

Susana de Lucas

Olaya Muñoz Azcarate

Margarita Segovia (Yorkshire)

Sergio Silva (from June 2018) (Oxford)

The Press Department works to improve the visibility of SRUK initiatives. Formed by an enthusiastic team of volunteers, it serves as a link between SRUK members, constituencies and departments with the media and the public. We act as the main point of contact for journalists at local, national and international level.

From June 2018, the Press Department has issued (alone or in coordination with partner institutions) 13 press releases covering from our Annual Symposium to other initiatives such as the SRUK Emerging Talent and the Merit Award. This year, SRUK appeared in the media more than 100 times, including general and specialised press, radio, television and digital media.



The Press Department does not only promote our Society’s activities but is also in charge of disseminating the research of our more than 700 members. In the last year, SRUK researchers’ achievements have been covered by the media more than 10 times. In addition, as part of SRUK outreach program, the Press Department produces the **SRUK Blog 1,2,3... Explore!** and the radio program **“En Fase Experimental”**. Our monthly radio program includes the latest scientific news and interviews to researchers, serving as the perfect platform to reach the general public. We are present in the main podcast platforms such as iVoox, iTunes, Spotify and Youtube; where our programs have reached more than 2000 listenings. Our loyal audience comes from Spain, UK and also Latin America! Likewise, the **SRUK Blog 1,2,3...Explore!** helps to disseminate the research made by SRUK members, also improving their communication and outreach skills in English and Spanish. Last year, our blog received more than 1,000 single visitors. Our posts cover broad topics from dating Palaeolithic art to the use of Maths in measuring urban pollution. Physics, Chemistry, Engineering, Biosciences, Social Sciences, History and other topics are welcome!

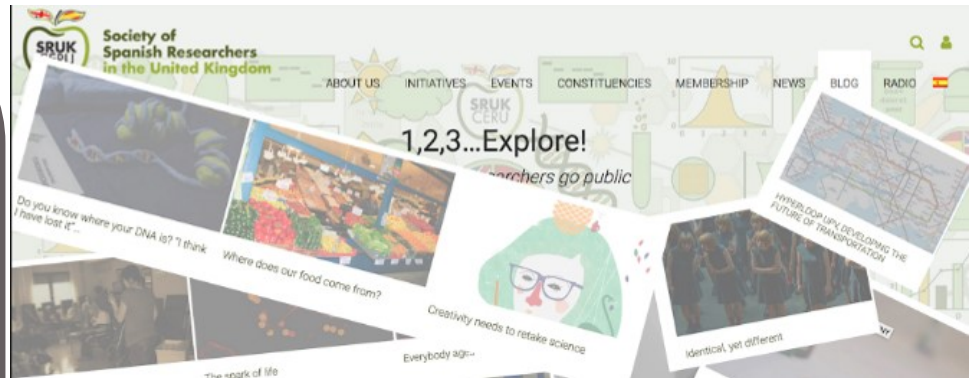
We still have many goals to achieve! The SRUK Press Department aims to promote the visibility of SRUK in the British media and to build a solid communication strategy for SRUK in collaboration with the Online and Communication Department.

If you are interested in joining The Press Department, please contact us at: press@sruk.org.uk

EL DEPARTAMENTO DE PRENSA DE CERU

Difundir las actividades de CERU y de sus socios en los medios de comunicación del Reino Unido y España es el principal objetivo del departamento de prensa de CERU, en el que trabajan más de 15 voluntarios de las diferentes delegaciones. El departamento de prensa potencia la visibilidad de las iniciativas de CERU en los medios a través de notas de prensa y la publicación de artículos de opinión. Además, difunde los trabajos de investigación de los socios de CERU tanto en los medios de comunicación como en sus propios canales de divulgación: El blog **1,2,3... Explore!** y el programa de radio **“En Fase Experimental”**.

For more information please contact press@sruk.org.uk



The “En fase experimental” team during one of the programmes

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Get the most out of your time in the UK with the SRUK Professional Development scheme.

SRUK TRAVEL GRANTS 2019

Members of the SRUK Fellowship Committee:

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Natalia Mallo
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We look forward to launching a new call for Travel Grants in December 2019!

In April 2019, for the 6th consecutive year, SRUK awarded ten members a travel grant to help supporting the costs of presenting their research at conferences all over the world. To improve the career prospects of our more junior members, we decided to restrict the call to members that do not hold a permanent position. 27 applications were received and evaluated by the SRUK Scientific Committee on the basis of the applicant's CV, a lay abstract describing their work, and the expected benefit to the applicant from attending the conference.

The SRUK Travel Grants 2019 awardees are:

Olivia Afonso

Marta Broto Avilés

Miguel Cacho Soblechero

Jesús García Ovejero

Estela González Gualda

José Pedro Manzano Patrón

Alejandro Melero Carrillo

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CIENCIA UK2018

LA CARRERA INVESTIGADORA EN ACADEMIA, INDUSTRIA Y ALTERNATIVAS EN REINO UNIDO



CIENCIAUK 2018

In 2018, SRUK returned to Madrid in November to provide young researchers and students with a view of the different pathways in which they can develop a research career. SRUK gathered together more than 70 people in *Fundación Ramón Areces*. Talks from speakers gave insightful examples of the research career paths in the UK, both in academia and in other science-related jobs, we heard from entrepreneurs and well-established senior academics, as well as getting to know the importance of soft and transferable skills in your academic and scientific career. At the end, we debated how the Brexit process would impact the research and innovation landscape in the UK and any future relationship between the two countries. This event, which has now been celebrated in Madrid for 5 consecutive years, will continue to bring innovative approaches to foster professional development of Spanish young researchers.

Some of the speakers and organisers at CienciaUK2018.



RESEARCHERS AS TEACHERS

Researchers working in academia that follow a “traditional” progression path will encounter, at some point in their career, the need to teach their expertise in a higher education system. This step is often a milestone to secure a permanent position both in Spain and in other countries such as the UK.

SRUK, in collaboration with professionals at the University of Sheffield, designed a series of webinars to explore the different aspects of teaching in higher education from a research context. The programme aimed to help participants understand the British and Spanish Higher Education systems, explain steps they might take towards obtaining the required qualifications and/or accreditation, encourage reflection, and provide guidance and ideas towards the development of job and fellowship applications.

The course consisted of five sessions:

- The British system for higher education teaching.
- The Spanish system for higher education teaching (including ANECA accreditation).
- 8 questions to make you a pedagogical pro.
- One-to-One and small group teaching.
- On reflection: personal path towards teaching as a researcher.



The programme gathered nearly 50 registrations and webinars were recorded. This material is an asset of SRUK members as it is available on request.

THE SRUK SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

The SRUK Scientific Committee participates in scientific evaluations of SRUK initiatives and provides advice to the board of directors on scientific matters. The Scientific Committee evaluates the SRUK Travel Grants, the Young Basque Investigator Award, the British Spanish Society scholarships, and the abstracts submitted to the SRUK Annual International Symposium.

