News from Head of School

Chair Interviews

Last week was very productive in terms of strengthening the School, with interviews for an array of impressive candidates for both the EPSRC-funded Chair in Computational Systems Biology and the Chair in Computer Engineering, funded from the UoM Strategic Initiative in Research Fund (SIRF). An initial offer has been made to two very strong candidates, and we are hopeful that we will be able to bring the two individuals to Manchester; if we can, they will certainly make a difference.

APT Career Development Fellowship interviews

There will be more recruitment activity this week with presentations and interviews for the SIRF-funded APT Career Development Fellowship. The details of the talks are below, and I encourage as many of you as possible to attend.

UCU Action

As you all know, the UCU has suspended its action short of a strike, pending a ballot of members. Although this is good news for our current cohort of students, I appreciate that many staff view the terms of the proposed settlement with some dismay; I recognise there is every possibility that the dispute will resume in a few weeks time. In the meantime, Graham Gough and his team are managing the difficult balance between doing the best that is possible for our students (particularly mindful of the approaching degree day), whilst avoiding unreasonable pressure falling on individuals – be they academic or support staff. Most of you will have seen from Graham’s detailed messages that the plan is to minimise pressure by concentrating on third and fourth year results at the Internal and External Examiners’ Meetings on 16 June and 20 June, respectively, putting arrangements in place to amend provisional results if additional marks become available, right up to the deadline for finalising degree classifications in advance of the degree ceremony. An additional Examiners’ Meeting has been arranged for 3 July, to deal with first and second year marks, and to resolve any remaining issues with final year results. As always, the professionalism and constructive approach of CS staff, under difficult circumstances, have been outstanding.

Teaching and Learning Innovation Grant

Congratulations to Pete Jinks, Graham Gough and Steve Pettifer who have been awarded £10k from the Faculty Teaching and Learning Innovation Fund. The grant is for e-learning support of the new 1st Year undergraduate groupwork project.

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### Requirements and Technologies for Provenance

**22 Jun 06**

ENSW technical meeting. Volunteers required to give 10-15 min presentations. 1400 – 1700, ESNW Access Grid room, adjacent to 1.17 Kilburn. Email Dean Kuo or visit wiki.

### Research Retreat

**29 - 30 Jun 06**

Palace Hotel, Buxton. Programme under development, input welcomed (email Ursula).

### School UG Graduation Party

**5 Jul 06**

We will be celebrating the graduation of our UG students. 1430 – 1530, prize-giving 1445, graduation ceremony 1645.

### School BBQ

**14 Jul 06**

Details to follow.

### Future External Events

**Brouwer and the Development of his Foundational Views**

**13 Jun 06**

Prof Dirk van Dalen (Utrecht)

A guided tour through the highlights of Brouwer's intuitionism(!)

1400, G17 Newman Building.

**EPSRC Regional Academic Seminars**

**14 Jun 06**

14 June 2006 Manchester: Manchester Conference Centre (register by 2nd June).

More Information.

**Microsoft Invites you on a Deep Dive!**

**27 – 29 Jun 06**

The UK Academia Team is partnering with DevelopMentor, to host an intense, hands-on technical event for academics in June 2006.

More Information & Registration.

**CLASS (Clerical and Secretarial Support) Network:**

**30 Jul 06**

One Day Conference giving staff the opportunity to attend a range of personal and professional development sessions and the chance to network with colleagues from across the University.

More details and Registration.

**Interdisciplinary Summer School on Complex Systems**

**20 – 29 Aug 06**

From Individual to Collective Behaviour in Large-Scale Complex Systems

Organised by the Schools of Computer Science, Mathematics and Physics

St. Martin’s College, Ambleside.
### Lunchtime Yoga Classes – Karon Mee

1200 – 1300 Tues, Staff House  
UMSA members £1.50; non-UMSA £2.00 per class

### Funding Opportunities

#### RAEng Industrial Secondment Scheme  
Open  
An opportunity for university lecturers in engineering to gain state-of-the-art industrial experience.  
[More Information](#)

#### BBSRC International Scientific Interchange Scheme (ISIS)  
Open  
To help scientists make and establish new contacts with their international counterparts.  
[More Information](#)

#### RAEng Global Research Awards  
Open  
Projects in centres of excellence overseas focussing on stimulating wealth creation and improvements in the quality of life.  
[More Information](#)

#### BBSRC Research Equipment Initiative (REI) 2006  
28 Jun 06  
For the purchase of mid-range multi-user, multi-project equipment.  
[More Information](#)

#### EPSRC Postdoctoral Fellowships  
26 Sep 06  
For talented young researchers, shortly or immediately after completing a PhD.  
[More Information](#)

#### Royal Society Research Grants  
1 Nov 06  
Seed corn funding for new projects of timeliness and promise initiated by research scientists at an early stage of their career or by established scientists wishing to change the direction of their research. The objectives of the scheme are to increase the availability of equipment and consumables for high quality research.  
[More Information](#)

### Prize and Award Opportunities

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.

#### Microsoft European Science Award  
31 May 06  
For a major contribution to the advancement of science through the use of computational methods.  
[More Information](#)

#### The IEEE Richard W. Hamming Medal  
1 Jul 06  
For exceptional contributions to information sciences, systems and technology.  
[More Information](#)

#### The IEEE John von Neumann Medal  
1 Jul 06  
For outstanding achievements in computer-related science and technology.  
[More Information](#)
Research Awards

None this week

Staff News

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

None this week

Administrative Departures

None this week

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.

Vacancies

Academic Staff

None

Research Staff

Research Associate – BHIG – Sealife Project

More Information

Academic-Related Staff

Manchester Centre for MesoScience and NanoTechnology:
Senior Experimental Officer and Technical Director

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Bioinformatics Curator – myGrid Project

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