

## Topic 4: International Cooperation

### Comments from the Royal Society of Chemistry

1. The Royal Society of Chemistry has a long history of international cooperation. With nearly 9000 members based outside of the British Isles and a publishing operation that has the overwhelming majority of its authors and customers outside the UK the focus of the RSC cannot not be insular.
2. Our membership network promotes contact and exchange of ideas. The RSC has a specific programmes to promote chemical science internationally. For example, the RSC has exchange programmes with the Royal Australian Chemical Institute to exchange lecturers; through Chemistry World a cooperative relationship exists with Nachrichten to co-publish articles and the web site chemsoc.org promotes exchange of information on chemistry worldwide. Our two web sites [www.chemsco.org](http://www.chemsco.org) and [www.rsc.org](http://www.rsc.org) provide a comprehensive indication of our internal activities and perspectives.
3. The RSC has collaborative projects in the education area with GDCh, ACS and KNCV; and there are regular meetings between RSC staff and members and those other societies.
4. At a European level, the RSC is a member and strong supporter of the Federation of European Chemical Societies [FECS] and supports the work of AllChemE [Alliance for Chemical Sciences and Technologies in Europe]. The RSC is an active member of the European Thematic Chemistry Network [ECTN] and supports European based programmes to celebrate the success of young chemists.
5. Within the United Kingdom many universities have exchange programmes at the first degree level that enable students to complete a part of their studies, typically a year, in another country. Many are European based or in the US but a small number link to other parts of the world. These types of programmes are much less common at the postgraduate level.
6. The RSC is the national adhering body for IUPAC. It has a committee that feeds ideas into IUPAC and the RSC actively encourages participation by its delegates at IUPAC conferences including providing bursaries to support young RSC members to attend the Congress.