The next workshop in the British Liquid Crystal Society (BLCS) Annual Training Workshops series will be held on an online platform on 7-8 January 2021. The two-day event will include a mixture of “live” and pre-recorded lectures, discussion hours and modelling training sessions, and a mini-symposium. The workshop is intended for early-stage researchers (primarily PhD students, but also post-doctoral research associates and researchers in industry, relatively new to the field of liquid-crystal research, irrespective of their academic disciplines). The workshop when held in traditional setup can offer only limited number of places.

The BLCS Annual Training Workshops are intended to provide education and training for the next generation of researchers in the highly interdisciplinary area of liquid-crystal research, highlighting its recent advances in the wider context of soft and biological matter. This long-running series of workshops was reinvigorated when it was held at the University of Birmingham for the first time in 2020, with the inclusion of a mini-symposium “Liquid-Crystal Research in the 2020s”. The mini-symposium will be focused on discussing emerging questions and open problems in liquid-crystals research and at its interfaces.

**Expression of Interest**

Expression of Interest for attending the BLCS Annual Training Workshop to be held online on 7-8, January 2021 should be emailed to blcs-atw@contacts.bham.ac.uk by **December 14, 2020** in the prescribed format given below**.** There is no registration fee for accepted participants.

**Programme**

The final programme will be made available here in due course. The list of speakers confirmed so far is as follows:

Dr Dwaipayan Chakrabarti

Prof. Cliff Jones

Prof. Apala Majumdar

Prof. Georg Mehl

Prof. Nigel Mottram

Dr Mamatha Nagaraj

Prof. Jon Preece

Prof. Ivan Smalyukh

Prof. Gordon Tiddy

Prof. Mark R. Wilson

Prof. Julia Yeomans

**Scientific Organising Committee** [Dr Dwaipayan Chakrabarti](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/staff/profiles/chemistry/chakrabarti-dwaipayan.aspx) (Co-Chair)[Prof. Apala Majumdar](https://www.strath.ac.uk/staff/majumdarapalaprofessor/) (Co-Chair)[Dr Susanne Klein](https://people.uwe.ac.uk/Person/SusanneKlein) [Prof. Jon A. Preece](https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/staff/profiles/chemistry/preece-jon.aspx)

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Please follow the format below.

1. Surname:
2. Forename:
3. Affiliation:
4. E-mail address:
Confirm e-mail address:
5. Career stage:

PhD Student / Post-Doctoral Research Associate / Researcher in Industry / Other
If ‘other’, please specify:

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