News from Head of School

New IS Staff Appointed
Welcome to two new IS Officers, namely Andrew Robinson and Sami Khan, who have been appointed with effect from 30th March 2009 for a period of 12 months in the first instance.

High Performance Computing Review
The latest version of a document on the review of High Performance Computing in the University is available at:

http://www.informatics.manchester.ac.uk/intranet/news/

A Workshop is being held on 3rd April is to engage the computational modelling and simulation community in identifying those theme(s) where Manchester is (or could be) world-leading, developing the argument for the significance of each theme in terms of potential impact and how they align with the University's aspirations e.g. the emerging research foci, and discussing how HPC resources can best be organised and supported.

To register for the Workshop (0930 on Friday 3rd April 2009 in IT 407, IT Building) please email miadmin@manchester.ac.uk by Tuesday 31st March 2009. Please state whether you require lunch (at 1230) and whether you have any special dietary requirements. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please send comments on the draft White Paper to miadmin@manchester.ac.uk by Wednesday 1 April.

Events

Implementing Ontologies in OWL Tutorial 1-2 Apr 09
The BioHealth Informatics group at the University of Manchester and NIBHI will host an event, OWL Ontology tutorials, at the University of Manchester. The two-day introductory ‘hands-on’ workshop aims to provide attendees with both the theoretical foundations and practical experience to begin building OWL ontologies using the latest version of the Protégé-OWL tools (Protege4).
To register and for further information

Quantified Invariant Generation using Symbolic Computation and Theorem Proving 1 Apr 09
Dr Laura Kovacs, Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne (EPFL)
14:15, Lecture theatre 1.4

STDU Courses - Places available during April
There are places available on the following courses at STDU. Places can be booked online at: Training and Development

MS5: Effective Recruitment and Selection 8 & 9 April, 9.30am-4.30pm (Two-day course: you must be available for both dates)

AP5: PDR Reviewer Training (Academic) 16 April 2009, 9.30am-1pm
STDU will be running the ILM Level 5 Award (MS40) in April 2009.

A pre-course briefing session has been organised for Friday 17 April from 12.30pm to 1.30pm - a buffet lunch will be provided. This is aimed at allowing you to clarify any questions or concerns about the programme before it commences on Monday 20 April at 9.30am (subject to having sufficient final numbers).

To confirm a place on the session or for further information on the programme, eligibility and course requisites, please reply to:
courses-stdu@manchester.ac.uk

New Funding and Award Opportunities

EPSRC Student vacation bursaries 23 May 09

The EPSRC runs a student bursary scheme, under which undergraduate students in the summer before their final year can get paid to do research in a research lab or group. The money has already been allocated to the University, and we can participate in an internal competition by putting in a project. We have to find the student as well as the project and fill in the forms. We have learned that it is not a requirement that the research group hold a portfolio or platform grant; these are just examples of ways you could argue that your group is internationally leading.

Guidance notes
Bursary and project details form

Research Awards

None this week.