

Birmingham PhD student Marie Betou is selected to speak at the J-NOST conference in India

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Marie Betou, a 4th year PhD student in [Dr Richard Grainger's \(/staff/profiles/chemistry/granger-richard.aspx\)](/staff/profiles/chemistry/granger-richard.aspx) research group, recently presented her work at the 8th **Junior National Organic Synthesis Trust** (http://www.iitg.ernet.in/chem/J_NOST/index_1.html) (J-NOST) conference in Guwahati, India. For the past 5 years the Royal Society of Chemistry Organic Division has chosen approximately 8 UK PhD students to speak at the J-NOST conference, building links with Indian chemists at a comparative stage of their career, and representing both the RSC and the younger members of the UK organic chemistry community. Marie presented a talk entitled "Semipinacol rearrangement of *cis*-fused β -lactam diols into keto-bridged bicyclic lactams". More information on Marie's work can be found in a recent **publication** (<http://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/ol300605y>) in the journal Organic Letters.



Marie had an amazing experience at the conference. She enjoyed discussing chemistry with other young researcher and appreciated the warm welcome given by the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Guwahati. She also took this opportunity to explore the country for a few days and was really interested in the Indian wildlife, food and culture.