

## Society News

# New Publishing Head for the Biochemical Society

On 19 September, we welcomed Caroline Black as the new Managing Director of our publishing division, Portland Press Limited.

Caroline, who will also be the Group Head of Publishing for the Society, has had a lifetime's experience in STM (scientific, technical and medical) publishing, having previously worked for the British Institute of Radiology, Thomson Science, Lippincott Williams and Wilkins, Blackwell Publishing and Mac Keith Press.

On Caroline's appointment, Chief Executive Chris Kirk said: "We are extremely pleased to have attracted Caroline to this position. Her past experience will be invaluable as we continue to improve the publishing experience for our authors, subscribers and our many client organizations".

"I am joining the Biochemical Society and Portland Press at a very exciting time" said Caroline. "The Society's portfolio of journals is very strong and we have exciting plans to develop these further. We will also continue to develop the range of other services that we offer the academic community through our customer services division. The Society's location at Charles Darwin House, shared as it is with other biological organizations, puts us in a unique position to serve the entire bioscience community". ■



# Paula Butler 1978–2011



The sudden death of Paula Butler on 8 August has left her colleagues and friends at the Biochemical Society shocked and bereft. She was a constantly cheerful presence in the Editorial Department, where her expertise in solving logistical problems was vital to the smooth running of the publications programme. As well as maintaining the online peer review system and journal administration, she also organized and minuted many internal and external meetings, including those of the Editorial Advisory Panel of *The Biochemist* and the Editorial Board and Committee of the *Biochemical Journal*. In her cross-department role as Projects Manager, Paula played an important part in all of the new developments in the publishing programme.

She was energetic outside work too, doing voluntary work for Sutton House in Hackney, and for Cancer Research UK. She was physically fit and enjoyed running, taking part in many charity events, such as Race for Life.

The thoughts of all who knew her are with her family as they deal with their loss. ■