

## **Vision statement**

by Ryan Donnelly, running for the position of CRS Secretary

As a candidate for the position of Secretary of the Controlled Release Society (CRS), I envision a future where our Society continues to flourish as the premier international scientific organization dedicated to delivery science and technology.

I first attended the CRS Annual Meeting in 2004 and have been committed to supporting the Society and its development since then. I am now Director-at-Large of the Controlled Release Society and am an active member of its regional chapter, the UK & Ireland Controlled Release Society. As part of my Director role, I am working closely with the Focus Groups to support their development and enhance their activities and contribution to the Society. I have encouraged my students and post-doctoral staff to attend meetings organised by the Society and provided funding for their attendance at the Annual Meeting each year since I took up my academic position in 2004. My Group members are active participants in the Society's Focus Groups. I personally attend the Annual Meeting each year and was delighted to win the Young Investigator Award in 2016 and the Kydonieus Foundation Transdermal Award in 2024.

I have contributed 34 papers to the *Journal of Controlled Release* in the period 2005-2026, with my work featuring on the front cover in 2008. I have reviewed more than 125 manuscripts for the journal and, in 2015, was awarded a Certificate of Outstanding Contribution in Reviewing by Elsevier. I have published 6 review articles in *Advanced Drug Delivery Reviews*. Moreover, I have contributed 24 papers to the society's other flagship journal, *Drug Delivery & Translational Research*. In 2015, I guest-edited a Special Issue of this journal focussed on microneedle technologies and, in 2023, joined with Mark Prausnitz to provide an Inspirational Note, with accompanying video. I am Editor for Europe/Africa of this journal. I am also on the Editorial Board of *Journal of Controlled Release*.

As Chair (President) of the UK's Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences (APS) from 2023-2025, I have extensive experience of shaping the direction of a learned society. My achievements with APS have included growing our membership by 25% over a 12-month period, working with the Focus Groups to enhance value for members in industry and academia beyond the annual meeting and creating new opportunities for young scientists to network with more experienced peers and build their skills and experience. I have also fostered collaboration with sister organisations across Europe, with FIP and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, identifying areas of mutual interest and developing joint meetings for our respective members.

I would like to bring my experience and passion for the Society to the position of Secretary. I plan to continue working with the Focus Groups to enhance their activities, bringing value to our members throughout the year. I would also like to work with our local Chapters, particularly those in developing countries to increase the diversity of engagement with the work of the Society. I would also like to see the Society provide thought leadership across the breadth of Delivery Science, helping to educate and inform the public and collaborating with other learned societies to drive scientific debate and combat misinformation.

I look forward to working with you to advance every aspect of the life of the Controlled Release Society.

Thank you for your support



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