

# Editorial

Welcome to September *EiS*. I hope you're having a good start to the new school year.

As always, this issue is packed with news and articles, including a special feature for technicians, articles from the Ogden Trust and on maths in science, a thank to you John Barker for his incredibly generous legacy to ASE, and details of January's unmissable Annual Conference (including both face-to-face and hybrid options). Plus, a fantastic opportunity to become one of the editors for our new format *SSR*.

As this is the last Editorial before I move to my new role at the British Science Association, I hope you will excuse a few extra thank yous. There is no doubt that the last three years have been tough for both education and charities more broadly, but ASE has risen to the challenge across all areas of activity, including our online conferences and events, new membership categories, digital-first model for our journals, new online bookshop, and a fantastic breadth of projects supporting all parts of our community. We have continued to advocate on issues facing primary, secondary and post-16, ranging from practical science to assessment, continuing professional development, diversity and inclusion, environmental education and more. It has been an enormous privilege to lead the ASE through this period. I'm incredibly proud of what we have achieved and wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped to make this happen, including our Trustees, Presidents, committees, speakers, authors, everyone involved with our projects, our funders, exhibitors and sponsors and, most of all, the ASE staff team for their expertise, inspiration and determination.

I also wanted to thank you, our members, for your dedication to the profession, particularly through the pandemic, balancing personal and professional challenges to continue to provide excellent science education, against the odds. I hope you have had the opportunity to benefit from the support and professional learning opportunities available through ASE and, if you haven't already, I'd encourage you to get involved – you won't regret it!

As we hopefully emerge from this unprecedented period, the Association can look to the future with confidence as we hand over the baton to ASE's new CEO, Lynn Ladbrook. Lynn brings a wealth of chief executive experience to the role, having led charities including Breast Cancer UK and the Primary Care Respiratory Society, as well as working in senior roles at the World Wildlife Fund and National Trust.

I will very much miss ASE (although I will of course continue to be a member!), but look forward to working with many of you again through my new role and to seeing ASE continue to go from strength to strength in the coming years. Thank you again for all your help and support.



Hannah Russell  
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