Members of the SRUK Scientific Committee

Nerea Alonso (Chair), University of Edinburgh, **Cristina Delgado**, Protein Pharmaceuticals, **Carmen Domene**, University of Bath, **Javier Feijoo**, Universidad del País Vasco, **Nuria Ferrandiz Díaz**, MRC-Imperial College London, **Francisco Flórez-Revuelta**, Universidad de Alicante, **Víctor Flors**, Universidad Jaume I de Castellón, **Moisés García Arencibia**, Universidad de las Palmas de Gran Canaria, **Rocío Gómez**, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, **María Hernández Fuentes**, UCB Pharma, **Julia Herrero Albillos**, Centro Universitario de la Defensa de Zaragoza, **Francisco López Cantos**, Universidad Jaume I de Castellón, **Gloria López Castejón**, University of Manchester, **Victoria Pastor**, Universidad Jaume I de Castellón, **Juan Suárez**, Agency of the Forestry Commission Northern Research Station, **Marta Vila Pueyo**, King's College London, **Cecilia Alda Vidal**, University of Manchester, **Desireé Villahermosa**, University of Sussex, **Antonio de la Vega**, University of Sheffield, **Miguel Cacho Soblechero**, Imperial College London*, **José Miguel Bermúdez Menéndez**, Imperial College London, **Roberto Carlos Naranjo**, University of Edinburgh, **Alfredo Miguel Anton Sanchez**, GMV, **Natalia Mallo**, University of Glasgow, **Silvia Corrochano**, Medical Research Council Oxford.

*only reviewed the BSS call

The scientific committee is renewed periodically. Please contact roving@sruk.org.uk if you want to take part.

MENTORING PROGRAMME

The Mentoring Committee

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Ana del Río



EL PROGRAMA DE MENTORING

CERU continúa con el Programa de Mentoring después de su primera edición lanzada en 2016. En un mundo cada vez más competitivo, la necesidad de aprender habilidades transferibles para el desarrollo de la carrera profesional, así como el hecho de conocer la existencia de otras salidas profesionales, es imprescindible para la continua progresión profesional; los programas de Mentoring es una forma de acercarse a desarrollar estas nuevas competencias.

El Programa de Mentoring de CERU va por su III Edición que justo acaba de dar comienzo con un total de 76 participantes. Tanto el número de participantes como la satisfacción de los mismos en el programa ha ido aumentando paulatinamente entre las ediciones, siendo actualmente más de un 70% de mentores/mentees que valoran el programa como bueno o excelente.

SRUK is aware of the issues that most researchers will face when developing their research career. Along a career-building path, it is necessary to acquire additional skills, plan next steps, to learn how to manage and collaborate with colleagues.

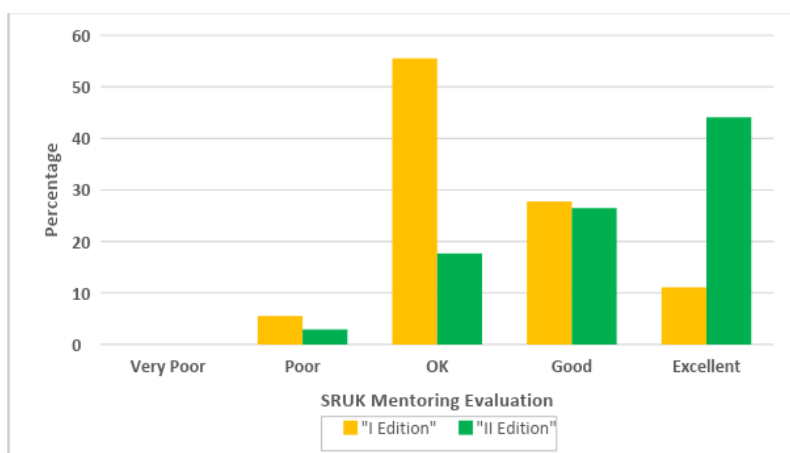
The SRUK Mentoring Programme supports Spanish researchers in the development of their careers in the UK. The acquisition of additional skills to wisely design your own career-path and to enrich your professional development is broadly required to drive yourself into a successful career and also, with a life balance as a trade-off. On the other hand, there are so many alternatives to the academia that they may not have full visibility, the fact to get them to know should facilitate the opening of new options in anyone's career.

The SRUK Mentoring Programme has been running since 2016. The number of participants has been consistently increasing (from 42 at the I Edition up to a total of 76 participants at the 2019-2020 SRUK Mentoring Programme).

We have new mentees/mentors that have joined in this new edition and the ones that have decided to continue with their mentoring partnership beyond their edition.

Along the years that the SRUK Mentoring Programme has been operating, the improvement of the quality by a continuous monitoring of the satisfaction of the mentors/mentees has been the main driven to define the activities and to challenge ourselves to tweak the programme to customize it for our participants.

The tracking of this satisfaction between the I and II SRUK Mentoring Programme Editions has significantly increased; over 70% of the participants from the II edition considers that the Programme is good or excellent (up from 40% in the I edition).



These empowering results boost the Mentoring Committee to progress ahead in continuous improvement of the Programme to support our members to build up a successful (and happy) career path.

SRUK EMERGING TALENT 2019

Supported by:



SRUK Emerging Talent Award 2019 Finalists:

Meritxell Huch Ortega
Pablo Lamata de la Orden
Lucas Lacasa
Amalio Fernández Pacheco

SRUK Emerging Talent Award Evaluation Panel:

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 Heriot-Watt University

Laura Lechuga
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Recognising and fostering Spanish talent in the UK

We are very pleased to have launched the fourth edition of the SRUK Emerging Talent Award supported by *Fundación Banco Santander* under its “Young Talent” programme. The aim of this award is to recognise and support a promising young Spanish researcher who has developed his/her career in the UK.

The prize consists of £14,000 to be invested in the development of the awardee’s career, such as research-related tasks, dissemination of recent results, specialised training or family arrangements. This award also seeks to increase the visibility of the winner’s research to both British and Spanish societies.

Dr Marc Vendrell wins the 2019 SRUK Emerging Talent Award



Dr Marc Vendrell started his independent career at The University of Edinburgh in 2012 with the vision of translating fluorescent chemical probes to the clinic, and was awarded an Academic Fellowship from the Medical Research Council. His research group has pioneered the development of chemical fluorophores for high-resolution imaging of biological systems, showing exceptional production, innovation

and creativity. Marc has delivered numerous high-impact publications (>3,000 citations), demonstrated academic leadership by supervising a total of 35 students and postdocs, and secured over €5M funding from highly competitive sources, including an ERC Consolidator Grant in 2017. He is also co-inventor of multiple patents, which led to several agreements with biotech and pharma companies.

