



From Andrew Miller MP  
Chairman, Parliamentary and Scientific Committee

SET for BRITAIN 2012

Dear Scientist and Engineer

I am writing on behalf of the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee to alert you to a major scientific competition and exhibition in Parliament and encourage you to take part. SET for BRITAIN will be held in the House of Commons on Monday 12 March 2012 between noon and 9 pm during National Science and Engineering Week 2012.

The day will be divided into three sessions. Applications are invited from early-stage and early-career research scientists, engineers and technologists who wish to exhibit posters in one of the following three areas:

Biological and Biomedical Science  
Physical Sciences (Chemistry and Physics)  
Engineering

A wide range of important scientific and engineering institutions are lending their support to this event, including the Society of Biology, the Institute of Physics, the Royal Academy of Engineering, and the Royal Society of Chemistry. This reflects the importance we all attach to the encouragement of researchers at this stage in their careers.

Prizes will be awarded for the scientific posters presented in each discipline which best communicate high level science to a lay audience. The Westminster Medal for the overall winner will be awarded in memory of the late Dr Eric Wharton, who did so much to establish SET for BRITAIN as a regular event in the Parliamentary calendar. Full details of the competition and exhibition including the application form can be found on the SET for BRITAIN website at: [www.SETforBRITAIN.org.uk](http://www.SETforBRITAIN.org.uk). I very much hope that you will apply to take part yourself or will encourage your early-career colleagues to do so.

With Best Wishes

Andrew Miller MP



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#### NOTE FOR THOSE APPLYING

Applications are invited from early-stage and early-career research scientists, engineers and technologists who wish to exhibit posters

Applicants should prepare material aimed at communicating high level science to a lay audience.

Early-stage researchers include university research students, postgraduates, research assistants, postdocs, research fellows, newly-appointed lecturers, part-time students and their equivalents in national, public sector and industrial laboratories, etc, and appropriate MSc students, all of whom are engaged in scientific, engineering, technological or medical research and are achieving results.

The closing date for entries is Saturday 24 December 2011. There will be an initial selection by the judges and you will be informed by the end of January 2012 whether or not your application to take part in the exhibition has been successful.

Full details of the competition and how to apply can be found on the SET FOR BRITAIN website at: [www.SETforBRITAIN.org.uk](http://www.SETforBRITAIN.org.uk).



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