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## **Science Community Representing Education (SCORE) announces new Chair**

SCORE (Science Community Partnership Representing Education), the body representing the UK's foremost science education organisations, announces a new chair, Professor Graham Hutchings. Professor Hutchings is currently Professor of Physical Chemistry at the University of Cardiff and the Director of the Cardiff Catalysis Institute. Professor Hutchings was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society in 2009 and is also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry, the Institute of Physics and the Institute of Chemical Engineers.

Professor Hutchings said: "I am delighted to be the new SCORE Chair and look forward to working with the SCORE partners on the key issues in science. At such an exciting time, with a new Government making important decisions on changes to education policy, I believe that SCORE will have a pivotal role to play, bringing together longstanding expertise from a range of key scientific organisations."

Professor Hutchings takes over from Sir Alan Wilson as Chair of SCORE for a fixed term of three years.

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### Notes for Editors

- SCORE, a partnership of scientific learned societies, science teachers and other key science organisations, was founded in 2006 to work together on key issues on science education. The SCORE partnership comprises the Association for Science Education, the Institute of Physics, the Royal Society of Chemistry, the Royal Society, the Science Council and the Society of Biology.
- The Association for Science Education (ASE) is the largest subject association in the UK with a membership which includes teachers, technicians and others involved in science education. The Association plays a significant role in promoting excellence in teaching and learning of science in schools and colleges. Working closely with the science professional bodies, industry and business, ASE provides a UK-wide network bringing together individuals and organisations to share good ideas and tackle challenges in science teaching, develop resources and foster high quality Continuing Professional Development. Further details of the ASE and its regional, national and international activities can be found at its website [www.ase.org.uk](http://www.ase.org.uk)
- The Institute of Physics is a scientific charity devoted to increasing the practice, understanding and application of physics. It has a worldwide membership of more than 36 000 and is a leading communicator of physics-related science to all audiences, from specialists through to government and the general public. Its publishing company, IOP Publishing, is a world leader in scientific publishing and the electronic dissemination of physics. Go to [www.iop.org](http://www.iop.org).
- The Royal Society of Chemistry is the UK Professional Body for chemical scientists and an international Learned Society for the chemical sciences with some 46,000 members worldwide. It is a

major international publisher of chemical information, supports the teaching of the chemical sciences at all levels and is a leader in bringing science to the public.

- The Royal Society is an independent academy promoting the natural and applied sciences. Founded in 1660, the Society has three roles, as the UK academy of science, as a learned Society, and as a funding agency. It responds to individual demand with selection by merit, not by field. As we celebrate for our 350th anniversary in 2010, we are working to achieve five strategic priorities, to:
  - **Invest** in future scientific leaders and in innovation
  - **Influence** policymaking with the best scientific advice
  - **Invigorate** science and mathematics education
  - **Increase** access to the best science internationally
  - **Inspire** an interest in the joy, wonder and excitement of scientific discovery

<http://royalsociety.org>
- The Science Council is a representative membership body for professional and learned organisations across the spectrum of science and its applications and it aims to promote the members' collective knowledge, resources and achievements. Membership comprises the core subject societies of physics, biology chemistry and mathematics, as well as specialist discipline institutes and professional organisations. Through its member bodies the Science Council now represents some 400,000 practicing scientists in academia, the public sector, industry and commerce who are working across all areas of science: in health, engineering, technology and the environment.
- The Society of Biology is a single unified voice for biology: advising Government and influencing policy; advancing education and professional development; supporting our members, and engaging and encouraging public interest in the life sciences. The Society has been created by the unification of the Biosciences Federation and the Institute of Biology, and is building on the heritage and reputation of these two organisations to champion the study and development of biology, and provide expert guidance and opinion.

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