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| **Happy New Year!****As we approach the New Year, we move into interesting times. The outcome of Brexit, and its impact on the education sector, remains uncertain, but is already affecting the industry we serve. Education institutions in the UK are also entering a period of greater scrutiny, not least with the introduction of the Office for Students, and subject-level TEF. We are also seeing the introduction of degree Apprenticeships, albeit that there is no hospitality-specific provision, such programmes subsumed under the generic management heading. Despite the challenges, the hospitality sector continues to thrive, and requires high-quality personnel. So the future of education in this area should be positive. On 10th October, the British Hospitality Association held a Parliamentary Day at the House of Parliament. This event aimed to raise issues of relevance to the hospitality sector up the parliamentary agenda. This was attended by representatives from the sector, and a number of MPS from around the UK.** [Read more…….](https://surrey.us16.list-manage.com/track/click?u=083e271b99f6989666b3028c0&id=6a450cd701&e=573fac958d)**The hospitality industry is notorious for the challenges it faces in recruiting and retaining talent. Recent research from the Savoy Society shows that 40% of those currently undertaking a hospitality degree are not seeking careers within the industry upon completing their courses - with over half citing poor pay and long hours as deterrents. In addition, it reveals that a further 40% of parents surveyed have actively discouraged their children from taking up careers in the industry!**[Read more…….](https://surrey.us16.list-manage.com/track/click?u=083e271b99f6989666b3028c0&id=8af4da80b0&e=573fac958d)**We are looking forward to the 2018 CHME conference in Bournemouth (22-25th May).  The team have put together a great academic and social programme, and our partners TSC - Total Simulator Company - is providing support for PhD students to attend.  With the theme ‘Innovation in hospitality: connecting all stakeholders to deliver memorable experiences’, the conference is organised around 5 themes: Critical & Cultural Studies, Technology & Innovation in Hospitality, Today’s & Tomorrow’s Consumer, Learning, Teaching & Assessment in Hospitality, and Management.** [Read more…..](https://surrey.us16.list-manage.com/track/click?u=083e271b99f6989666b3028c0&id=1e687948d9&e=573fac958d)**StR/SHARE are again sponsoring prizes for Innovation in Teaching and Impactful Research, which will be awarded at the CHME conference. There are TWO awards with a prize of £500 for each. These awards are available to all CHME members and invitations are encouraged in either of the categories below:** * **Innovation in Teaching – This award is presented to the CHME member who has demonstrated innovation in teaching, learning or assessment. Whilst all innovative practices would be considered, this might take the form of the introduction of a new method or approach to teaching or assessing a traditional hospitality subject, or may be the introduction of a new subject on to the hospitality curricula;**
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* **Research Impact – This award is presented to the CHME member who has undertaken research in the general area of hospitality management (including education) the results of which have had a positive impact. This impact must be both measurable and demonstrable and whilst all impactful research will be considered for this award, research that has positively benefitted the hospitality industry will be favourably considered.**

**The closing date for submissions is 1st March 2018.**[Read more…….](https://surrey.us16.list-manage.com/track/click?u=083e271b99f6989666b3028c0&id=b18485d4d1&e=573fac958d) |

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