

Dr Doug Naysmith MP Encourages All Early Career Research Scientists to get Involved in SET for BRITAIN

Dr Doug Naysmith MP, Chairman of the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee has welcomed the launch of the SET for BRITAIN competition and encouraged all early career research scientists, engineers and technologists to take part in the exhibition.

SET for BRITAIN is an exhibition of posters by early-stage and early-career research scientists, engineers and technologists. The exhibition gives them the opportunity to present their work to their local MPs and their scientific peers. All posters are entered into a competition and significant cash prizes and medals will be awarded for the poster that best communicates its science.

Dr Naysmith said,

“This is an excellent opportunity for early career researchers to demonstrate how innovative and exciting their field of science can be. I would urge all early-career researchers to take part in this competition.”

SET for BRITAIN will take place during National Science and Engineering Week on 9th March 2009 and will be held in the Terrace Marquee of the House of Commons.

The day has been subdivided into three sections, Biological and Biomedical Science; Physical Sciences (Chemistry and Physics) and Engineering with a £3,000 cash prize and medal awarded to the best poster in each category and an overall medal for the poster judged best across all categories on the day.

The application process has now opened and all potential applicants are invited to visit www.setforbritain.org.uk for details on how to enter. The closing date for entries is 16th January 2009

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Notes to editors

1. SET for BRITAIN Poster Exhibition will take place on 9th March 2009, for information on how to submit an application please visit www.setforbritain.org.uk
2. SET for BRITAIN was established by Dr Eric Wharton. Following his untimely death in 2007, the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee with support from organisations including the Royal Academy of Engineering, the Royal Society of Chemistry, the Institute of Physics, the Institute of Biology and the Institution of Chemical Engineers have taken over responsibility for the organisation of the event.

3. Winners in each category will receive a £3,000 cash prize and a medal. There will be up to three runners up in each category who will also receive a cash prize.

4. Early stage or early career researchers include university research students, postgraduates, research assistants, postdocs, research fellows, newly-appointed lecturers, part-time and "mature" students, "returners", those people embarking on a second career, etc and their equivalents in national, public sector and industrial laboratories, etc, and appropriate final year undergraduate and MSc students, all of whom are engaged in scientific, engineering, technological or medical research and are achieving results.

5. For further information about this press release, please contact Annabel Lloyd at the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee on 0207 2227085