School of Computer Science

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News from Head of School
Sorry, no news this week. I promise a bumper version next week.

Events this Week

Taking e-science from lag-phase to log-phase 25 Sep 06
Marco Roos, Integrative Bioinformatics Unit, University of Amsterdam
13:00-14:00, Atlas 1
More Information

MEng Company Presentations New 26 Sep 06
A chance for MEng students, Final Years and Postgraduates to meet with representatives from a variety of companies to discuss placement and graduate opportunities. We do hope to have a good turnout of CS staff as we have a very good response from companies this year.
More Information

Ontologies and the Semantic Web 27 Sep 06
School Seminar Series
Prof Ian Horrocks, School of Computer Science
14:15, Lecture Theatre 1.5, Kilburn Building
More Information

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.
1530, Common Room, Kilburn

Research for the Olympics and Paralympics 29 Sep 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

Worlds Biggest Morning New 29 Sep 06
We are hosting a coffee morning to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support, so please come along, bring your cup of coffee or buy from the counter. Bring cookies/cakes too......it will make it much more fun! The more the merrier!
More Information

1030 Staff Common Room

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**

**KNOWLEDGE PROGRAMMING WITH FLORA-2**  4 Oct 06  
School Seminar Series  
Prof Michael Kifer. State University of New York  
14:15, Lecture Theatre 1.5, Kilburn Building  
[More Information](#)

**Retrenchments, Refinements, and the Mondex Electronic Purse**  11 Oct 06  
School Seminar Series  
Dr Richard Banach, School of Computer Science  
14:15, Lecture Theatre 1.5, Kilburn Building  
[More Information](#)

**VOMs for GridPP and the NGS**  13 Oct 06  
An overview of the Virtual Organisation Membership Service and how it is being deployed for GridPP and the National Grid Service.  
1400, Room 1.10 ESNW Access Grid, Kilburn Building  
[More Information](#)

**Future External Events**

**'Climate Warming/Climate Change'**  9 Nov 06  
Sir David King, Chief Scientific Adviser to the Government  
1430-1530, Whitworth Hall  
Request a ticket by emailing Lesley Sisson as soon as possible

**Young Engineers Presentations – House of Commons**  17 Nov 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.  
[More Information](#)

**Grantsmanship Session**  29 Nov 06  
This popular one day course is aimed at new staff (young as well as recent Appointments who are new to the UK system) as well as more established members of staff who haven't had any recent interaction with the EPSRC either as applicants, grant holders or referee/panel members.  
If you would like to register your interest please email Louise Rogers

**Funding Opportunities**

**EPSRC ICT Platform Grants**  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.  
[More Information](#)

**Royal Academy of Engineering Research Chairs**  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

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

EPSRC Engineering Visits

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

EPSRC Postdoctoral Fellowships

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

More Information

Leonardo da Vinci Programme 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.

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RAEng/EPSRC Research Fellowships

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

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

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.

**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** 1 Nov 06

**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).

**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.

**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.

**Royal Society Conference Grants** 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.

**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.
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.

**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.
[More Information](#)

**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.
[More Information](#)

**ACM Grace Murray Hopper Award 31 Oct 06**
A prize of $15,000 awarded to the outstanding young computer professional of the year.
[More Information](#)

**Computer Science Writing Competition 2006/07 New 31 Jan 07**
We want unpublished articles of up to 750 words about research that's part of any EPSRC-funded computer science project. For this competition, computer science means the study of methods for acquiring, storing, processing, communicating and reasoning about information, and the role of interactivity in natural and artificial systems through the implementation, organisation and use of computer hardware, software and other resources.
[More Information](#)

Research Awards
None this week

Staff News

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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