His research has been recognised with international distinctions and awards, including Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry (2017), the RSEQ Marcial Moreno Lectureship (2018), and his participation in the FLIER Programme from the Academy of Medical Sciences (2019). Marc will use this Award to organise a series of cross-collaborative workshops in Spanish hospitals to bring together research scientists, clinicians and patients from UK and Spain. This initiative will foster long-standing collaborations and facilitate the translation of new imaging technologies into hospitals.

We received 13 high-quality applications that have been assessed by the designated scientific panel. Based on their evaluations, the awardee was ratified by a jury composed by representatives of SRUK, the Emerging Talent Award evaluation panel, the *Fundación Banco Santander*, *Fundación Ramón Areces*, the Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology (FECYT), and the Office of Cultural and Scientific Affairs of the Embassy of Spain in the United Kingdom.

For more information please contact awards@sruk.org.uk

SRUK SCIENCE ME A STORY 2018



We are pleased to have launched the 1st edition of Science-me a story, sponsored by Lilly Foundation and with the collaboration of Principia and The University of Liverpool. The aim of the contest was to promote science using short stories as a tool to communicate and engage primary school children. The winning stories received a monetary prize and, together with the finalists, were published online in Principia magazine and the Literature science Hub from The University of Liverpool. The stories covered a variety of topics, from missing codes to dividing cells, superheroes curing diseases or shooting stars. A closing award ceremony was held in Autumn at the Manchester Institute Cervantes.

Awarded stories in the Spanish Category:

1. **“Maria y el código perdido”** Dr. Ester Martí Sentañe, Historian at Istituto di Storia dell'Europa Mediterranea - CNR
2. **“Una hermana para la célula Celia”** Ana Isabel Rodríguez Rodríguez, 3rd year PhD student at Edinburgh University.
3. **“Se caen las estrellas”** Dr. Consuelo Cid Tortuero, Lecturer at Universidad of Alcalá and **“Hola Señora E.coli”** Dr Isabel Murillo Cabezas, Lecturer at University of Bristol

Awarded stories in the English Category:

1. **“Normal Jenny”** Anthony Lewis, Multimedia producer and Graphic designer for Science
2. **“The banyan Tree”** Eleanor Palmer, 3rd year Medical student at University of Manchester
3. **“A reef to call home”** Asiem Sanyal, Marine Biologist



From left to right Ana Isabel Rodríguez Rodríguez, Isabel Peset, Maider Jauregi Sagar and Esther Martí during the awards ceremony.

“Writing this story for the competition was a great springboard. I’d wanted to experiment with short stories to communicate science for a while, and this was just the nudge I needed” Anthony Lewis, Science-me a story 2018 first prize.

THE VI INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM SRUK

Members of the Organising Committee

Nerea Alonso (Chair), **Alba Abad** (Science Zone coordinator), **Sandra Alvarez**, **Miguel Cacho**, **Alazne Dominguez**, **Jesus García**, **Ignacio Jiménez**, **Beatriz Larraz**, **Natalia Mallo**, **Marta Moris**, **Roberto Naranjo**, **Iria Poncela**, **Ana Isabel Rodríguez**, **Margarita Segovia**, **Natalia Torrea**, **Desiree Villahermosa**, **Larissa Zárate**

Advisors:

Miguel Garcia and **David Gonzalez**

Support:

Mario Gonzalez, Director of Scotland constituency



Delegates at the conference dinner enjoying a traditional ceilidh

One more year, we got together to share our work with other members in our Annual International Symposium

The VI SRUK International Symposium, entitled “Back to the future”, was held in Glasgow from 1st-3rd June 2018.

This was the first time this event was organised outside London, and showed a great success, with more than 180 attendees, including **Prof Jonathan Cooper**, Vice-principal for International Knowledge Exchange from the University of Glasgow, **Mr Ricardo Martínez Vázquez**, General Consul of Spain in Edinburgh, and **Mr Miguel Oliveros**, minister counsellor for Cultural and Scientific Affairs at the Spanish Embassy in London.

We put together an exciting 2-day programme focused on humanities and state-of-the-art engineering techniques and invited world leaders in Archaeology, Palaeontology, History and Engineering. This event was coordinated with the activities of the Year of Promotion of the Spanish Science and Culture that the Spanish Embassy organised for 2018 in Glasgow.

In the morning of the first day (Saturday), we focused on a journey through History, starting with the keynote speaker Prince of Asturias Awardee, **Prof José María Bermúdez de Castro**, director of the UNESCO Heritage site Atapuerca in Spain, followed by a round table about the convenience of re-opening Altamira caves, which contain invaluable prehistorical art. We invited **Dr Xurxo Ayán** from University of Pais Vasco, **Dr Blanca Ochoa**, from University of Durham, and **Dr Gabriel Moshenka** from University College London, all experts in historical patrimony conservation. They presented the pros and cons of re-opening the caves, and gave a summary of the current status of Altamira, which involves politicians, experts, and the general public. Attendees actively engaged in the discussion with the panel.

Then, **Prof Kevin Schurer**, from University of Leicester, presented his key contribution as a genealogist to discover the remains of Richard III. Finally, the Social Science and History section of the symposium was closed by **Prof Patricia Fara**, from University of Cambridge, who enlightened us about the influence of suffragettes in the role of the women in modern science.

On Saturday afternoon, we held a session about the future of research from an engineering point of view. **Javier Arroyo** and **Manuel Martínez**, director and software manager, respectively, of Hyperloop UPV Team were the first speakers of the session

They presented Hyperloop, an initiative thought by Elon Musk, CEO of Tesla, as a world-wide engineering contest to design a train to travel at more than 1,200 km/h. The UPV Team has won two prizes in the 2016 edition, and shortlisted among the 10 best projects in 2017. The next talk focused on the role of robots in daily life, given by **Prof Ruth Aylett**, from University of Heriot-Watt. We then moved to the application of engineering in biomedicine, with two talks from University of Glasgow's **Prof David Cumming** about the use of metabolomics in clinical practice, and **Prof Liz Tanner**, who presented her work on biomaterials to be used in patients with bone diseases.

During the breaks, attendees had the opportunity to approach informative stands within the dedicated space in the common areas. They could also have informal chats with **Dr Rocío Gómez**, from the Universidad Autonoma of Madrid, who presented the UAM-SRUK Summer Fellowship programme. **Dr Lorenzo Melchor** and **Dr Cristina Gracia**, from Fecyt, provided information about grants and fellowships to support mobility. Moreover, **Dr Ginés Martínez** from 3f bio, a biotech company based in Glasgow, gave the vision of scientists working in industry.

During our Sunday session, we run some mini-workshops targeting career development issues: transition academia-industry with **Dr Ginés Martínez**; funding opportunities with **Dr Cristina Gracia**; mentoring as a tool to boost your scientific career, with **Dr Patricia Forcén**, **Dr Ana del Río**, and **Ms Elena Moreno**; and

questions to make you pedagogically pro, with **Dr Darcey Gillie**. In parallel, we hosted a mini-science festival: "Science Zone" with the objective to bring the science done by our members to the British society. Scientists participating in this festival presented their research in an engaging and inspiring way for the public, through games, activities and workshops. We had seven activities developed and delivered by SRUK members and other invited participants, focusing in different topics, like DNA, virus and bacteria, evolution, fluids, food, and science in the kitchen.

