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## News from Head of School

### Faculty Performance Review

The President and Vice Presidents will be conducting the Performance Review of EPS this coming Wednesday, as part of the annual planning and review cycle. The event will be attended by the Dean, Associate Deans and all Heads of School and will consider performance against targets for the Faculty as a whole and for individual Schools. These events are apparently reasonably challenging (ours is not the first), and it will be interesting to receive a reasonably independent critical appraisal of the Faculty. I am not anticipating any major problems for the School, but I will make sure that I am fully briefed. I will report back next week.

### CS-Informatics Review

The other major event this week is the external review of CS and Informatics, which takes place on Thursday and Friday. The panel will meet with members of the School Leadership Team, research group leaders, and other staff and students. They will be based at Chancellors, so there will be no need to 'man your beds'. I hope to be able to give some general feedback next week, though the full report will not be available for a couple of weeks.

## Seminars

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School seminars are held on Wednesday afternoons. The 2005/6 series is underway, [the programme](#) is available online.

### An Algebraic & Graphical Calculus for Quantum Processes Wed 26 Oct

Information is Physical, but Physics is Logical  
Professor Samson Abramsky. Oxford University  
1415 – 1515, Kilburn 1.5

### Binary Induction Wed 26 Oct

Professor Jeff Paris (Manchester)  
1400 – 1500, G.17 Newman Building

### Interactive Information Extraction for the Life Sciences Fri 28 Oct

Dr David Milward, the CTO of Linguamatics Ltd  
Organised by the National Text Mining Centre  
1400 – 1500, E7 Renold Building  
<http://www.nactem.ac.uk/Seminars/>

## Internal Meetings and Events

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### Research Students' Symposium 2-3 Nov 05

The Research School sees the Research Students' Symposium as having an important role in providing a window on the research that takes place within the School, as well as being a prime opportunity for our research students to learn and practise the crucial skill of presenting their research results to an audience of peers. The provisional programme for the 2005 Research Students' Symposium is [now available](#). The symposium is an open event. All research students, irrespective of year, are strongly advised to attend the full event. Masters students, full-time researchers and academics are also very welcome. As in

previous years the event will take place during reading week, but please note the change of weekday (now Wed – Thu). The keynote speaker is **Prof. Joe Sventek** (Department of Computing Science, University of Glasgow). Joe is going to talk about his experience in doing research in both industry (for many years) and in academia (more recently). As always, prizes will be awarded at the symposium for the best PhD dissertation and (up to three) best papers. There is now a distinguished [list of previous winners](#) for all of us to live up to.

Presentations Kilburn 1.3, coffee, posters and free buffet lunch IT407.

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## Events Calendar

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**CS-Informatics Review** 27-28 Oct 05

Panel visit and interviews with staff and students

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of first UG intake** 4 Nov 05

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**Manchester Turing Lecture** 25 Jan 06

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**Fifth Virtual Conference on Genomics and Bioinformatics** 25-28 Oct 05

The University of Manchester will be one of the registered sites to broadcast the Fifth International Conference on Genomics and Bioinformatics over the Access Grid. This is scheduled for October 25-28, and the event is completed without registration fees. Topics include: Artificial and Synthetic Life, Biological Knowledge Representation, Biological Data Mining, Data Visualization, Evolutionary Genomics, Genomic Data Standardization, Management, and Integration High Throughput and GRID Computing Machine Learning Techniques for Genomic Analysis Nanobiotechnology Proteomic Analysis Protein Structural Analysis and Modeling Systems Biology Structural Genomics. The venue will be Room 1.10, Kilburn Building, People interested in attending any of the session will need to contact Javier Gomez Alonso ([Email](#))

**IBM Lecture** postponed to early 06

Enabling a Business Process Revolution

Dr Irving Wladawsky-Berger, VP, Technical Strategy and Innovation, IBM Evening, venue to be decided.

**EPSRC Public Engagement Workshops**  8 Feb & 9 Mar 06

Following the recent ICT programme visit where public engagement was highlighted as a concern within the academic community, the EPSRC have organised two workshops. As you will be aware, the ICT Programme has one of the largest budgets in EPSRC but the community currently participates least in public engagement schemes. This was highlighted recently by the ICT Strategic Advice Team (SAT), who felt that many in the community were eager to promote their work but were unacquainted with appropriate mechanisms by which to stimulate public interest through their research.

The events have been scheduled for early 2006 but due to the interactive content of the day, places are limited to a maximum of 30 per workshop. The sessions are designed to target researchers that are new to the field of Public Engagement, who would like to gain a better understanding of the area and learn best practice from more experienced members of the community.

