

Dear Members,

Thank you for your time and efforts which make this Network a growing success. There are 484 Network members as per today. We are confident that we will be over 500 members next year. Since its launch in November 2017 the Network has organised or supported over 30 events for the benefits of its members and provided over 50 travel grants.

The next year will open more opportunities to our members for networking. We would like to remind you that the first networking event in the New Year is the UKAN Anniversary Event which will be run at Sheffield on the 7th of January 2019. The registration is still open. The programme for this event and registration details are on <https://acoustics.ac.uk/events/uk-acoustics-network-first-anniversary-meeting/>. The main reasons for you to sign in and to attend this event are:

- to understand better the current funding landscape and opportunities for acoustics research and innovation;
- to break silos and to meet specialists working in areas of acoustics other than yours;
- to learn about problems faced by acoustics industry and research community and to discuss ways of solving them collaboratively;
- to learn about new advances in acoustics and new markets for acoustics related research;
- to form new partnerships for solving problems of acoustics through research;
- to bring together potential employers and employees working in acoustics;
- to learn about the impact of acoustics on the UK's economy.

For this event we are providing digital name badges to make it easy to collect contact details from other delegates for follow up conversations with a 'Networking Wall'. Every delegate can use *The Knowledge Transfer Network's 'Give and Get' tool*, to find the right experts. We would like to remind you that the attendance for this event is free and travel grants are available through the application via <https://goo.gl/forms/3mABObPMc7TzCMq93>.

There are a number of other forthcoming events for 2019 organised or supported by the UKAN. The details of these events can be found on <https://acoustics.ac.uk/events/>. In 2019 we will start a new series of lab exchanges and research showcase events. The first in the series of these events kicks off on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2019. It is run by the [Dynamics Research Group \(DRG\) at Sheffield](#), a largest dedicated research group in the UK which specialises in structural dynamics, structural health and condition monitoring, uncertainty analysis, acoustics, smart structures and vibration control. This event is an opportunity for the members of the DRG to showcase their bespoke experimental facilities, present their work and to set up new collaborations. This event will start with a tour of the DRG's new [Laboratory for Verification and Validation](#), a unique facility at Sheffield which allows for a versatile range of dynamic testing at a range of climatic conditions. Details of this event are on <https://acoustics.ac.uk/events/dynamics-research-group-showcase-event-university-of-sheffield/>.

Registrations are open to the UKAN members via this link <https://goo.gl/forms/kU2lbdsA2uwsdPzT2>.

We remind you that 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](mailto:info@acoustics.ac.uk) if you wish to become involved.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We would like to thank you all again for your time and contribution to the successful running of this network. We look forward to working with you in 2019.

Yours sincerely,

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