## **Preface**

This publication came about after discussions with Derek Raine at the University of Leicester and staff at LTSN Physical Sciences. Derek was keen to see the development of a publication that enabled academics in the field to share ideas and good practice for teaching and learning in the physical sciences.

In addition to his research interests as a physicist Derek has a long standing interest in the development of good teaching and learning practice in the physical sciences. Derek is a member of the LTSN Physical Sciences Advisory Committee and recently won funding from phase 4 of the Fund for the Development of Teaching and Learning (FDTL). Derek's project is entitled 'Project LeAP' and further information about this work can be found at http://www.le.ac.uk/leap/

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