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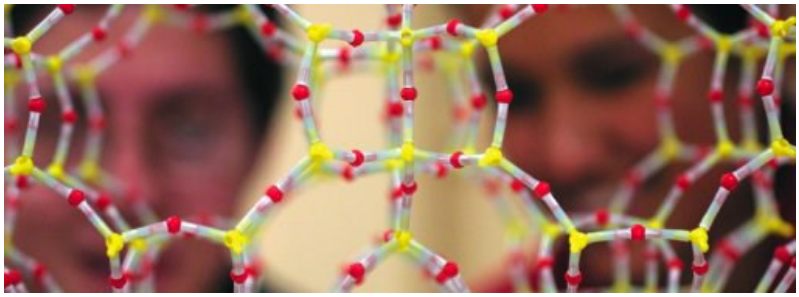

PERCAT Annual Lecture and Question Time

Tuesday 24 February,11.00 - 12.00, IBR Seminar Room, Medical School
We would like to thank everyone who attended and participated in the Q&A session with Professor Patrick Maxwell on Tuesday 24 February. This informal Q&A session was held before Professor Maxwell's excellent lecture on his ground breaking research on oxygen sensing.

It was a very successful session and there were some very enlightening and stimulating discussions on life as a post-doctoral researcher and beyond. Indeed, Professor Maxwell himself said that he found it "particularly pleasurable doing the PERCAT questions and answers".

Thank you for making this event a success.

John Reynolds and Ditte Hedegaard on behalf of the PERCAT representatives

Women in Academic Medicine (WAM)

The **Athena SWAN (http://www.athenaswan.org.uk/html/athena-swan/)** (Scientific Women's Academic Network) charter was established in June 2005, and encourages the advancement of female academics in UK Higher Educational institutions.

The College of Medical and Dental Sciences was recently awarded the Silver Award, which is a very significant achievement. The Award recognises the College's success in developing employment practices to further and support the careers of women in academia.

- **Athena Forum Guide - Signposting Career Paths for Postdoctoral Researchers (/Documents/college-mds/percat/Athena-Forum-Guide.pdf)**

To align with the goals of the Athena SWAN charter, the College of MDS has practices and guidelines in place to support and nurture female academics across all of our disciplines. We aim to encourage the growth and progression of women in medicine and science, creating an establishment of excellence that attracts and retains the brightest women in medicine and science. The group are now pursuing the Athena Swan Charter silver award. This is essential for the college in light of the NIHR announcing that funding will not be given to any institute not holding the Athena SWAN silver award.

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