



Report from the RSS Academic Affairs Advisory Group

COPS Annual Meeting 2013

AAAG membership

- Currently:
 - Kevin McConway (RSS Vice-President for Academic Affairs),
 - Deborah Ashby
 - Bill Browne
 - Michael Goldstein
 - Valerie Isham
 - Charles Taylor.
- *We need at least one other member.*
 - Someone who works in social statistics and has relationships with ESRC?
 - But any RSS fellow who is interested in the work would be welcome.
- Moussa Haddad (RSS Policy and Research Manager) provides some administrative and policy development support for AAAG.

AAAG (and related) activities in the past year

- Advice to RSS representatives on the Council for the Mathematical Sciences (CMS):
 - *Relationships with EPSRC and HEFCE.*
 - *Input into the Deloitte report on economic benefits of UK research in the mathematical sciences.*
 - *Projects (EPSRC, CMS) on ‘people pipeline’ issues.*
 - *Discussions with BIS.*
- EPSRC issues.
 - *Open access publishing.*
 - *Doctoral training grants.*
 - *Centres for doctoral training.*
 - *More ‘people pipeline’ issues.*
- SAVIs. (US National Science Foundation initiative on ‘Science Across Virtual Institutes’.)

AAAG (and related) activities in the past year

- Input to RSS Long Term Strategy Group.
- Discussion meeting on Kevin McConway's report on academic statistics in the UK (March 2013).
- Session at on research funding opportunities at RSS annual conference in Telford (September 2012), with representatives of four research councils (BBSRC, EPSRC, ESRC, MRC).
- Discussions of open access publishing in the broad academic context.
- Broad discussions on developing RSS policy in relation to higher education and academic affairs.

Future AAAG work includes...

- Session at RSS Newcastle conference on the 'people pipeline' (with RSS Professional Affairs).
- (Probably) another session on funding opportunities at the RSS conference – including different funders.
- Meetings with Research Council staff (in addition to EPSRC).
- Further development of higher education policy.
- Before long, implementation of Long Term Strategy Group recommendations for change.

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