News from Head of School

Graduation

The Graduation Party on Wednesday 5th July was blessed with wonderful summer weather, an excellent accompaniment to the strawberries and champagne. Students, families, friends and staff who attended seemed to enjoy themselves enormously and it was a pleasure to have John Kilburn and his wife in attendance to present the Kilburn Medal and Kilburn/Wiliams prize. Many thanks to Kath who organised the fine detail of the event for the first time, and also to those of you who took the time to join the stage party to give our graduands a memorable send off.

Exam Boards

The Exam Boards for Years 1 & 2 were held on Monday 3rd July, and students were able to see their results on Tuesday, completing the annual assessment process. I would like to place on record my thanks to all academic colleagues who have been involved in the process, helping the School to do a professional job under difficult circumstances – particularly to Graham and Pete. Thanks also to Gill, Jennie, Elaine, Kath & Jean who spent many hours pulling it all together in time to meet deadlines for the Faculty and University Exam Board meetings.

School BBQ

The School is hosting a Summer BBQ in the courtyard of the Kilburn Building on Friday 14 July from 1400 onwards. Please collect a ticket from ACSO if you are intending to come, so we have accurate numbers for catering purposes. To help the party go with a swing, please bring a bottle (or two) as drinks will not be supplied. I hope that everyone who is able will take the opportunity to mix with staff and students from parts of the School that other events do not reach.

Events this Week

School BBQ
1400 onwards Friday 14 Jul, Kilburn Building courtyard.
Tickets (free) available from ACSO, Room 2.127.

Regular Seminar Series
See links in contents bar for information on seminar series organised by the School of CS, E-Science North West and National Centre for Text Mining.

Future School Events

None to announce at present

Future External Events

CLASS (Clerical and Secretarial Support) Network
1400 onwards Friday 14 Jul, Kilburn Building courtyard.
Tickets (free) available from ACSO, Room 2.127.

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 Information 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.
More Information

Lunchtime Yoga Classes – Karon Mee
Every Tues
1200 – 1300 Tues, Staff House
UMSA members £1.50; non-UMSA £2.00 per class

Funding Opportunities

RAEng Industrial Secondment Scheme
An opportunity for university lecturers in engineering to gain state-of-the-art
industrial experience.
More Information

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

RAEng Global Research Awards
Projects in centres of excellence overseas focussing on stimulating wealth
creation and improvements in the quality of life.
More Information

The Leverhulme Trust - Research Leadership Awards 21 Jul 06
Aimed at those who are confronted with the task of building a research team of
sufficient scale to tackle an identified but distinctive research objective. The Trust
is limiting the number of applications to one from each university. If interested in
being considered by the University's Research Group, please send a 1 page
outline of the case to the Associate Dean for Research, Professor Helen Gleeson
by Friday 21 July.
More Information

Royal Society Short Visits from the UK 1 Sep 06
The key objectives of short visits are to initiate one-to-one collaborations, explore
opportunities to build lasting networks and gain access to complementary
equipment, data observations and ideas.
More Information

Royal Society Conference Grants 1 Sep 06
The Conference grants scheme supports UK based scientists to either present
their own paper/poster or chair a session at an overseas conference.
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. For research scientists at an early stage of
their career or established scientists wishing to change the direction of their
research.
Royal Society University Research Fellowships 2007

The timetable for the Royal Society University Research Fellowships (URF) 2007 has been brought forward. The Scheme will open on Monday 26 June 2006. Applicants must have a PhD or equivalent research experience and must have at least 2 and not more than 7 years' full-time postdoctoral research experience by 1 October 2007.

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.

ACM Grace Murray Hopper Award 31 Oct 06
A prize of $15,000 awarded to the outstanding young computer professional of the year.

Research Awards

RIAM: Reciprocal Interoperability between the Accessible and Mobile Webs
Funding Body: EPSRC (First Grant Scheme)
PI: Simon Harper
Award Amount: £205678

Staff News

Awards and Promotions
None this week

Academic Arrivals
None this week

Academic Departures
None this week

Research Arrivals
Ian Dunlop – Software Engineer - IMG

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**
None

**Academic-Related Staff**
None

**Administrative Staff**
None