News from Head of School

Academic Promotions

The following academic staff have recently received promotion:

- Sophia Ananiadou, to Professor.
- Renate Schmidt, to Reader.
- Jon Shapiro, to Reader.
- Goran Nenadic, to Senior Lecturer.
- Steve Pettifer, to Senior Lecturer.

All promotions are subject to a thorough process in the context of lengthy lists of criteria, which means that success doesn't come easily, so congratulations to the above for the recognition this represents of their contributions to the school, the university and the discipline.

Animation09 Animation Festival and Awards Ceremony

The Animation 09 Animation Festival and Awards Ceremony was held on Friday 26 June 2009 at the Museum of Science and Industry, and included a Film Show and Awards Ceremony, and an Electronic Arts Show. The event was attended by several hundred enthusiastic school pupils from all over the country, and assorted teachers and parents. The winning animations are well worth a look, and can be accessed alongside a video of the day at: http://www.cs.manchester.ac.uk/animation09/

This is now a high profile, and challenging-to-organise activity, so thanks and congratulations on its success are due to: the School of Computer Science Animation09 team (Stuart Anderson, Mandi Banks, Roz Cooper, Graham Gough, Toby Howard, Sophia Lewis-Martyr, Chris Page, Andrew Robinson, Rina Srabonian, Bernard Strutt, Ona Sumner, Alex Walker, Sue Wolfenden and vacation students Ashley Carver and Jerry Gorjatsev), Matthew Jeffery and Kate Booth of Electronic Arts, Paul Curzon from cs4fn, and Julie Earith at MOSI.

Graduation

As you all know, graduation took place last Friday. I would like to congratulate our 2009 graduands (UG, PGT & PGR), and to thank all academic and administrative staff who have been involved for their hard work during the 08/09 session. Despite some extremely challenging deadlines the UG & PGT Semester 2 exams period has run well, giving rise to supportive comments from all our External Examiners.

University Staff ID Cards

It has come to my attention (thank you to Gill and to Jean) that the majority of University Staff ID cards are due to expire in September 2009. You will need to take some action, detailed below, before that date!

Firstly, you need to go to HR in Sackville Street B9 between 9 - 5 pm in order to obtain a new card, which will expire in 2019. If you use your card to access a University car park, it will then be necessary for you to go to the Car Park Permit office on Bridgeford Street, near the Dental School, before 1 pm in order to have the new staff card reactivated.

Events
Faculty of EPS Open Meeting 15 July

All members of staff in the Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences are invited to attend a Faculty Open Meeting with Professor Colin Bailey, the Acting Vice-President & Dean on at 3 - 4pm in Room G51, Chemistry Building.

Colin will give a presentation and the remainder of the meeting will be given over to an open question and answer session on any matters of interest. There is no need to submit questions in advance of the meeting.

You do not need to register. All are welcome. Seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Dynamics of Complex Networks: Growth and Consensus 15 July
Dr Juan Barajas-Ramirez. IPICYT Research Center
14:15, Lecture Theatre 1.4, Kilburn Building

The Benefits of Semantic Structure in Peer-to-peer Networks 15 July
IMG seminar
Richard Peter Weistroffer
13:00, Atlas 1, Kilburn Building

U-Compare: an integrated text mining platform based on UIMA 17 July
NaCTeM seminar
Yoshinobu Kano, University of Tokyo
11:00, Room MLG.001 (Lecture Theatre), MIB building

ADVANCED DISTRIBUTED SERVICES SUMMER SCHOOL 7-11 September
Cosener's House - Oxfordshire
To register and for further details, please go to:
http://www.iceage-eu.org/adsss09/apply.cfm

Research Awards

Overseas Travel Grant
Funding Body: EPSRC
PI: Len Freeman
Award Amount: £22135