Sarah Connors

PhD

Education

Oct 2011 – Aug 2015 PhD Atmospheric Chemistry

University of Cambridge, Centre for Atmospheric Science

Thesis title: Development of a method for estimating methane emissions at high resolution

Oct 2006 – Jul 2010 MChem Chemistry 2:1 (Hons)

University of York, Department of Chemistry

One year industrial placement in organic synthesis

Employment

Sep 2015 – Dec 2016 Science Policy Fellow

European Geosciences Union (EGU - www.egu.eu)

Establishing an interface between EGU scientists and EU public policy.

- Stressing the vitality of evidence-based policy and highlighting the importance of the Earth, planetary and space sciences.
- Creating resources for the website www.egu.eu/policy
- Organising science policy events at the EGU general assembly (Europe's premier geosciences conference with over 12 000 attendees).

Mar 2015 – May 2015 Policy Internship

Centre for Science and Policy (CSaP)

Designing, promoting and delivering events for academic and policy making communities. Duties include:

Laboratory Demonstrator, University of Cambridge

Supervision of first year undergraduates in practical chemistry experiments and theoretical work.

Jul 2009 – Jul 2010

Oct 2011 – May 2012

Assistant R&D Synthetic Chemist, Lubrizol

Researching and developing novel, water soluble polymer:

Activities and Achievements

Public Speaking and Science Communication

Selected Presentations

2016

• [Invited]: European Commission 'Impact of Climate Change on Global Health' Conference, Brussels

Speaker and panellist in the 'Climate adaptation and mitigation of risks' session

2011 – 2015

- [Invited]: UK National Centre for Atmospheric Science (NCAS) Early Careers Forum, Reading
- European Geosciences Union General Assembly, Vienna

Presenting Interactive Content (PICO) – digital poster and oral presentation

• American Geophysical Union General Assembly, San Francisco

winner of the **Outstanding Student Presentation Award** (top 3-5 %)

• UK Met Office, Exeter, NAME modelling Workshop

2015 Pint of Science Festival 2015

Organising an international science communication 4 day event. Science themes covered: conservation, remote sensing, adaptation to flooding, and evolution.

Jul 2014 Royal Society Summer Science Exhibition

Week long exhibition aimed to communicate scientific research to the public and attended by over 15 000 people.

Blogging

2015- Present Professional: blogs.egu.eu

Regular column on the EGU blog focusing on the science policy interface. Shortlisted for the 'EU in my region' blogging competition organised by the European Commission.

2013 – 2016 Personal: muchadoaboutclimate.wordpress.com

Over 65 000 hits since July 2013.

List of Publications

Academic Papers

2017 Estimating methane emissions at high spatial resolution using the inversion technique

InTEM – a proof of concept study.

Connors et. al. (in prep)

2016 Molecular composition of organic aerosols in central Amazonia: an ultra-high-resolution

mass spectrometry study

Kourtchev et. al. (ACPD, under review).

Estimating the size of a methane emission point-source at different scales: from local to

landscape

Riddick et. al. (ACPD, under review).

Development of a low-maintenance measurement approach to continuously estimate

methane emissions: a case study Riddick et. al. (Waste Management)

Warmer climate enhances oligomer content in ambient organic aerosol and CCN

concentration.

Kourtchev et. al. (Nature Scientific Reports).

Conference Papers

2016 European Geosciences Union (EGU)

Vienna, Austria

Poster Presentation: Estimating dispersed and point source emissions of methane in East

Anglia: results and implications

2015 European Geosciences Union (EGU)

Vienna. Austria

PICO Presentation: High-resolution methane emission estimates using surface

measurements and the InTEM inversion system

National Centre for Atmospheric Science (NCAS) Early Careers Forum

Reading, UK

Oral Presentation: Verifying UK methane emissions using the inversion technique 'InTEM'

2014 American Geophysical Union (AGU)

San Francisco, USA

Oral Presentation: High resolution methane emissions estimates using the inversion

approach InTEM