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GRADUATES in WALES

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Hello to all the AOUG members in Wales. This is the second Newsletter I have had the privilege to write for you, the members of the AOUG in Wales. May I thank those of you who have contacted the AOUG Office with their updated e-mail addresses. It is very useful to have email addresses as this reduces the expenditure, but be assured we will continue to send the Newsletter by post if that is your wish, as long as finances will allow. However if you do prefer the postal version, then donations of stamps would be most appreciated. In the recent months we have had one expression of interest regarding the Executive Representative position and hope for more. The elections are coming up in the New Year and you should have just received your OMEGA, in which you will find all the details in regard to either standing for election.

If you have any news items you would like to include in these newsletters, please send any contributions you would like to make to the AOUG Office at AOUG, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes, MK7 6AA. For general enquiries or queries on membership, telephone the AOUG Office on 01908 653316 E-mail: aoug@open.ac.uk.

THE AOUG WEBSITE

Each Region or Nation has a Welcome page, a Newsletter page and a Diary Dates page with recently added Memory Lane photos and the facility to add Booking forms as required. There is also a section for Europe and The Rest of the World. There are new Diary Dates on the website for Wales, which I have also printed below.

Please try and attend one of these dates as it would be lovely to see you. I realise that the area is large and sometimes transport is difficult. Please advise if there is any special event which you would like to have arranged and we will do our best.

All members are invited to contribute items for both OMEGA and these contributions should be to the AOUG Office (see address below).

Anyone who would like to be the Executive Representative for Wales, please complete the Nomination form in OMEGA, or contact the AOUG Office for assistance.

AOUG ASSOCIATION NEWS

OCTOBER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AT MILTON KEYNES

The Autumn meeting of the AOUG Executive Representatives of the Regions and Nations and AOUG Officers, took place on the 5th and 6th October, 2012 at the AOUG Offices on the Open University campus at Milton Keynes. This is one of three meetings the Executive Committee currently have annually. One is in February, one after the AGM meeting and the third in October.

At the meetings on the Friday is a workshop wherein the Executive Representatives have a general discussion on a chosen topic. "The Way Forward", in which members generally are asked previously to comment on and send in their viewpoints, was such a topic. Then in the evening there is a meal where the Committee can have a more relaxed discussion and gathering. The next day, the main meeting begins on campus at the AOUG Office about 9.30am and continues until about 3pm, if necessary. This is when the organisational discussion occurs and plans for the magazine and the website during the next months can be made.

At the October meeting there is also a special event to which all AOUG members can attend and this is the Foundation Lecture and the presentation of AOUG Foundation for Education Awards to individuals who have made important efforts in their specific field of research study.

This year's Awards can be viewed in the new edition of OMEGA. There are photographs of the winners and a grand article on how it all progressed.

A highlight of the day was the AOUG Foundation Lecture, which this year was given by Dr, James Bruce. I wrote a summary of this lecture in OMEGA. The lecture was basically on the use of light in regard to procedures in medicine, for example the diagnosis of cancer and its treatment. Dr. Bruce cleverly titled it "A little light chemistry".

AOUG ASSOCIATION EVENTS 2013

AGM and SOCIAL WEEKEND 2013

The next AGM will be arranged by Region 04 whose Executive Representative is Mohammed Motawalla and since it is our 25th Anniversary, it will include all sorts of additional extra to recognise our Association's 25 years. It is to be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel at Walsall on 17th, 18th and 19th May. There are many trips being arranged and one is to the jewellery centre in Birmingham, with a special tour of the Assay Office. The Booking form for this AGM and Social Weekend is included in your Winter OMEGA so please be sure to fill it in now, so that you can be guaranteed a place at what promises to be a really special celebration.

OLGA CAMM BURSARY

This is a special Bursary which is being organised to honour our Founder, Olga, who sadly died just after the AGM in Liverpool this year. The details are in OMEGA and all cheques should be made out to "AOUG Foundation for Education" and marked Olga Camm Bursary on the back please.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP OF THE AOUG

The AOUG is keen to encourage members to nominate individuals who they consider have played an important role in the AOUG or in support of AOUG, and who have gone beyond the call of duty in doing so. If you would like to so nominate there will be details in OMEGA. It is important that anyone so nominated is not told they are being nominated by their nominator.

25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS IN WALES

Although the Association is holding events to celebrate our 25th Anniversary, it is also planned for each Region and Nation to hold some special activity of their own. One Region has already planning a Garden Party at a member's home, whilst another is going to take a leisurely trip on a canal boat. So what would you, the members in Wales like to do? Should we organise one event or would two or three in different parts of the Nation be more suitable? Please send your suggestions in on the attached response form.

DEVELOPING AOUG IN WALES

I suggest for the Silver Anniversary Celebration in Wales.

I am interested in attending other events around the area.

I am interested in types of activities.

I am willing to organise a single event of a

I am interested in becoming a Local Contact for area.

I am interested in learning more about the role of Executive Representative

Name : PI Number:

Please type or print your name clearly. Please return to the AOUG Office
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DIARY DATES.

November 2012 - February 2013

Friends and family are very welcome. Please contact Violet Rook if planning to attend.

Saturday 15th December 2pm

Cardiff Central Library Christmas tea and visit to the Castle. See the lovely decorations in the city.

Saturday 26th January 2013 2pm

Swansea met at the Guildhall for walking tour of the area.

Saturday 23rd February 2013 2pm

Monmouth Visit the Castle followed by tea and chat in a local cafe.

Poetry Group: I have an interest in poetry and was for a few years a member of a Welsh poetry society. It might be nice to start a similar group and have local readings. There is a section on the AOUG website regarding groups and perhaps this group's efforts could be shared with all members of the AOUG in that way. **Please contact Violet on 0796226091 or email the AOUG office or email Violet at lealand5-vi@yahoo.co.uk**

UPDATING DETAILS FOR AOUG IN WALES

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