

Editorial

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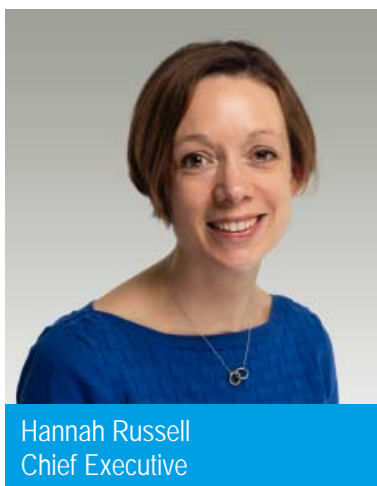
This issue features some of the highlights from our 2020 Annual Conference, held at the University of Reading in early January. With an impressive 1824 delegates, 390 speakers and 102 exhibitors over four days, it was an exciting and inspiring event!

This year was my first Annual Conference as CEO and also the first Annual Conference for our new Conferences and Communications & Marketing teams, so it was wonderful to see everything go so well and the positive buzz throughout. My thanks go to all of the ASE team as well as to our volunteers and stewards for their support before, during and after the event. Steering us through was our Honorary Conference Secretary, Susie Burr. This was Susie's seventh and final year in the role and we were immensely grateful for her support and experience. On pages 10-11 are some reflections from Susie, as well as a message from our new Honorary Conference Secretary, Chris Harrison, who we're looking forward to working with on the 2021 Conference in Birmingham.

Pages 11–23 provide a taste of some of the highlights from this year's event, including our International Day (attracting delegates from over 20 countries), our ever-popular primary strand and our timely series of workshops on sustainability. We know how important senior leadership is in supporting school and college science teams and, on page 20, you can read about this year's leadership session on recruitment and retention, featuring a panel of experts including HM Chief Inspector of Education, Children and Skills, Amanda Spielman. Other personal highlights included (among many others!) our 'Teacher Takeaway' session for new conference speakers and the brilliant projects highlighted in our Schools' Exhibition, including Science on Stage. On page 8, you can find out more about the 'Best of Science on Stage' from last year's Festival in Portugal and how to get involved next time.

Please do share your feedback on this year's Annual Conference. We very much welcome your views, to ensure that we're providing the best support and experience for our community. You can complete our survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ASE2020Reading>. If you missed this year's event, don't worry, we have a fantastic programme of other conferences and events lined up over the next few months; see the Events section for details.

I couldn't end without congratulating our Field Officer for Wales, Cerian Angharad, who received an MBE in the Queen's New Year's Honours. See page 27 to find out more about the fantastic work she's done and continues to do to support the science education community.



Hannah Russell
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