The workshops will take place on:

8th February 2006 - Centre for Life, Newcastle-upon-Tyne

9th March 2006 - Harbourside, Bristol

Registration is now open and forms can be completed on the EPSRC website at <http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/Content/DiaryEvents/default.htm>

## Funding Opportunities

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### **Nuffield Foundation New Science Lecturers Grants** **27 Oct 05**

Grants of up to £6,000 are offered to new lecturers in Science, Engineering and Mathematics (but not in Biomedical or Social Sciences) at Higher Education Institutions in the UK to help them develop innovative research projects in the early stages of their independent research careers.

[More Information](#)

### **Leverhulme Research Fellowships** **10 Nov 05**

The Leverhulme Trustees are offering approximately 90 Research Fellowships to support experienced researchers in any subject area, particularly those who are or have been prevented by routine duties from completing a programme of original research. Awards are not limited to those holding appointments in higher education. Applicants should be resident in the UK; should normally be age 30 or over; should be able to demonstrate experience and academic background sufficient to confirm their ability to complete the proposed programme of research. The duration of awards will be between 3 and 24 months. Awards made in 2006 to be taken up between 1 June 2006 and 1 May 2007.

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### **Leverhulme Study Abroad Fellowships** **10 Nov 05**

Study Abroad Fellowships support a period overseas in a stimulating academic environment. These differ from Research Fellowships in that the awards support a range of activities other than straight-forward research (e.g., the exchange of ideas or the development of new lines of research and collaboration). Applicants must be resident in the UK and be aged 30 or over. They should have held an established full-time post in a UK institution of higher education, or in a museum, art gallery or comparable institution for at least five years. They are available for all fields of study with duration between 3 and 12 months. Awards made in 2006 to be taken up between 1 June 2006 and 1 May 2007.

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### **Royal Society Leverhulme Trust Senior Research Fellowships** **14 Dec 05**

The Royal Society Leverhulme Trust Senior Research Fellowships were established through the generosity of the Leverhulme Trust and seek to provide opportunities for academic researchers to be relieved of all their teaching and administrative duties. These appointments enable academic researchers to concentrate on full-time research for up to one year.

Applicants must be of postdoctoral status or equivalent, hold a permanent post in a UK University and be at a stage in their career when they would particularly benefit from a period of full-time research.

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### **EPSRC Senior Research Fellowships** **10 Nov 05**

Applications are invited for the 2006 Senior Research Fellowships exercise. Senior Research Fellowships are awarded to outstanding academic scientists and engineers of international repute, to enable them to devote themselves full-time to personal research. Up to 6 of these most prestigious EPSRC awards are made each year. The proposed research must be important and timely and should offer opportunities for major scientific advances. Fellowships are full-time for up to 5 years and are tenable in the UK. A comprehensive list of research areas for the 2006 call is also available on the research noticeboard opposite office 2.10.

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### **Toshiba Fellowship Programme 2006**

**None given**

Toshiba, supported by the EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council) is offering outstanding European scientists the opportunity to join one of its high-technology research teams in Japan for up to two years. The Toshiba Fellowship Programme is open to PhD level researchers of EU nationality currently working in a UK academic institution. The research areas vary broadly from year to year in the field of science and engineering. The Programme offers the successful Fellow a generous package including a fixed salary and travel to and from Japan.

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## **Prize and Award Opportunities**

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We have acknowledged the need to raise the profile of the School both nationally and internationally. Nominating individuals for awards, and working actively with others to ensure that deserving individuals are nominated is one way of doing that.

### **ACM Call for Award Nominations**

**31 Oct 05**

ACM is calling for nominations for a series of individual and group awards recognising outstanding contributions to the field of Computer Science in education, theory, and practice and in its application to other disciplines.

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## **Research Awards**

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None this week

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## **Staff News**

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### **Awards and Promotions**

None this week

### **Academic Arrivals**

None this week

### **Academic Departures**

None this week

### **Research Arrivals**

None this week

### **Research Departures**

None this week

### **Administrative Arrivals**

Interviews have taken place for the new administrative post in External Affairs Office. We are in the process of offering the post to an outstanding candidate (out of an excellent group).

Interviews for the UG administrator post will take place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> and for the Postgraduate Admissions post on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Administrative Departures**

None

### **Sabbatical Leave**

*Andrei Voronkov*: Microsoft Research, Redmond USA  
Aug 05 – Aug 06.

*Ian Horrocks*: University of Bozen-Bolzano, Bell Labs, and Stanford University  
Feb 06 – Sep 06.

*Peter Aczel*: Nijmegen University, and Maths Institute at the University of Munich  
Jan 06 – Sep 06.

*Alasdair Rawsthorne*: 80% secondment to Transitive Technologies  
Oct 05 – Sep 06.

*Alvaro Fernandes*: IBM Almaden Research Centre US  
Jul – Dec 06.

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### **Vacancies**

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#### **Academic Staff**

None

#### **Research Staff**

None

#### **Administrative Staff**

None

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