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**News from Head of School****New University Finance System**

The new University Finance System went live on 1<sup>st</sup> June. There have been numerous problems with its introduction and there has been huge dissatisfaction across the University with the changeover. It is a tribute to John, Marie, Duressa and Claire in our Finance Office that most of you are probably unaware of all this. Through their hard work and professionalism the new system has been introduced in CS with very few problems and, for most of us, the changeover has been virtually seamless. It is easy to take excellence for granted, but I'd like to record my thanks to the members of the Finance team for a job well done.

**CS/Informatics**

Staff in the School of Informatics have had an opportunity to consider whether they think their research best fits into CS or MBS and final transfer decisions have been made for most staff. A small number of cases will take a few more days to resolve, for example where staff may have missed the recent announcements about the future of the School of Informatics due to absence on holiday. I am sure you are all anxious to know which staff will be joining us and I hope I will be able to let you have that information within the next few days. I am grateful for your patience with a process which has turned out to be more protracted than originally expected.

**Head of School Disappears!**

I will be on holiday from the end of this week for three weeks, so this will probably be the last newsletter until the beginning of September. Roger Hubbard will be deputising as HoS whilst I am away. I hope that those of you taking a holiday during August will have an enjoyable break.

**Events this Week**[top](#)**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**[top](#)**Relations and Kleene Algebra in Computer Science New 29 Aug - 2 Sep 06**

**ReLMiCS 06** - Joint 9th International Conference on Relational Methods in Computer Science and the 4th International Workshop on Applications of Kleene Algebra. The conference includes a PhD training programme.

Organised by the School of Computer Science.

[More Information](#)

**Future External Events**[top](#)**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](#)

## Funding Opportunities

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### 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](#)

### EPSRC Engineering Visits

Open

Support for salary costs and travel subsistence for scientists and engineers of acknowledged standing, either from within the UK or abroad, to visit the investigator's organisation.

[More Information](#)

### Royal Society Short Visits from the UK

1 Sep 06

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

Supports UK based scientists to either present their own paper/poster or chair a session at an overseas conference.

[More Information](#)

### Royal Society Research Professorships

8 Sep 06

10-15 years support for internationally recognised scientists of outstanding achievement and promise. Applications are particularly welcomed from scientists currently resident outside the UK and who wish to return.

[More information](#)

### EPSRC Postdoctoral Fellowships

26 Sep 06

For talented young researchers, shortly or immediately after completing a PhD.

[More Information](#)

### Leonardo da Vinci Programme **New**

10 Oct 06

*Leonardo Funding AVAILABLE for Staff Exchange*

For the exchange of expertise, competencies, innovative methods and practices in relation to vocational training. Exchanges do NOT need to involve two-way movement of staff. Deadline for use of the funds and completion of exchanges has been extended to 10 October 2006. [More Information](#)

### ESF Research Networking Programmes

30 Oct 06

### 2006 Call for Proposals

Bringing together nationally funded research activities for four to five years, to address a major scientific issue or a science-driven topic of research infrastructure, at the European level with the aim of advancing the frontiers of science.

[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.

[More Information](#)

### Royal Society University Research Fellowships 2007

1 Nov 06

The timetable for 2007 has been brought forward. The Scheme will open on Monday 26 June 2006.

[More Information](#)

### Leverhulme Trust Research Leadership Awards **New**

1 Dec 06

To support researchers confronted with the task of building a research team of sufficient scale to tackle an identified but distinctive research objective. Each award will be at a level of up to £800,000 in total for up to five years of work. The intent is that the funds be used to provide each awardee with ten 'post-doctoral assistant years' and ten 'research student years' for the grant period, though other patterns would be permissible.

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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 Grace Murray Hopper Award

31 Oct 06

A prize of \$15,000 awarded to the outstanding young computer professional of the year.

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None this week

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### Awards and Promotions

None this week

### Academic Arrivals

None this week

### Academic Related Arrivals

Amanda Banks – Learning Technologist - PEVE

### 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

*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.

*Milan Mihajlovic*: University of Maryland, College Park  
Jul 06 – Dec 06

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## Vacancies

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### Academic Staff

None

### Research Staff

Research Associate (2 posts)  
Advanced Processor Technologies Group - SpiNNaker Project

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### Academic-Related Staff

None

### Administrative Staff

None