

Dear Members,

It has been a year since the UK Acoustics Network (UKAN) was launched at the Royal Society in London. We have been busy with a long list of events (see their list at <https://acoustics.ac.uk/events/>) which have helped us to bring the UK acoustics research community together and put researchers in touch with the industry and various government bodies. As per today the UKAN unites 459 members who work in 12 Special Interest Groups.

The next significant networking event for the UKAN is the First Year Anniversary Event which will be run at Sheffield on the 7th of January 2019. The aim of this event is to bring together members of the UK Acoustics Network and to provide a forum for research collaboration and innovation in acoustics. This meeting promises at least 16 in-depth discussions with acoustic practitioners and researchers. More information about this event and registration link is at our website <https://acoustics.ac.uk/events/uk-acoustics-network-first-anniversary-meeting/>. We encourage our members to register and to attend this event. The attendance is free and travel grants are available via <https://goo.gl/forms/3mABObPMc7TzCMq93>.

The UKAN management team have completed the Value of Acoustics exercise. On the 26th of November 2018 we run a value of acoustics apportionment meeting in LSBU. We have now accurate data on the number of companies and their employees working in acoustics and the value of their work to the UK's economy and society. We will present the results of this exercise at the First Year Anniversary Event on the 7th of January 2019.

There are a number of other forthcoming events organised with support from the UKAN. These are the UK/US Underwater Acoustics Conference at Oxford (4/5th of December 2018, <https://acoustics.ac.uk/events/afpac-2019-14th-anglo-french-physical-acoustics-conference/>), AFPAC 2019 Anglo-French Physical Acoustics Conference in France (16-18th of January 2019, <https://acoustics.ac.uk/events/afpac-2019-14th-anglo-french-physical-acoustics-conference/>) and Airborne ultrasound workshop in the UCL, London (31st of January, <https://acoustics.ac.uk/events/airborne-ultrasound-workshop-assessing-effects-on-the-public-and-workers/>). Travel grants are available for the UKAN members to attend these events. Please complete the online travel grant application form which is available via <https://goo.gl/forms/3mABObPMc7TzCMq93> if you wish to attend and present your work.

The UK Acoustics Network Early Careers Special Interest Group (SIG-ECG) will be running an event on 'Building Effective Academic-Industrial Partnerships in Acoustics'. (see <https://acoustics.ac.uk/early-careers-group/building-effective-academic-industrial-partnerships-in-acoustics/>). This event will take place on the 8/9th of April 2019 at Imperial College London. The event is aimed at our members who are beginning their careers in academia, and who want to form connections with industry and civil

service partners through their research. The purpose of the event is to provide a forum where our attendees can share their research and career ambitions, how they think their work can be of economic benefit to industry, and where our attendees can build working relationships early in their careers. We believe that this event will also be beneficial to you as an industry partner, providing you with an opportunity to begin forming relationships with the next generation of researchers in acoustics, and to have an impact on their career development to ensure that their research provides maximum benefit to you and the wider UK acoustics industry. As part of the event, we would ask our industry members to volunteer to give a short talk (20-30 minutes) about how research collaborations with academia have benefited your company, and how you think such collaboration could benefit your company in the future. We will also ask each of our attendees to talk briefly about their research, their career goals with regards to partnering with industry, why they think their research will have an economic impact, and how they plan to go about forming partnerships with industry. We hope that this approach will stimulate discussion and debate, and that the insights from this will be beneficial to the career development of our attendees. As part of the event, we will also have some specialist sessions organised in collaboration with Professor Barry Gibbs of the University of Liverpool (President of the Institute of Acoustics, the UK's professional body for those working in Acoustics, noise and vibration), with a focus on vibro-acoustic research. If you could let us know if you are interested in attending and helping out with this event it would be very much appreciated.

We would also like to remind our Earlier Career Group members that the European Acoustics Association (EAA) is opening two high quality training events to the UKAN members: (i) EAA Winter School on Computational Acoustics (10-14 December 2018, Le Mans, France, <https://euracoustics.org/technical-committees/tc-on-computational-acoustics/ea-winter-school/>); and (ii) EAA Summer School for Young Acousticians (6-8 September 2019, Leuven, Belgium, <http://ica2019.org/ea-summer-school/>). The latter is linked to the International Congress on Acoustics which will run in Aachen (Germany) between 9-13 September 2019. This Congress is an excellent opportunity for networking, particularly for our earlier career members. Do not miss this opportunity to register and to attend.

The UKAN are planning to run a competition for the best video (or sound!) clip about acoustics and would like our members to propose a range of topics. These clips will go on our website and support our outreach and advocacy work. There is funding to support the production of video material for this purpose. Please write to info@acoustics.ac.uk if you wish to become involved.

Yours sincerely,

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