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2019 Symposium Review

In June 2019, the UK & Ireland Local Chapter of the Controlled Release Society met in Liverpool for its annual Workshop & Symposium. This was another excellent opportunity for postgraduate students, industry and academic professionals working in pharmaceutical drug delivery to present their most recent work and network with others in the field. Spread over two days and hosted by Dr. Sarah Gordon at the Liverpool John Moores University, the event included a pre-symposium workshop with an inspiring keynote talk by Prof. Justin Hanes (Johns Hopkins Medicine, USA), current CRS President, as well as a panel discussion on “Life after a PhD”, with representatives from industry and academia. On the main symposium programme, the attendees could benefit from interesting plenary talks by Profs. Kostas Kostarelos (University of Manchester, UK) and Andrew Owen (University of Liverpool), as well as a selection of excellent research talks from PhD students and postdoctoral researchers from across the region. Finally, a “soapbox session” highlighted some of the hidden talents of drug delivery researchers, including singing, poetry writing and public speaking! As usual, the attendees were also able to enjoy an entertaining networking night, where surely many connections and perhaps future collaborations were established. One thing is certain – the UK & Ireland Local Chapter will meet again in June 2020 for another inspiring session of science, communication and good fun, this time at the University of Manchester – don’t miss it! More information here: <https://www.ukicrs.org/>

