

Editorial

A very warm welcome to the November 2022 edition of *EiS* – my first as CEO of the Association. I am delighted to be here and would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone, including Trustees, committee members, the Chair Trio and staff, for the enthusiastic welcome I have received.

As I mention in my article (p.9), ASE provides a unique blend of expertise, compassion, experience and knowhow and I hope you'll agree that this is certainly a blend that comes across in these pages.

Meet our wonderful Field Officers (p.10), who are here to support members locally and can help with contacts and ideas as well as offering advice on CPD and career progression. I'm pleased to welcome Fiona Roberts, our new contributor to the technicians' Prep Room pages (p.28): read her top tips on how to make a small (but cosy) prep room functional whilst maximising use of space. Rob Butler outlines how to help learners with special educational needs get the most out of practical work (p.12), and Kulvinder Johal shares her experience and learning from the Science on Stage event that took place in Berlin this October and which took, as its theme, the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

We celebrate with Jon Hale, Kulvinder Johal, Laura Smith, Andrea Brown and Rachel Chilton, who have either won or received commendations in this year's Science Council, Celebration of Science, CPD Awards (p.7). These awards are designed to celebrate outstanding professional development, good practice, hard work and continuous improvements across the four Science Council Registers (RSciTech, CSciTeach, RSci and CSci), and we can be incredibly proud of the work that our Registrants have put in to achieve these awards.

This issue also shines a spotlight on primary science and provides a raft of useful information for primary teachers, from planning and assessment through to the curation and signposting of the many primary resources on offer. We also draw out some of the primary highlights on the programme at the forthcoming Annual Conference taking place in Sheffield this January. This will be our first face-to-face conference in three years (and my first ever!). I am thoroughly looking forward to this event and to meeting many of you there. Please do register if you haven't done so already and experience first-hand the warm and friendly community that is ASE.

I hope that you all have a lovely festive break and a well-earned rest after what I know has been a busy term for many of you. (On that note, do take a look at the lovely 'Chemistree' decorations on page 29!)

Cover credit: Sunrise from the prep room at Morley Academy, seen through a water still, courtesy of Fiona Roberts. See article on page 28.



Lynn Ladbrook
Chief Executive

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