The social programme of the Symposium included a welcome reception at the beautiful City Chambers in Glasgow, kindly offered by Lord Provost of Glasgow to greet all attendees. We also organised a Gala dinner followed by a ceilidh, a traditional Scottish dance, with the Science Ceilidh Band, a fun and exercising way of breaking the ice and cheering the attendees.

To close the VI Annual Symposium, we held the Merit Award Ceremony with awardee Prof **Mercedes Maroto Valer**, from University of Heriot-Watt, Edinburgh, who gave us a speech about her work on developing clean technologies to meet the worldwide strive for energy and the importance of international collaborations and diversity in research. The SRUK Travel Awards, Best poster presentation award, and Best Science Zone activity award were also handed.



Attendees to the VI International Symposium in Glasgow

SRUK Wom=n Equity & Research

Promoting gender equity and diversity in research

The SRUK Wom=n Equity & Research Committee Members

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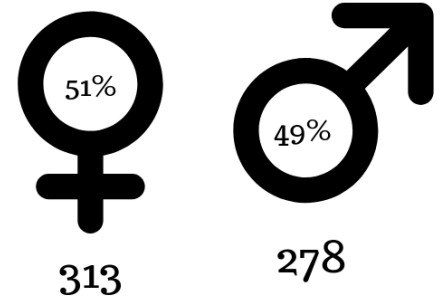
EL COMITÉ DE WOM=N

El Comité de Mujer en Investigación y Equidad de CERU da visibilidad al papel de la mujer en ciencia, promueve su desarrollo profesional y favorece la conciliación familiar. Entre otras actividades, CERU ha trabajado con colegios de primaria para despertar vocaciones, ha recogido datos sobre la percepción y experiencia de género a través de una encuesta entre investigadores en España para generar evidencia sobre la desigualdad de género, ha organizado webinarios de desarrollo profesional para la mujer en ciencia y, en febrero 2019, ha participado en múltiples eventos con motivo del Día Internacional de la Mujer y la Niña en Ciencia.

For more information please contact women@sruk.org.uk

This year, the committee has continued working on 1) raising awareness of the role of women in research, 2) promoting women professional development and 3) supporting work-life-family balance.

1. The program "Awakening vocations" have worked with young children to **awake scientific vocations** and to inspire role models. We reached 313 girls and 278 boys aged 6-12, from 6 primary schools in Spain and the Spanish primary school in London Cañada Blanch.



Number of children in schools participating in "Awakening Vocations 2019"

2. The **SRUK Survey on Gender Perception and Experience** collected more than 2,600 responses between February and May 2018. Data from 1,295 researchers working in Spain allow us to **provide evidence of how researchers perceive and experience gender bias in Spanish research institutions** in 5 categories: perception, recruitment, job and career, professional development and career breaks .

All this work will soon be published in a report to highlight the main findings from this survey and aimed at researchers, universities or

3. In partnership with **11febrero.org**, SRUK celebrated the **International Day of Women and Girls in Science**. Five events took place in different constituencies during February 2018 to give visibility to the work of women in science

4. A series of **webinars to promote the professional career development of women in science** were organized between May and November 2018 to focus on those aspects that are limiting women's progression to senior positions. These include **leadership skills, imposter syndrome, career re-entry fellowships and mentoring for women**.

5. SRUK has encouraged the celebration of events that facilitate the development of a research career while having family care responsibilities through the organization of **"family-friendly" events**.

LONDON CONSTITUENCY

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The London Regional Board

Plans 2019/2020

We will organise scientific seminars such as “The Future Of”, but also an exciting scientific visit to Kew Gardens that will include some surprises, as well as an event focused on Archaeology. We will continue organising our very dear social events: Summer Picnic in Hyde Park, the Welcome Party, the Annual Assembly and the Christmas dinner.

London is a world capital that is home for several world leading universities. Its vibrant lifestyle is imprinted in a big and active research community. The London Constituency currently has more than 110 members. Our members range from MSc and PhD students, postdoctoral researchers, and principal investigators and Research Institutes as well as in the private sector.

Events 2018/2019

The London constituency has kept a busy schedule this 2018/2019 academic year, with a range of social and scholar events that have brought together SRUK members, institutions and the London society with an interest in science. We have kept the traditions alive by dedicating much of our activity to social gatherings and networking. We welcomed a very warm summer with a “**Summer Picnic**” in Hyde Park. We organised our **Annual Assembly**, followed by our **Welcome Party** for “New Londoners” in October 2018. Many people had the chance to speak with us about initiatives and ways to get involved. We did a great job, since our Working Group received many new volunteers in the following weeks. We closed 2018 with the traditional festive “**Christmas dinner**” in collaboration with the Cambridge constituency.

Our scientific events season started with “**Science and Mental Health**”, where the speakers discussed the pressures of academia affecting the mental health of researchers. We celebrated the International Day of Women in Science and Technology with a roundtable on “**Women and Global Challenges**”, which brought to London Dr Jess Wade, Honorary Wikimedian of the Year 2018, and Dr Ana Puy, Director of the Women and Science unit, Cabinet of the Secretary of State for Universities, Research, Development & Innovation. We also enjoyed our first “**CineScience**”, with the documentary “**A Plastic Ocean**” and a discussion on the problematic of microplastics by two researchers working in the field. Additionally, our working group organised “**Alternatives to Academia**” roundtable, where researchers who left academia explained what their jobs were like. Last but not least, the second edition of our successful training course on “**Scientific Computing**”, giving the basics of programming to both SRUK and non-SRUK members. During this year, SRUK London has partnered with Ikerbasque and ACCIÓ Catalunya to co-organise events such as the “**Job Opportunities in Southern Europe**”, which brought together representatives of Spanish, Italian and Portuguese researchers associations to talk about international mobility.

LA DELEGACIÓN DE LONDRES

La delegación de Londres es la más numerosa de CERU. Desde nuestra posición central en la capital del Reino Unido, tenemos la oportunidad de colaborar con numerosos organismos, asociaciones e instituciones cuya sede está en Londres. Realizamos actividades destinadas a ampliar las opciones laborales de los científicos, a dar a conocer la ciencia que hacen nuestros miembros al resto del público, así como eventos sociales donde miembros y no miembros pueden interactuar, hacer networking, y ampliar su red de contactos sociales y profesionales.

OXFORD CONSTITUENCY

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The Oxford Regional Board

The Oxford Constituency currently counts with 37 members, distributed among a high number of disciplines in academia and industry. Our members are PhD students, post-doctoral researchers and principal investigators. On the private sector, we also have members working on different biotechnology and engineering companies located in Oxford and its neighbouring towns.

