Athena SWAN Lecture, Monday 8th June, 2.30pm to 4pm
(Management School LT3), Lancaster University

Professor Lesley Yellowlees CBE FRSC FlnstP FRSE, Vice-Principal and Head of College of Science and Engineering at the University of Edinburgh

We are delighted to welcome Professor Lesley Yellowlees, who will deliver Lancaster's 2nd Athena SWAN lecture as part of the University's commitment to promote and advance Women's careers in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine.

‘Women in Science’. The number of women taking up STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects at school is increasing and is very healthy indeed in some areas but the percentage of females in top positions is woefully small across all disciplines. What causes the ‘leaky pipeline’ and what can be done to fix it? Does it matter?

All are welcome. To book your place, email: oed@lancaster.ac.uk

Lesley Yellowlees completed both her BSc in Chemical Physics and her PhD in Inorganic Electrochemistry at the University of Edinburgh. After completing research positions in Brisbane, Australia and Glasgow she returned to an academic position in Edinburgh in 1986 and gained a personal chair in Inorganic Electrochemistry in 2005.

Her current research interests are inorganic electrochemistry and spectroelectrochemistry, epr spectroscopy, synthesis and characterisation of potential solar energy dyes, utilisation of CO2, public engagement of science and promoting women in science.

Lesley completed five years as Head of the School of Chemistry at Edinburgh and Director of EaStCHEM (the joint research school of the universities of Edinburgh and St Andrews) in 2010.

Lesley has worked with the Royal Society of Chemistry for many years, chairing their Science and Technology Board, sitting on the Publishing Board, working with the Scottish Education section and chairing the editorial Board of Chemistry World. She became their first woman President in July 2012.

Currently she is Vice-Principal and Head of the College of Science and Engineering at the University of Edinburgh.
She was awarded an MBE in 2005 for services to science, a CBE in 2014 for services to chemistry, and was admitted as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 2012. Lesley is married to Peter and they have two children, Sarah and Mark.