



BRITISH LIQUID CRYSTAL SOCIETY

Registered Charity No. 328163

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

1. Call for nominations to the steering committee

At the next BLCS annual meeting in Edinburgh 2016 we are looking for nominations for chair-elect (4 year appointment), 1 ordinary member, 1 industrial member (3 year appointments) and a student representative (2 year appointment) onto the steering committee.

Nominations for committee must be sent to the Secretary by Monday 4th January 2016. 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 and can also be downloaded from http://blcs.eng.cam.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/nomination_form.pdf. The Constitution of the BLCS requires at least two members of the Committee to be from non-academic organisations. We therefore encourage nominations of industrial members of the society.

For your information here is a list of the current Committee Members and their date of retirement and how many terms of office they have served:

Officers

Chair	Prof. A. Masters	(Chair 2015-17, VC until 2018)
Vice Chair	Dr I. Dierking	(Vice Chair until 2016)
Secretary	Dr S. Cowling	(2018) [2]
Treasurer	Prof. C. Brown	(2018) [2]
Communications	Dr T. Spencer	(2018) [1]

Ordinary Members of the Committee

Dr G. D'Alessandro (Southampton)	(2018) [1]
Dr V. Gortz (York)	(2018) [2]
Prof. N. Mottram (Strathclyde)	(2016) [1]
Dr R. Tuffin (Merck)	(2016) [1]
Dr M. Hird (Hull)	(2017) [1]
Prof. J. Goodby (Kingston Chem.)	(2017) [1]
Prof. T. Wilkinson (Cambridge)	(2017) [1]
Mr S. Wood (Student)	(2016)

2. Prizes and Medals

Nominations for the following awards must be sent to the Secretary by Monday 4th January 2016. Please see the BLCS website for full rules for these awards.

http://blcs.eng.cam.ac.uk/?page_id=60

Nominations should be emailed as a Word file or PDF (or can be posted) to the Secretary.

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.

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.

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 required 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.

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 required 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 this 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.

Dr Stephen Cowling
BLCS Secretary
November 2015

Please email nominations to stephen.cowling@york.ac.uk

Please post hard copy nominations to:
Dr Stephen Cowling
BLCS Secretary
Department of Chemistry
University of York
YO10 5DD

BLCS Committee Membership Nominations

Nominations can either by post or by email

Nominations by Post

Position: Ordinary Member

Nominee:

Email:

Address:

Proposed by:

Seconded by:

Nominee's signature:

Post nominations to:
Dr Stephen Cowling
BLCS Secretary
Department of Chemistry
University of York
YO10 5DD

Nominations by Email

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

Subject: BLCS committee nominations

Position: Ordinary Member

Nominee: *Name and email*

Proposed by: *Name and email*

Seconded by: *Name and email*

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