

THE MIDLANDS CONSTITUENCY

From the heart of Birmingham, the Midlands Constituency, was back in business in April 2016. The enthusiasm and dynamism of its members, it will be impossible to get bored!

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In November 2015, Sheffield and York became part of the new constituency of Yorkshire and Birmingham became the main nucleus of The Midlands constituency. During the last 10 months, a dynamic working group has re-structured the constituency and we have organized several scientific events.

Events 2015/16

During this period, the newly established Midlands constituency has organized several events, which have served to establish a dynamic and enthusiastic working group. On the 9th December 2015, we organized our first **"Science in the Pub"**. **Dr Francisco Fernandez-Trillo**, leader of Biomednanolab Group at the University of Birmingham, presented a talk focus on its research entitled: **"Mimicking Life with Polymer Chemistry"**. The Annual Midlands Meeting took place on 9th April, 2016, where the current Board was elected. During this meeting we had the support of Dr Eduardo Oliver, President of SRUK, who gave a talk about **"History and objectives of SRUK/CERU"**. Then Dr Maria Jimenez, Roving Director of SRUK, explained the **"Next events and activities of SRUK/CERU"**. Finally, **Dr Lorenzo Melchor**, Scientific Coordinator of the Spanish Embassy talked about **"Funding opportunities for scientific mobility"**. On 9th June, **Prof Francisco A. Gonzalez Redondo** was the speaker of our 2nd Science in the Pub.

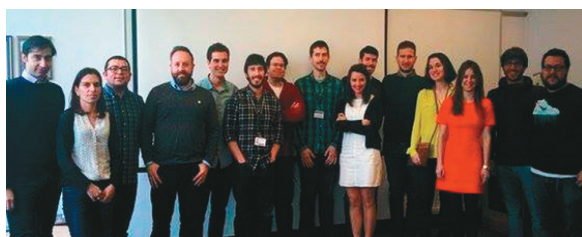
We have also organized different informal meetings to create links between the constituency members and to encourage other researchers to form part of our group, such as meetings in the pub, as well as a The Midlands Christmas Lunch on 19th December, 2015, followed by a later visit to the Birmingham's Christmas market. During these events we have encouraged networking by establishing interesting and profitable scientific and non-scientific conversations.

Plan 2016/17

Our main goal is to increase the number of participants in our constituency by organizing more social events in other cities of the region. Among those, we are planning a visit to Birmingham's Botanical Garden in July, a Welcome Meeting in Birmingham and events in Nottingham and Coventry for the next fall.



Elected Board at the local assembly on 19 April 2016



Attendees at the local assembly on 19 April 2016

La delegación de The Midlands

La delegación de las Midlands ha sufrido una reestructuración de ciudades que la componen. Un nuevo grupo de trabajo y directiva local se ha consolidado con sede en Birmingham, y ha organizado un Science in the Pub y diversas reuniones informativos para dar a conocer la CERU en la región. Durante la reunión anual se llevó a cabo un simposio con tres charlas relacionadas con la historia de la CERU y con la financiación para la movilidad científica. Los planes para los próximos meses incluyen continuar con los Science in the Pub y realizar un simposio de bienvenida para las nuevas incorporaciones.

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