Events 2018/2019

This year, our constituency has emphasised the professional development workshops. In September we ran a one-day workshop in Brookes University on **Statistics for Researchers** taught by Dr. Carlos Fresneda Portillo, with hands-on activities using the R software. In May, we hosted a professional development workshop, part of the SRUK careers seminars: **“Get hired in industry! Science careers outside academia”**. We had a wide range of talks and heard different experiences from Sue Rees (Global Safety Amgen), María Hernandez Fuentes (UCB) and different SRUK members. In November, we screened the documentary **A Plastic Ocean** at The Queen’s College, contributing to the initiative of engaging everyone in a conversation to rethink plastic. Among the research seminars, we had the biochemistry talk **“Reach & touch a molecule”** by Ángel Herráez Sánchez in January and a colloquium in June

“Journalism in the 21st century: more important than ever” with Eduardo Suárez, followed by a discussion where the attendees actively participated. One of our largest events was the **“High Speed Research Seminar”** in collaboration with the SRUK target network of Science, Technology & Engineering, the Oxford University Spanish Society and Brookes University.



Screening of the documentary A Plastic Ocean

The engineers: Raúl Úbeda (Renault), Leila Álvarez (Renault), Rachel Nichols (Mercedes AMG Petronas) and Miguel Fernandes (Brookes University) gave an overview of their profiles and research, its importance and challenges. As part of the activities of the International Day of Women and Girls in Science, we had a special **7th edition of our popular minisymposium** in February, where our guest speakers were all female SRUK members. In March we celebrated the International Day of Women, with our very successful guided tour entitled **“Women that changed the world: pioneers in science and arts”**, where we walked through Oxford city centre, linking iconic places to women who made decisive contributions to science and arts.

Plans 2019/2020

During the second half of 2019 we will organise a seminar on language, targeting the researchers in Humanities. We will run again the workshop on statistics, continue organising mini-symposia, scientific seminars, documentary screenings and social events.

LA DELEGACIÓN DE OXFORD

La delegación de Oxford, creada hace cinco años, mantiene un número de socios similar al del año pasado. Entre las actividades que organizamos, cabe destacar el seminario de Fórmula 1 con la red de ingeniería, los talleres de desarrollo profesional en estadística, la transición academia-industria, y eventos de Mujer y Ciencia. Además, Oxford participó en la proyección del documental “Un Océano Plástico” en distintas delegaciones como parte de la campaña para concienciar sobre el uso responsable del plástico.

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CAMBRIDGE CONSTITUENCY

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The Cambridge Regional Board

Plans 2019/2020

We are organizing a scientific photography competition and a seminar about different model organisms in disease studies.

Also, we will continue with our Pint of Knowledge and several social events.

Cambridge has a historical reputation being one of the world's oldest and best Universities. 107 affiliates of the university have been awarded The Nobel Prize as a result of the very high discoveries studied in its walls. This creates the perfect environment for researchers from different disciplines.

Events 2018/2019

We have been very active organizing scientific and social events this year. We opened the course with our traditional **Summer BBQ**, which took place with the company of a perfect weather and very nice people. Another social event was a fantastic brunch organized at Hughes Hall College, with great networking.

The Annual Assembly took place in November with high participation of our members giving as result a new local board.

This year we had lots and interesting talks with Scientists from different backgrounds and topics in our very popular **Pint of Knowledge**: theoretical physics, Psychology in addictions and controlling fear, DNA nanotechnology and about the important game of cell competition.

As in previous years, we contributed to the commemoration of the **International Day of Women and Girls in Science** in collaboration with Hughes Hall College. The seminar titled "Mum, I want to be a Scientist" was a very interesting event with 3 important women researchers: Emeritus Professor Margaret Stanley (Pathology Department), precursor in the papillomavirus studies; Dr. Amanda Sferruzi-Perri (Lecturer in PDN Department), involved in studies about pregnancy problems; and, Ms Parthena Exizidou (Engineer at British Antarctic Survey). They shared with a big audience their professional and personal experiences.

Also, this year we participated in the fabulous event **CineScience** in

collaboration with several constituencies. In this event, we screened the interesting documentary "A Plastic Ocean" followed by very participative round table.

Finally, we are collaborating in other initiatives such as IberoArch UK conference organized by Archaeologists in the University of Cambridge.



Summer BBQ

LA DELEGACIÓN DE CAMBRIDGE

La delegación de Cambridge ha tenido gran actividad este año. Comenzamos con actividades sociales como la BBQ de verano y una comida en el Hughes Hall College. En noviembre, se votó la nueva directiva local en nuestra asamblea anual. Además, hemos contado con numerosas charlas divulgativas de la mano de científicos procedentes de varios campos de investigación. Hemos colaborado en varias iniciativas como la celebración del día Internacional de la mujer y la niña en la ciencia, con las charlas de tres importantes investigadoras, y con la visualización del documental "A Plastic Ocean", relativo a la contaminación oceánica. Finalmente, estamos apoyando otras iniciativas como el congreso organizado por arqueólogos de la Universidad de Cambridge, IberoArch UK.

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The South-West working group

The South-West Constituency is composed of several scientific nuclei throughout the South-West area including Bristol, Bath, Cardiff and Exeter among other smaller cities. The coincidence of this constituency with the GW4 Alliance provides a fantastic opportunity to foster scientific collaborations between the most research-intensive and innovative universities of the South-West. We work hard in involving, engaging and bringing together SRUK members and local academics from different research areas of these Universities.

Events 2018/2019

Moreover, we have gained important and invaluable visibility in the city of Bristol and at the University of Bristol, being involved in international support programs and collaborating with several research institutes and outreach teams. Among the activities organised in 2018/2019, we have organised seminars, social and scientific events. The most important activity was the **“Magic of Neuroscience”** one-day event where we invited several experts from both academia and private companies to show us how our mind can be tricked. We also prepared a workshop for both children and adults afterwards that was a complete success. More recently, we celebrated the day of **women and girl in science** by inviting Jane Duffus to explain the contribution of several Bristolian women to science advances.



Speakers and organisers of the event ‘The Magic of Neuroscience’

LA DELEGACIÓN DE SOUTH-WEST

La delegación South West se encuentra situada en uno de los núcleos científicos más importantes de Gran Bretaña. La reciente alianza de las universidades de Bristol, Cardiff, Bath y Exeter - GW4 Allianz- supone el reclutamiento y acopio de un gran número de investigadores nacionales e internacionales en esta región. Esta afortunada particularidad hace que la delegación South West sea altamente fructífera en transferencia de conocimiento y oportunidades laborales. Gracias al trabajo que ha realizado el grupo de trabajo, la delegación South West ha ganado mucha visibilidad, especialmente en la Universidad de Bristol colaborando en programas internacionales, con departamentos de divulgación científica y con distintos institutos de investigación.

