

## Research Councils UK Energy Strategy Fellowship

### Invitation to a Nuclear Universities Contact Session

University of Birmingham

15:00-16:00

19 September 2013

The RCUK Energy Strategy Fellowship was established in 2012 following a recommendation from the International Panel that reviewed the Research Councils Energy Programme in 2010. The main purpose is to create an Energy Research and Training Prospectus that will contribute to the evidence base on which the Research Councils can plan future activities within the Energy Programme. Prof Jim Skea was appointed Energy Strategy Fellow in April 2012. A first version of the prospectus will be launched in November 2013. More details and a number of working reports are available at: <http://www3.imperial.ac.uk/rcukenergystrategy/>.

The Fellowship team has run six two-day expert workshops in the period January-June 2013 covering different parts of the energy research domain. In agreement with the Research Councils, the Fellowship team is taking a "light touch" approach to nuclear fission given the amount of work that has already been carried out, notably through NUCLEAR and the Beddington review.

The purpose of the contact session to be held immediately after the NUCLEAR consortium meeting is to present emerging findings of a cross-cutting nature from the previous expert workshops, to test their validity in the nuclear domain and, if necessary, to refine these in the light of the experience of members of the Consortium. Emerging findings relate, for example, to models for PhD training (e.g. CDTs v project studentships), procedures for data collection and curation, and longer term research cycles where time is needed to yield valid scientific outcomes. We will provide a brief document summarising emerging findings in advance of the session.

There would be many advantages in developing findings and recommendations that are coherent across the energy domain. We therefore very much hope that you can spare the extra time need to participate in the Contact Session and look forward to seeing you in Birmingham.

**Previous workshops:** *Fossil Fuels and CCS; Energy in the Home and Workplace; Energy Infrastructure; Bioenergy; Transport Energy; and Electrochemical Energy Technologies and Energy Storage.* Other "light-touch" topics are: *Wind, Wave and Tide; and Industrial Energy.*