



**Cambridge Society for the
Application of Research**

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A full CSAR programme was delivered despite the pandemic and the Zoom technology worked seamlessly, with participants able to ask questions quite straightforwardly by text and in person.

The Student Awards programme went ahead successfully with some excellent submissions and worthy winners. We are most grateful to the individual and corporate donors who make the awards possible at a level that makes it very attractive for students to apply.

Obviously it was not feasible to run a visits programme but we hope this will become possible again in future.

Good progress was made towards our goal of bringing together early career researchers from the University and local industry. We are hopeful that partnerships arising from these interactions will indeed lead to greater application of research and draw new people into the Cambridge 'ecosystem'.

The COVID 'disruption' has enabled us to streamline again the membership and attendance systems and we expect these changes to carry forward to even more straightforward booking and attendance systems. We are very grateful to the many members who have stayed with us during the pandemic and look forward to welcoming many back to in-person meetings - though probably retaining the online option which has proved very popular.

Finally we have greatly appreciated the contribution of our new board members Sarah Fell, Ursula Dunn and Rick Mitchell.

The Society is in robust good health organisationally and financially and we look forward to another successful year.

Prof Sir Mike Gregory
President