The M3S CDT Annual Industry Day 2016 took place on Wednesday 6th July 2016 in UCL. Over 70 people attended the event, including Dr Ian Smith of EPSRC, 9 representatives from the CDT’s sponsors as well as students and academic staff of the CDT.

Professor Ivan Parkin, the Director of the M3S CDT, opened the event and welcomed everyone on behalf of the CDT. Dr Richard White of Thermo Fisher Scientific gave a keynote lecture, titled ‘Materials Analysis with Thermo Fisher Scientific’. The talk was very interesting and prompted a lot of discussions afterwards.

Throughout the day, three sessions of oral presentations were carried out, where 13 third year and 8 first year EngD students of the M3S CDT gave a ten-minute oral presentation each. In addition, 21 posters were displayed on the day, which were presented by the M3S CDT’s MRes cohort and the CDT’s students on other programmes. External participants were very expressed by the quality and quantity of the work presented by our students.

In addition, the representative of CDT’s 2013 cohort, Mr Jacob Chapman, reviewed this year’s CDT outreach event.

At the award ceremony, Alex Ganose, who was a student of the CDT’s 2014 MRes cohort, received the Violet Horsall Prize for his outstanding performance during his MRes year. Third year EngD student, Yasmine Al-Hamdani and first year PhD student, Anish Goodeal received the best oral presentation awards. While the best poster presentation awards went to MRes student Oluwaseun Olusegun Seun Alayande and first year PhD student Ladislav Hovan. The wine reception was another highlight of the day, where students, academic staff and external participants had a chance to exchange ideas and network. There is no doubt that it was an enjoyable and fruitful event.