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Welcome to the twenty-first issue of Analytical Matters, the e-newsletter of the Analytical Division of the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC). Analytical Matters aims to showcase the wide range of analytical science activities being run across the Royal Society of Chemistry Analytical Division as well as linking with parts of the UK analytical community beyond our membership.

This issue covers a range of analytical news and topics, including highlighting upcoming events for 2022. Registration for the Schools' Analyst Competition is now open. For 2022, there will be 300 analytical science kits available for schools to apply for, to participate, helping inspire the next generation of analytical scientists. Based on feedback, next year's Analytical Research Forum will be a hybrid event, allowing attendance in person, as well as the ability to participate online. Please put the date: 13-14 June in your diaries! Abstract submission is now open for both oral and poster presentations.

Nominations for our 2022 Prizes are now open. Whether you are based in industry or academia, our Prizes recognize individuals across all career stages. For more information, please visit <https://www.rsc.org/prizes>.

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During 2020-2021, the RSC undertook a Review of RSC Divisions. The Review recommended that each Division be transitioned to a Subject Community. The 2022 Elections will be for members to join the newly formed Subject Community Councils which will be set up after the AGM in July 2022. During the transition period the terms Division and Community will both be used.

There is a vacancy for President of the Analytical Science Community Council to serve as President Elect for one-year from the AGM in July 2022 and take office as President for a three-year term until the AGM in July 2026.

There are vacancies for two elected members of the Analytical Science Community Council to take office from the AGM in July 2022, for a three-year term, until the AGM in July 2025.

Subject Community Councils will have an important role in providing leadership to the Subject Communities, and to the development and implementation of the Communities' activities. The Subject Community Presidents and Subject Community Council members come from a range of backgrounds and career stages.

[Further Information about the nomination process, the electoral regulations and full role descriptors.](#)

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Congratulations to all the [2021 RSC Education Prize winners](#), in particular to Professor Bhavik Patel FRSC (University of Brighton), winner of the 2021 Excellence in Higher Education Prize for the design of innovative and effective analytical chemistry curriculums.

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