The Radiochemistry Group is very pleased to announce that ERA13 was a great success. We attracted 127 human delegates + 1 dog from Europe, North America and Asia. An excellent series of lectures were delivered, the details of which can be found on the conference website (see below). There were also many interesting posters showing the breadth and depth of the research being performed in the area of environmental radiochemical analysis.

Plenary Lectures
As in previous ERA conferences we were graced by an excellent set of Plenary Speakers from across the world, these were:

- Dr Maria Wallenius, European Commission, Germany
- Dr Sherrod Maxwell, Savannah River Site, United States
- Christine Georges, CEA Saclay, France
- Prof Xiaolin Hou, Technical University of Denmark, Denmark

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Prizes

It was a great highlight of the conference that it was possible to award three very well-deserved prizes.

- Firstly, the poster prize for the conference was won by Grzegorz Olszewski from Linköping University in Sweden, who not only won the prize for the best poster but presented three other posters as well.

- It was a great pleasure for the organisers to be able to make the Award of the Bill Newton medal to Dr Claire Corkhill from the University of Sheffield. In memory of Bill Newton a biennial award of £500 plus Medal and Certificate is made for a recent outstanding contribution to any aspect of radiochemistry, and Dr Corkhill is a more than worthy recipient of the award.
The final award was presented to Dr Tony Ware who has served the Radiochemistry Group of the RSC for more years than even he can count. But this particular award, the first of its kind, was in recognition of the supreme efforts he provided in order to set up the Division of Nuclear and Radiochemistry of EuChemS. This came from the vision and drive Tony has always had to get all the radiochemists in Europe together under one banner, which has led to more and better cooperation across national boundaries.

As a result, it was decided by the DNRC to award Tony the Pro Meritis medal, and Professor Jan John the Secretary of the DNRC flew over from Prague to present the medal.

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