Plans 2019/2020

We are organising an important event for Summer 2019 - “Science and cinema” – where we will talk about how each one has contributed to the development of the other one. Besides, we will have another event about the science of food to address several myths and more recent hot topics that have been in media and are defining society’s eating behaviours. We will continue celebrating regular social meetings to welcome to our growing new members (Freshers welcome and Christmas dinner) and exciting outreach events.

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YORKSHIRE CONSTITUENCY

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The Yorkshire Regional Board

Established in October 2015, the Yorkshire Constituency is currently formed by members working in a wide range of disciplines at the Universities of Bradford, Huddersfield, Hull, Leeds, Sheffield and York.

Events 2018/2019

In September 2018, we organised a social event (“**Welcome to Yorkshire**”) at the Adelphi Hotel in Leeds targeting potential members within the Universities of Yorkshire to raise awareness of the personal, academic and professional benefits that can be obtained by being an active member of SRUK. In the new term, we are planning to organise more casual meetings.

In December 2018, we celebrated the **SRUK V Christmas Seminar** focused on the scientific basis of Healthy diet, Exercise, and Wellbeing at the Norcroft Auditorium (University of Bradford). On the 1st of the December 2019, Professor Antonio Vidal-Puig (University of Cambridge) talked about ‘Adipose tissue expandability, lipotoxicity and metabolic syndrome’ and Dr Jack Garnham (University of Leeds) explained ‘The importance of exercise in preventing type-2 diabetes’. This was a very successful event which attracted dozens of undergraduate and postgraduate students from the region. After a copious healthy lunch (in agreement with the topic of the Christmas Seminar), 5-min flash talks were presented by students where they had the opportunity to summarise the progress of their research projects. The seminar ended with a friendly informal conversation between Prof Antonio Vidal-Puig and attendees about lifestyle factors, promotion of health and wellbeing, as well as tips on how to progress and develop research projects. This event received very positive feedback and importantly increased the visibility of SRUK within British research institutions such as the University of Bradford and the Institute of Cancer Therapeutics.

This year we have strengthened our collaborations with the Instituto Cervantes and the British Science Association throughout several local events like the CineScience series focused on social isolation and discrimination. ‘Salt dreams’ (*‘Sueños de Sal’ Alfredo Navarro, 2015*) was screened across four different venues in Sheffield and the Peak District between the 9th and the 12th of March 2019. These sessions were completed with a round-table led by researchers in the field and social workers and open to the audience. This CineScience series was supported by the Instituto Cervantes.

We are currently working on ‘searching for new active members interested in getting involved in SRUK activities related to promoting science communication between researchers and making accessible to the general public, develop collaborations between research institutions in UK and Spain, Science policy, etc.

Plans 2019/2020

We will organise some informal meetings within Yorkshire with the aim of attracting new local members. We are also planning to host a workshop between researchers and film studies to build science short films. If you are interested in participating in this event (open to all) please contact us at yorkshire@sruk.org.uk.

LA DELEGACIÓN DE YORKSHIRE

Este año desde la delegación de Yorkshire hemos organizado un Welcome to Yorkshire en Leeds, el V Seminario Científico en la Universidad de Bradford y una serie de CineScience en Sheffield y el Peak District gracias a la colaboración de la British Science Association y al apoyo del Instituto Cervantes y la Fundación Ramón Areces.

Nuestra intención para el año que viene es localizar a nuevos voluntarios interesados en participar en las tareas de la sociedad relacionadas con la difusión científica, política científica, y colaboraciones entre centros de investigación en el Reino Unido y España.

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THE NORTH-WEST CONSTITUENCY

The Northwest Constituency covers all the area from Liverpool to Carlisle. It currently has over 30 members, a vibrant group of people from diverse scientific backgrounds with different ideas and curiosities as reflected in our activities.

The North-West Regional Board

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The North-West Working Group

- Eva García** (Treasurer), **Beatriz Baño** (Press Officer), **Laura Martínez**, **Itziar Peñafiel**



The NorthWest Regional Board

Plans 2019/2020

We are organising a **Walking Tour** where we will discover Manchester, linking iconic places to people who made decisive contributions to science and arts. We will also enjoy our traditional **Summer BBQ**. Finally, we will finish this amazing year with a **Neuroscience Symposium**. We will foster our collaboration with the Instituto Cervantes and the University of Manchester in co-organising scientific events. We will continue organising events in other cities of our constituency to meet other SRUK members and increase our visibility.

Events 2018/2019

We are really excited about the initiatives launched this year! In September, we had a welcome event for new members where we introduced SRUK/CERU and our initiatives.

We had the pleasure of holding the Award Ceremony of **Science me a story**, our very first contest of short scientific stories for children. This first edition was a great success with more than 40 stories submitted! The ceremony was preceded by a Mini Storying Workshop driven by Dr Casale. The attendees had the chance to immerse in the pleasure of reading as well as trying their hand at creative writing.

Also, in collaboration with the University of Manchester and the Cervantes Institute four members of our constituency participated as speakers in the **invESTigadores/rEsearchers** outreach event. We also brought our **IV Pint of Knowledge** to Liverpool for the first time. The aim was to spread science all along the different cities within our constituency.

We decided to join the **CineScience** initiative and bring it to our Constituency. Our first screening was *A Plastic Ocean* about possible technology and policy solutions. In partnership with 11febrero.org, we celebrated the **International Day of Women and Girls in Science** with the screening of the documentary *Mercury 13*, the story of thirteen truly remarkable women who reached for the stars but were ahead of their time. After the screening we had a passionate and engaging debate about the visibility of the women's work in science.

We organized a **Workshop on Career Development** in which we talked about the diversity of career options for young researchers.

LA DELEGACIÓN DE NORTH-WEST

Este año hemos acogido la primera edición de **Ciencia-me un cuento**, un concurso de escritura de cuentos científicos para los más pequeños. También hemos organizado un **Workshop en Salidas Profesionales** orientado a los jóvenes investigadores. Además hemos traído a nuestra delegación el **CineScience**, una potente herramienta para acercar temas científicos de relevancia social al público en general. Hemos continuado organizando eventos de divulgación científica como el **Pint of Knowledge** o el ciclo de charlas **invESTigadores/rEsearchers**. También, no olvidarnos de nuestros eventos sociales como la **Fiesta de bienvenida**, la **Comida navideña** y la **BBQ de verano**.

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2018-2019 Local Board of Directors

LA DELEGACIÓN DE ESCOCIA

La delegación escocesa de SRUK/CERU se constituyó en marzo de 2015 y desde entonces es una de las más grandes, contando con miembros en las principales ciudades de esta región del Reino Unido (Aberdeen, Dundee, Edimburgo, Glasgow y Stirling). Durante la 2018/19, Escocia ha organizado casi un evento al mes que han incluido encuentros sociales, charlas científicas y actividades de divulgación. Además, Glasgow fue este año la sede del simposio internacional de SRUK/CERU.

