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News from Head of School**Farewell and Thanks**

As some of you already know, Jacqui Grant will be leaving us this week to move to a new role in Faculty finance supporting European Regional Development Funds activity. This is an exciting new role for Jacqui and we would like to wish her all the very best for her future and thank her for her contribution to the running of the Research Office over the past 12 months.

In the light of Jacqui's move, the School will be looking at the structure of support in the Research Office. Initially as an interim measure Ursula will be resuming managerial responsibility for the office. We will also be bringing in temporary support to help with the workload of the office.

Duties Allocation: Almost Complete

Following the announcement of the first draft Duties Allocation for 09/10 in the Newsletter of 20th April, several open issues have now been resolved and most of the loose ends tied up. The updated allocation is now available at:

<http://intranet.cs.man.ac.uk/ACSO/staffLoads/overview.php?year=2009>

All subsequent changes will be notified to individuals directly.

Faculty Meeting – Feedback

The Faculty is keen to get feedback from as many staff as possible to inform the design of future open Faculty meetings (the last one was held on May 13). Staff are encouraged to email any suggestions and feedback from the meeting to fiona.campbell@manchester.ac.uk directly.

Centre for Excellence in Enquiry-Based Learning**23 July 09**

Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences invitation for bids: deadline 23rd July 2009. The Centre for Excellence in Enquiry-Based learning (CEEBL) is working to promote an environment in which student learning is driven by a process of enquiry. As part of its funding activities across the University, CEEBL is delighted to be able to announce the opportunity for staff in the Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences to bid for up to £20,000 which is available to support strategic EBL projects within the Faculty. A total of £70,000 is being made available to the Faculty to support EBL initiatives that will improve the student learning experience. The project funding is not intended to support routine curricula development, but is meant to encourage and expand EBL-centred teaching practices. This means that both new and past recipients of CEEBL funding are eligible to apply. The projects can also include external partners, e.g., professional bodies, industry, teaching organisations, etc.

[Further information](#)

Events this week

Large scale text processing made simple by GXP make: A Unixish way to parallel workflow processing 15 June 09

NaCTeM seminar

Professor Kenjiro Taura, The University of Tokyo

11:00, MLG.001 Lecture Theatre, MIB building

Meeting to Finalise White Paper on Computational Science, Simulation and

Modelling and HPC**17 June 09**

1300 to 1600 (including lunch)

IT 407, IT Building

This Workshop will provide the opportunity to finalise the White paper on the future of 'Computational Science' (including all computationally intensive activity - computational science, simulation and modelling, HPC, data mining and visualisation) at Manchester.

The meeting will be open to all - if you have an interest in 'Computational Science' you are encouraged to attend.

The final draft of the White Paper will be made available on the 5th of June 2009. We strongly encourage all interested staff to respond to the

report before the meeting by emailing miadmin@manchester.ac.uk

To register for the Workshop and for further information, please email miadmin@manchester.ac.uk

EGUK Chapter Conference**17-19 June 09**

The 27th Conference organised by the UK chapter of the Eurographics Association will be the seventh Theory and Practice of Computer Graphics 2009 Conference (TP.CG.09) and takes place at Cardiff University on the 17-19 June 2009 with a paper deadline of March 18th, 2009.

[More information](#)

University Undergraduate Open days**19-20 June 09**

The University Open Days will be held this summer on Friday 19th and Saturday 20th June. As usual, the School will be holding events throughout the two days, and academic members of staff will be required to man the Computer Science stand in the Schuster Building, and meet, greet and talk to prospective students and their families. It is really important that we ensure there is a 'buzz' about the place for these events. Volunteers are needed to help on both days. If you are able to assist – ideally for at least two hours between 10:00 and 16:00 – please contact [Sophia Lewis-Martyr](#) with your availability.