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## New OUP Chemistry Editions Take Students Beyond the Textbook

Oxford University Press held a reception at the Royal Society in London on 4 April, to celebrate the publication of the new editions of the best-selling chemistry textbooks *Shriver & Atkins Inorganic Chemistry* and *Atkins' Physical Chemistry*. These new editions take students from the fundamentals to the very frontiers of their subject, inspiring them to look beyond the textbook.

At the reception, the authors and editors were joined by lecturers in inorganic and physical chemistry from around the UK. The evening began with an address from guest speaker Professor Robin Perutz from the University of York.

Speaking about the challenges of teaching chemistry today, and particularly encouraging students to develop the independent learning skills vital to scientific study, Prof Perutz said: "*Taking on the challenge of persuading students that they can take responsibility for extending their knowledge has become far harder in the last 10 years. Yet it really is a skill for life that every scientist needs. A well-designed textbook can really make a huge difference and I congratulate the authors and OUP on these two superb books.*"

*Inorganic Chemistry* co-author Dr Tina Overton said: "*Our vision was to produce an authoritative, accessible, comprehensive, up-to-date inorganic text that takes students from the basic concepts through to the frontiers of research, and can be used through all 4 years, providing real value for money.*"

Prof Peter Atkins commented: "*Physical chemistry is the foundation of all understanding of chemistry and the basis of the interpretation of its investigative techniques, and although the principles are well established, their applications continue to flourish. As always, the presentation of the subject as well as its content has been extensively refreshed in this new edition and the book, while remaining authoritative, is more accessible than ever.*"

The event also provided a platform for the launch of the Oxford University Press Achievement in Chemistry Prize. The prize - £100 worth of OUP chemistry titles - is available to all universities in the UK and Europe, to present to the student who they feel has performed best or shown the greatest improvement over the course of the academic year.

**For more information about this event, or to request a review copy, please contact Sarah Broadley**  
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**Photographs of the event are enclosed on a separate sheet. For high-resolution images please contact Sarah Broadley (contact details as above).**



Image 1. Guests at the book launch

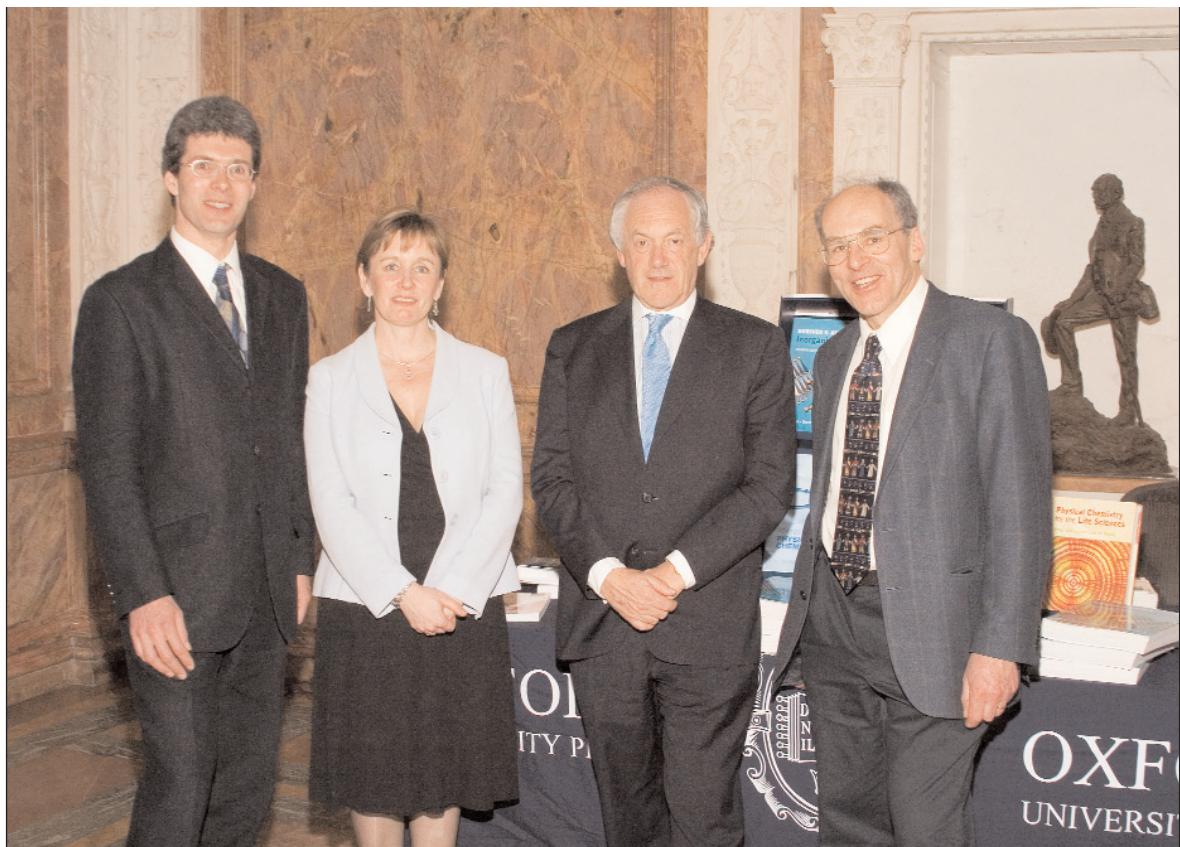


Image 2. The authors and guest speaker. Left to right: Dr Jon Rourke, Dr Tina Overton, Prof Peter Atkins and Prof Robin Perutz.