

British Liquid Crystal Society

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Call for nominations to committee and Young Scientist Prize, G.W. Gray Medal and C. Hilsum Medal

1. Call for nominations to committee

At the Annual General Meeting to be held on 2nd April 2012 at the BLCS conference in Glasgow, the following members will end their current period on the committee:

Vice-Chair: Prof. Duncan Bruce

Secretary: Dr. Martin Bates

Communications Officer: Dr. Tim Wilkinson

Ordinary members: Dr Susanne Klein, Prof. Rob Richardson.

Tim Wilkinson has completed one term as Communications Officer and Rob Richardson one term as ordinary member and so both are eligible to stand again.

Nominations are therefore sought for:

Vice-Chair / Chair (4 year (1-2-1) appointment)

Secretary (3 year appointment)

Communications Officer (3 year appointment)

Up to 4 Ordinary Members (3 year appointment(s))

Nominations for committee must be sent to the Secretary by **Monday 12th March 2012**. Both nominees and nominators **MUST** be members of the Society and the express permission of the nominee must be obtained. Nomination forms are on the last page of this letter. The Constitution of the BLCS requires that at least two members of the Committee are from non-academic organisations, so please consider nominating industrial members of the Society.

A list of current Committee Members is given below, with those in bold guaranteed to remain on committee. Square brackets indicate number of terms already served in their current position, including the current term.

Officers:

Chair: Prof M. Wilson (Chair 2011-13, VC until 2014)

Vice Chair: Prof D. Bruce

Communications: Dr. T. Wilkinson [1]

Secretary: Dr M. Bates [2]

Treasurer: Dr I. Dierking (2014) [1]

Ordinary Members of the Committee:

Dr S. Klein [2]

Prof. R. Richardson [1]

Prof P. Raynes (2013) [2]

Dr C. Brown (2013) [1]

Dr O. Lozman (2014) [2]

2. Prizes and medals

Nominations for the following awards must be sent to the Secretary by **Monday 20th February 2012**. For the full rules for these awards, see the BLCS website:

<http://www-g.eng.cam.ac.uk/blcs/rules.html>

Nominations should be emailed as a PDF or Word file, or can be posted as hard copy.

BLCS Young Scientist Prize

The BLCS Young Scientist Award is normally presented annually for significant research contributions to the field of liquid crystals. Candidates must normally be within 10 years of beginning their PhD and should be active members of the Society, working in the UK at the time of their nomination. Nominees will have been awarded their PhD in the UK in some area of liquid crystal science or technology or they will have made significant contributions to liquid crystal science in the UK, perhaps after a PhD in another country or in another field. The Award is open equally to those from academic and industrial backgrounds.

The recipient will give an oral presentation of the work that forms the basis for the Award at the Annual Conference of the Society and a description of this work, written by the recipient, will appear in the Society's Newsletter.

The Award takes the form of a cheque for £250 and a certificate.

Candidates require both a nominator and a seconder; the nominator should normally be a member of the Society. The nomination will take the form of no more than one side of A4, plus a CV (max two sides of A4) and a list of the nominee's publications. Part of the nomination, which must be completed on a downloadable Word file, must include a statement by the nominator identifying clearly the nominee's independent contributions to the work on which the nomination is based.

C. Hilsum Medal

The C. Hilsum Medal is awarded from time to time to members of the Society, normally working in the UK. It was first awarded in 2006 to recognise the key role played by Cyril Hilsum, Head of the Malvern Displays Group, in the development of liquid crystal materials and displays. The medal is awarded for overall independent contributions to liquid crystal science and technology; such contributions would normally have been made in the ten years preceding nomination. The award will therefore be made to active, mid-career researchers who have made notable contributions to the subject over a number of years. The Award is open equally to those from academic and industrial backgrounds.

The recipient will give a short, post-dinner address at the Annual Conference of the Society and a description of the recipient's work, written by the nominator, will appear in the Society's Newsletter. Cyril Hilsum is informed of the selection on each occasion when an award is made.

Candidates require both a nominator and a seconder; the nominator should normally be a member of the Society. The nomination will take the form of no more than one side of A4.

G. W. Gray Medal

The G. W. Gray Medal of the British Liquid Crystal Society is awarded from time to time for outstanding contributions to research in the field of liquid crystal science and technology. It was first awarded in 1996, following the award of the Kyoto prize for Advanced Technology to George Gray. The award is open to nominees of all age groups, with the single criterion that nominations must be for seminal research contributions of international quality. The Award is open equally to those from academic and industrial backgrounds. The recipient will deliver a lecture at the Annual Conference of the Society and a description of the recipient's

work, written by the nominator, will appear in the Society's Newsletter. George Gray is informed of the selection on each occasion when an award is made.

Nominees require both a nominator and a seconder; the nominator should normally be a member of the British Liquid Crystal Society. The nomination will take the form of no more than one side of A4.

Dr Martin Bates

BLCS Secretary, January 2012

Please email nominations to: martin.bates@york.ac.uk

Please post hard copy nominations to:

Dr Martin Bates

BLCS Secretary

Department of Chemistry

University of York

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BLCS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS

Nominations can be made either by post or preferably by email.

NOMINATIONS BY POST

Position:
Nominee:
Email:
Address:

Proposed by:

Seconded by:

Nominee's signature:

Post nominations to:
Dr Martin Bates
BLCS Secretary
Department of Chemistry
University of York
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NOMINATIONS BY EMAIL

In lieu of signatures, the proposer should email the following information to the Secretary (martin.bates@york.ac.uk):

Subject: BLCS nomination
Position:
Nominee: *Name, email*
Proposed by: *Name, email*
Seconded by: *Name, email*

Only one nomination should be made per email. The Secretary will confirm the nomination with the seconder and nominee by email.