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The SRUK Scottish constituency has more than 50 members working in different universities and companies in Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Paisley.

Events 2018/2019

This year outreach activities have been the most numerous. In September, in collaboration with the Edinburgh organization ASCUS Art + Science, we held the event "**Staining the brain**", where we could learn more about how our brain functions. We have also continued attending **science festivals all over Scotland**, like the "Bang goes the borders" in Melrose or the Midlothian Science Festival in Bonnyrigg, with the activity "The journey of DNA" in which the public could learn about the cell structure and the packaging of DNA in the nucleus. Finally, for the International Day of Women and Girls in Science, we organized in the Glasgow Science Centre the activity "**Building Women in Science**", in which the visitors of the museum knew from the hand of our members the inspiring life of five female scientists. The kids (and some grown-ups) also made funny clay figures inspired in what they had learned.

One of the most important events was the celebration of our 2nd **Science Connect Lecture**, which aims to show to the British scientific community the best research being done in Spain. On this occasion, the guest was Prof. Luis Liz Marzán from the institute CIC biomaGUNE, who talked at the University of Glasgow about "Plasmonic Nanoparticles. Synthesis, Self-Assembly, and Applications in Biosensing" and also visited the scientists of this institution. The day ended with a reception for the attendees and the giving of gifts to our guest.



Science Connect Lecture

In the social section, in addition to the informal networking that has followed each of the events described above, we visited the historic site of Penicuik in June, where we also had a picnic with paella and barbecue. In September we celebrated a welcome party for the new members of the delegation and in December we had our traditional Xmas lunch, in which the members enjoyed Spanish food including roscón de reyes.



Volunteers in "Building Women in Science"

Plans 2019/2020

Next season we are going to have a scientific meeting for the members of the constituency, we will continue with our fantastic social and outreach activities (in autumn we will organize our own science festival in a deprived area of Glasgow), and we will celebrate a new edition of our Science Connect Lecture .

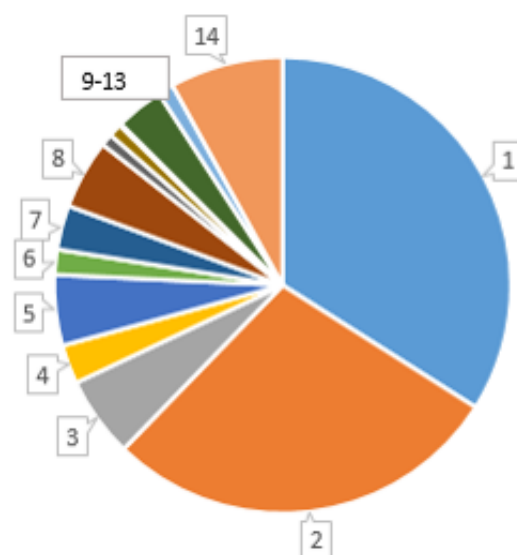
ECONOMIC REPORT

SRUK is a private company limited-by-guarantee operating as a non-profit organisation. Our annual membership fees provide autonomy and ensure basic operations of the society. In addition, during the period between July 2018 and July 2019, the Board has presented proposals and applied to specific calls to public and private institutions and it is thanks to our supporters that SRUK has developed an ambitious range of activities. **Our main supporter is the Fundación Ramón Areces that contributed to 34% of our income and 58% of that allocated to events this year.**

Income

Total £81.3K

1. Fundación Ramón Areces	27662	34%
2. Fundación Banco Santander	23000	28.3%
3. OCSA	4650	5.7%
4. FECYT	2250	2.8%
5. SRUK Membership Fees 2019 (up to July 2019)	4078	5%
6. SRUK Membership Fees 2018 (from July 2018)	1447	1.7%
7. Fundación Lilly	2552	3.1%
8. UK Science and Innovation Network	4000	4.9%
9. University of Bristol	700	0.86%
10. University of Liverpool	750	0.9%
11. Oxford Brookes University	120	0.15%
12. Francis Crick Institute	2750	3.4%
13. Fees VI Annual Symposium	900	1.1%
14. Surplus 2018	6519	8%



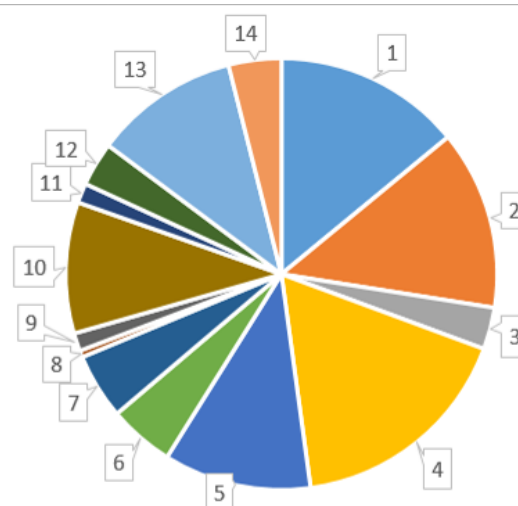
Our income has been the same with respect to last year. We continue operating with **an efficient economic policy**, that is, we try to make the most out of the income received.

ECONOMIC REPORT

Expenditure

Total £81.3K

1. Seminars, Workshops & Outreach Events 2018	11425	14%
2. VII Annual Symposium	10950	13.4%
3. Program DIVULGA (Science-me a story & Science Zone)	2552	3%
4. Emerging Talent Award 2019	14000	17.2%
5. Emerging Talent Ceremony 2019	9000	11%
6. Networking Event: Research in Cancer	4000	4.9%
7. Travel grants 2019	4000	4.9%
8. Microgrants	400	0.5%
9. Travel Boards of Directors	1100	1.4%
10. Web design	8000	9.8%
11. Web maintenance	1200	1.5%
12. Committees and departments	2687	3.3%
13. CienciaUK 2019	8850	10.9%
14. Other services	3214	3.9%



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STRATEGIC PLAN

SRUK is achieving its objectives and broadening our horizons. However, the current situations in Spain and the UK pose new challenges and opportunities to our Society and our members. In this environment, we will seek to build on our successes and devise new strategies to **consolidate SRUK** and ensure our **long-term sustainability** that will allow us to keep delivering benefits to our members .

