

ROUND UP

► The RSC has launched a new version of the Visual Elements for Chinese visitors to the RSC website. The Visual Elements are artist Murray Robertson's striking representation of the chemical elements, including animation and sound. In producing this work of art, Robertson has drawn on the symbolism that surrounds the elements, from the commonplace to the mythological.

The Chinese pages include the Visual Elements periodic table, which links to descriptions of each element. This new part of the site was launched at the 13th Asian Chemical Congress of the Federation of Asian Chemical Societies in Shanghai in September. www.rsc.org/visualelements/china



▲ Pupils from St Mary's College, Londonderry, were announced as overall winners of the Northern Ireland Sentinus Young Innovators Competition.

Their outstanding project on the development and manufacture of lycopene sun cream also earned them the RSC prize of the best chemistry-based project, presented to them by Iris Suitor, the RSC Educational Representative in Northern Ireland.

They will travel on an all expenses paid trip to San Jose in California to participate in the world-wide Intel Science Fair 2010, to compete against over 1400 other projects from 57 countries.



▲ Tayside Scientific Services (TSS), Dundee, are welcomed by the RSC as new members of the Partnership Programme. A plaque was presented to Jane Couper, public analyst, by the RSC's Andrew Scott.

Tayside Scientific Services is an autonomous section within the Support Services department of Dundee City Council, and is jointly funded by Angus and Perth and Kinross Councils. They provide public analyst and related services as well as providing an analytical testing service to other public bodies and the private sector. Membership to the Partnership Programme will give the 18 scientific staff at the lab professional support and guidance, among other benefits.

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