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Best wishes for the future to Mike Cunningham and Colin Wallis who we gave a decent send off on Friday. We also marked Hilary Kahn's formal retirement, but she is a glutton for punishment and will be around helping the School in a number of roles for some time – hence, at Hilary's request, the absence of farewell speeches on Friday. In particular, Hilary has agreed in the short term to stand in for Colin, and make sure the building does not fall down, whilst we await the appointment of an Environment Manager. She has also agreed to take an active role in planning our celebrations for the 60th anniversary of the 'Baby', in 2008. When the appropriate time comes, we will not let her sneak away without celebrating her enormous contribution to the School over the years

Strategic Income Generation

An addendum to my message last week about the School Strategic Plan. A key component of the planning framework set by the University this year will be a major emphasis on strategic income generation. The motivation for this is the observation that it is only by generating discretionary (ie uncommitted) income over and above our normal sources (teaching and research) that the University and its Schools will have the headroom to carry through the step change in performance envisaged in the 2015 agenda. Obvious candidates for income generation such as consultancy and continuing education have been mentioned, but we are encouraged to think innovatively (I just stopped myself in time from writing 'out of the box'). I believe this is an important challenge, and one we must try and address. Any ideas, however 'off the wall' would be gratefully received.

Events this Week[top](#)**Welcome Reception for new MSc Students** **New****18 Sep 06**

If you are teaching during 06/07 session and/or likely to supervise projects, please feel free to attend. It is important for the students to meet as many academic staff as possible from the outset.

1300-1430, Atlas Rooms

Welcome Reception for new PGR Students **New****22 Sep 06**

If you will be acting as supervisor or advisor to any of these students please do make the effort to come along and meet the cohort.

1215-1315, Atlas Rooms

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](#)**Welcome Event for Informatics Staff****29 Sep 06**

We will be hosting an event to welcome staff transferring to the School from the School of Informatics. Please make every attempt to attend, since it is important that we make them feel at home.

Future External Events

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Research for the Olympics and Paralympics **New** 29Sep 06

This is a joint EPSRC - UK Sport initiative aimed at supporting the quest for gold in the London Olympics and Paralympics in 2012. Three workshops are planned. Each provides a unique opportunity for researchers from a wide variety of backgrounds to interact with the UK's leading athletes, coaches and support staff. Up to £1.5 million is also available to support activities to further collaborations established at this workshop.

[More Information](#)

Young Engineers Presentations – House of Commons 12 Dec 06

The annual poster presentation for Young Engineers at the House of Commons, coorganised by SET for Britain, is an opportunity to bring the work of the School to a different and important audience, enhance your CV and, potentially, win a prize. It is relevant to all PhD students and junior RAs in the School, and those who have attended in the past have thoroughly enjoyed the event. Applications are invited by Dr Douglas Naysmith M.P. (Sponsoring Member of Parliament and Chairman of the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee) from Younger Engineers in UK university, industrial, public sector and other laboratories to present Posters on their research at the event, and to compete for the annual Awards. More information to follow.

Funding Opportunities

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EPSRC ICT Platform Grants **New** Open

EPSRC invites outline proposals for its information and communication technology platform grants. Platform grants aim to provide world-leading UK groups with continuity of funding for strategic development, longer-term research and international networking.

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Royal Academy of Engineering Research Chairs **New** Open

The Royal Academy of Engineering invites applications for its research chairs. Research Chairs are full-time professorial appointments, in any engineering-related subject. The academy particularly welcomes proposals of a multidisciplinary nature. Funding is provided for 5 years.

[More Information](#)

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.

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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.

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British Council Researcher Exchange Awards

18 Sep 06

Applications are invited from researchers at the beginning of their research careers, with less than ten years active research experience after the completion of a doctoral degree, or those in the last year of their PhD. The exchange awards are for funding single or short term exchange visits for early stage researchers to make international connections. The maximum award is £5,000

[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 for Staff Exchange

10 Oct 06

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.

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RAEng/EPSRC Research Fellowships

13 Oct 06

The Royal Academy of Engineering and EPSRC are jointly offering up to ten Research Fellowships. These fellowships provide five years funding to enable outstanding researchers from all branches of engineering to establish an independent research career, normally shortly or immediately after completing their PhD.

[More Information](#)

Research Council Follow-on-Funds New

27 Oct 06

There is a call for proposals to be submitted to BBSRC and NERC for 'Follow-on-Funding'. This funding is designed to bridge the gap between academic and industrial research, specifically for commercialisation projects. Proposals need to be submitted via UMIP and generally require significant input from UMIP on the commercial exploitation and potential.

[More Information](#)

ESF Research Networking Programmes

30 Oct 06

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.

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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.

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Royal Society University Research Fellowships 2007

1 Nov 06

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EPSRC 2007 Senior Research Fellowships**1 Nov 06**

Applications are invited for the 2007 Senior Research Fellowships exercise. Senior Research Fellowships are awarded to outstanding academic scientists and engineers of international repute with a minimum of 10 years post doctoral experience. Fellows will be released from their current teaching and administration loads to devote themselves to research for the period of the award (up to 5 years). The proposed research must be important, timely and should offer opportunities for major scientific advances. Only a few of these most prestigious awards are made each year.

[More Information](#)

AHRC-EPSRC-JISC e-Science Research Projects Scheme**2 Nov 06**

EPSRC is a partner in this new e-Science Initiative. The aim of the scheme is to advance research in the Arts and Humanities through the use and development of e-Science technologies. In addition to a total budget of £2 million, six four-year PhD project studentships are available either as part of an e-Science Research Grant or as a stand alone.

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EPSRC 2007 Advanced Research Fellowships**9 Nov 06**

Applications are invited for the 2007 Advanced Research Fellowships exercise. Advanced Research Fellowships are awarded to outstanding researchers with between 3 – 10 years of postdoctoral experience. Fellows are expected to devote themselves to research for the period of the award (up to 5 years), with the expectation that they will have established an independent research career of international standing by the end of the award. Approximately 50 of these awards are made each year.

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Royal Society Conference Grants New**1 Dec 06**

The conference grants scheme supports UK based scientists to either present their own paper/poster or chair a session at an overseas conference, where conference participation is the main or sole purpose of visit. The objectives of this scheme are to enable scientists to disseminate research findings, establish collaborations and build international reputations.

[More Information](#)

Leverhulme Trust Research Leadership Awards**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[top](#)

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.

SIAM/ACM Award in Computational Science and Engineering**30 Sep 06**

The contribution(s) for which the award is made must be publicly available and may belong to any aspect of computational science in its broadest sense. The award will include a certificate and a cash prize of \$5,000.

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ACM Turing Award

31 Oct 06

ACM's most prestigious technical award is accompanied by a prize of \$100,000. It is given to an individual selected for contributions of a technical nature made to the computing community. The contributions should be of lasting and major technical importance to the computer field. Financial support of the Turing Award is provided by the Intel Corporation.

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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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Awards and Promotions

None this week

Academic Arrivals

None this week

Academic Related 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

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 06 – Sep 07.

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

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

Vacancies

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Academic Staff

None

Research Staff

None

Management & Professional Staff

Environment Manager – EPS/296/06

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Administrative Staff

None