

## RSC Speciality Chemicals Group at Chemspec Europe in Berlin



As the RSC now pursues a policy of “internationalisation” and takes on a global role at the forefront of the chemical sciences, the Speciality Chemicals Sector group (SCS) of the Industry & Technology Forum (ITF) has for many years represented and promoted the RSC in mainland Europe through involvement in the annual premier speciality chemicals exhibition “Chemspec Europe”. This year’s exhibition was held at the Berlin Messe where the RSC symposium “Elements of Success” focussed on innovative chemistries based on fluorine, sulfur, lithium and boron.

The RSC involvement with this event goes back to the 1980s when the SCS’s predecessor organised the “Chemsource” exhibition and symposium in NW England. This was a biennial low cost exhibition which enabled smaller companies to promote their products. Speciality Chemicals Magazine helped to publicise this event and, following negotiations, their owners (who organised “Chemspec”), franchised the “Chemsource” exhibition. “Chemsource” is now an integral part of Chemspec Europe, offering smaller stands to exhibitors. We were invited to organise an annual 2-day symposium to run concurrently with the exhibition alongside, and latterly within, the exhibition halls. Recently, at the exhibition organisers’ request, the symposium has been billed as “The Royal Society of Chemistry Symposium”, acknowledging the kudos the RSC name brings to this event.

The symposium content is left to the RSC SCS group who develop a suitable programme with speakers of international renown. Plans are already advanced for Chemspec Europe 2011 (on 16-17 June in Geneva), where the RSC symposium will focus on “Continuous Flow Technology”.

Full details of the Berlin “Elements of Success” presentations and the topics and presentations from previous years may be accessed by visiting the Speciality Chemicals Sector website at [www.chemsource.org.uk](http://www.chemsource.org.uk).