OBJECTIVE 1: Scientific and Social Network

On-going and immediate plans	Long-term plans
<p>Grow in number of members: focus on senior researchers, members outside academia and social sciences</p> <p>Establish the constituency of The North-East</p> <p>Maintain our flagship annual calls for professional development (e.g., Mentoring and Travel Grants)</p> <p>Support the growth of underrepresented research areas and disciplines in our activities</p> <p>Keep offering our members opportunities for interaction with the media</p>	<p>Enhance the usability of the website as a tool to promote interactions among our members and further improve communication and interaction with our members</p> <p>Appoint support staff for SRUK</p> <p>Establish the North Ireland constituency</p>

OBJECTIVE 2: Science Outreach

On-going and immediate plans	Long-term plans
<p>Increase the impact of initiatives such as “Science in the Pub”, “CineScience” and participation in Science festivals</p> <p>Maintain key activities such as the SRUK Emerging Talent Award and the Young Basque Investigator Award</p> <p>Continue to support activities with children and teenagers.</p>	<p>Expand collaborations with British outreach institutions</p> <p>Consolidate outreach activities in schools</p> <p>Increase and consolidate our presence in the British media</p>

OBJECTIVE 3: Science Representatives

On-going and immediate plans	Long-term plans
<p>Update report with recommendations on Spanish science policy</p> <p>Continue collaborating with major British scientific institutions such as the Russell Group and BEIS regarding Brexit</p> <p>Continue collaborating with other associations of research diasporas in the UK</p> <p>Continue to meaningfully contribute to the activities of RAICEX</p>	<p>Consolidate a plan for further contacts with British scientific</p> <p>Serve as science policy advisors in Spain and in the UK</p> <p>Strengthen collaborations with the <i>Consejo de Residentes en el Exterior</i> as the representative council of Spaniards in UK</p> <p>Continue our advocacy work with Spanish political parties, parliamentary groups and representatives of Government</p>

OBJECTIVE 4: Science Mediators between Spain and the UK

On-going and immediate plans	Long-term plans
<p>Seek to promote the interaction with companies in our most important events</p> <p>Strengthen our collaborations with Spanish institutions to offer placements and mentoring opportunities to Spanish students</p> <p>Deepen the collaboration with Spanish societies (e.g., ASEICA)</p> <p>Consolidate the ‘SRUK On the Move’ mobility fellowships</p>	<p>Academia-Industry exchange scheme</p> <p>Increase the number of sponsors and partners, particularly Spanish R&D companies to support new collaborations</p> <p>Facilitate interdisciplinary collaborations between Spain and UK</p>

OUR MAIN SUPPORTERS

The Society of Spanish Researchers in the United Kingdom wishes to thank our main supporters for their kind contribution.

FUNDACIÓN RAMÓN ARECES

Fundación Ramón Areces

The Ramón Areces Foundation is our principal and unconditional supporter. Thanks to them, we are able to promote a whole range of activities and benefits year after year.

From its creation in 1976, the Ramón Areces Foundation aims to support scientific development through the promotion of research activities, knowledge exchange, and the contribution to the generation of personal capital. This institution also supports novel training opportunities for young researchers and promotes the exchange of ideas in Science, Education, and Culture. This Foundation has strongly supported SRUK since our very beginning. This year, they have sponsored our annual programme of activities (with scientific seminars, outreach activities and professional development workshops all over the country), and our Annual International Symposium. Moreover, this Foundation sponsors every year, including in 2019, the event 'CienciaUK', a day-long event focus on career development and opportunities inside and outside academia hosted in their headquarters in Madrid. This year, the Foundation has also maintained its commitment to support scientific events focus on areas with big potential for collaborations between Spain and the UK, such as research in oncology. SRUK is also thankful to the Foundation for its support to RAICEX, the newly created network of societies of Spanish Researcher abroad.



Fundación Banco Santander

Fundación Banco Santander, the sponsor of the SRUK Emerging Talent Award.

This Foundation is committed to supporting cultural, humanistic, social projects and scientific initiatives. Their support to Science focuses on the promotion of three aims: the development of projects in the most innovative research fields; the organisation of Science outreach activities; and the commitment to foster the career development of young talents via the concession of grants and funding programmes. SRUK is delighted to have received the support of Fundación Banco Santander for four consecutive years. In 2019, together we have launched the fourth edition of the SRUK/CERU Emerging Talent Award. With this award, we want to recognise the work of a young Spanish researcher who has developed her/his career in the UK.



Spanish Embassy in UK

Collaboration with the Office for Culture and Scientific Affairs (OCSA)

The Spanish Embassy in the UK was the first Embassy to formally perform Science Diplomacy by including this competence in its Office for Cultural and Scientific Affairs (OCSA). This Office aims to promote stronger links between Spanish and British scientific institutions. SRUK counts with the collaboration of OCSA from its very beginning. This year, SRUK has received again support from the Embassy that would allow SRUK to develop activities and strategies in order to make this society a reference in foreign scientific associations in the UK. This institutional collaboration has also been crucial to reach both Spanish and British institutions and to promote SRUK activities. Regarding Brexit, the collaboration of the Spanish Embassy has been paramount to maintain SRUK members informed of new developments on this subject, including the application for settled status and its implications for research in our roundtable event "What does Brexit mean for research?"



Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology

Created in 2001, the Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology (FECYT) is a public foundation dependent on the Spanish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities. FECYT mission is to enhance the link between science and society, and to promote open and inclusive science as well as scientific culture and education. In this context, FECYT collaborates with the different Societies of Spanish Researchers abroad, including SRUK/CERU. As part of this collaboration, FECYT has participated in the organisation of SRUK/CERU outreach activities and events since 2012, including the SRUK Annual Symposium in which FECYT has been participating for the last four years. In 2016, FECYT and SRUK/CERU signed an agreement to keep on collaborating for the following years. FECYT also supported the annual meeting that gathered the different societies of Spanish Researchers abroad where the network of societies of Spanish researchers abroad (RAICEX) was launched.

Fundación Lilly

Since 2001, the Lilly Foundation main aim has been to contribute to excellence in Science and Medicine in Spain. They achieve this through activities focused in the promotion of Science, Medicine, and Humanistic Medicine. In their framework of commitment to outreach and communicate Science, the Lilly Foundation has committed again its support to the program “DIVULGA” of SRUK/CERU. This outreach initiative focuses on the promotion of scientific vocations in children and young people. For this, the program DIVULGA decontextualizes the knowledge acquisition and involves adults in the activities in order to potentiate impact. The program builds on two activities, the Science Zone of the VII International Symposium SRUK, and Science-me a Story, a contest for the best children stories based on Science, written in either English or Spanish .

UK Science and Innovation Network



UK Science & Innovation Network

The UK Government’s Science and Innovation Network (SIN) has approximately 110 officers in over 40 countries and territories around the world building partnerships and collaborations on science and innovation. SIN officers work with the local science and innovation community in support of UK policy overseas, leading to mutual benefits to the UK and the host country.

SIN teams develop country-specific action plans and work to the following global objectives: Prosperity (enhancing UK growth and exports; connecting innovative UK industries and scientific expertise with international opportunities); Security (delivering solutions to global challenges such as anti-microbial resistance, health, energy, the conservation and sustainable use of oceans, and enhancing resilience to natural disasters); Influence (strengthening the UK’s foreign policy influence through science and innovation); and Development (supporting international development goals and matching UK expertise to international need).

The UK SIN collaborated in our workshop “What does Brexit mean for research?”

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