News from Head of School

Revised Management Tree

Following on from the consultation about the management tree in the Newsletter of 10th November, an updated management tree is now available [here](http://intranet.cs.man.ac.uk/ACSO/staffLoads/admintable.php). If you have any comments or requests relating to this proposal, please let me know by Friday 13th February.

Duties Allocation Preparation

The duties allocation process will largely take place during February and March, with various items of information gathering during February. Part of the preparation process involves reviewing the hours associated with administrative tasks, for which current levels can be seen at: [http://intranet.cs.man.ac.uk/ACSO/staffLoads/admintable.php](http://intranet.cs.man.ac.uk/ACSO/staffLoads/admintable.php). If you want to make the case that the hours associated with any of these roles are not suitable, please email (by Friday 20th February) the case to the Head of Function associated with the task (or to me if you are not clear which function the task is associated with). The heads of the functions associated with most of the tasks are: UG (Graham), PGT (Roger), PGR (Jon), Research (John) and External Affairs (Steve).

Turing Lecture

The Turing Lecture series now seems to be well established as an annual feature hosted by the university (and organised conscientiously by the External Affairs office in the school). This year's event on 3rd February featuring Michael Brady on Information Engineering was well attended, and next year's lecturer will be Chris Bishop, Chief Research Scientist at Microsoft Research Cambridge and Professor of Computer Science at the University of Edinburgh.

Slush Expenditure Against Budgets

As announced in the Newsletter of 1st December, each research group has a budget for the financial year (which runs from August to July). This item is just to point out that as a school, we are comfortably on target to meet the overall budget for slush expenditure this year (the budget has yet to be agreed for next year). As such, if there are items of expenditure that you plan for 2009, it may increase flexibility in the next financial year if purchases where there is some timing flexibility can be made before the end of July 2009. John Halliwell can provide detailed progress against budget information on request.

Events

IET Clark Maxwell lecture

Power in the Economy - affordable engineering and technology solutions
Dr David Clarke, CEO of the Energy Technologies Institute
18:30, Lecture Theatre C9, Renold Building, Sackville Street
[More details and to register](#)

School seminar

Dr Enrico Franconi, Free University of Bozen-Bolzano
14:15, Lecture theatre 1.4, Kilburn building

[Online Sciences – A Collaboration Seminar](#)
New Funding and Award Opportunities

**PhD studentships for Sept 2009 entry** 27 April 09

This year, combining DTA funds with some School funds, we are in a position to offer up to 18 studentships to *home* (=UK+EU) students starting a PhD in September 2009. There is also the possibility to offer some bursaries that cover the difference between home and overseas fees for a few overseas students in need, but it is almost certain that we will not be in a position to provide maintenance for overseas students.

[More information]

**Research Awards**

None this week