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Dear Mr Miller

### **Antimicrobial resistance**

The Royal Society is pleased that the House of Commons Science and Technology Committee is holding an enquiry into antimicrobial resistance. This is very timely, as the Royal Society's Council approved a two-day conference on antimicrobial resistance at its most recent meeting on 30 October 2013. This event is likely to take place in May 2014, and will be open to the public.

Speakers will be internationally leading figures in their respective areas. The conference programme is currently being developed but it will examine interdisciplinary aspects of the problem, ranging from clinical, agricultural and scientific approaches, to combating emergence and spread. The programme will involve natural scientists (concerned with evolution and genetics at the population and molecular levels), social scientists (behaviour associated with adherence and clinical practice), agricultural scientists (growth promotion by the use of antibiotics) as well as medical scientists and clinicians (and their relevant academies). In addition we hope that regulatory agencies and the pharmaceutical industry will also participate in the discussions.

The Society will be happy to keep the Committee updated with the development of this event, and to discuss the key points arising from the meeting if that would be of interest.

Yours sincerely



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