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**News from Head of School****EPSRC Visit to Manchester 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> February**

The university has a "Framework Agreement" with the EPSRC, as one of the 12 largest recipients of EPSRC funds. For details of framework agreements see [here](#).

As part of this agreement, the EPSRC will be visiting Manchester *en masse* on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> February; this is a good opportunity to hear about EPSRC plans in general and in specific areas, to discuss priorities and practices, and to get to know EPSRC staff in workshop settings. There are also sessions on how to write impact plans. The full programme is available at [here](#).

Of particular relevance to the school are sessions on digital economies, imaging and the life sciences interface. There won't be many better opportunities to engage constructively about future directions with our largest source of research funding, so staff who are able to attend some or all of the event are encouraged to register at [here](#).

**Roger Hubbold Retirement Party**

Lest you forget, on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 in the Staff Common Room there will be an opportunity to commemorate Roger's many contributions to the school and university over more than 35 years, and to join him in the sort of activity depicted.

**Events****MIMIT: Manchester: Integrating Medicine & Innovative Technology****25 Jan 10**

15:30, Atrium and Lecture Theatre MIB, 131 Princess Street

MIMIT is a joint initiative between the University of Manchester and Greater Manchester NHS trusts and PCTs to facilitate collaboration between clinicians, scientists, engineers and industry to develop innovative technology for patient benefit. It is the only international affiliate of the highly successful CIMIT initiative in Boston, USA.

This event will showcase MIMIT's work over the past year and will have presentations by the funding bodies that work with MIMIT. The programme starts at 15:30 and will conclude with a networking buffet. Please register by [email](#)

**Machine Learning seminar series****26 Jan 10**

NOTE UNUSUAL DAY: TUESDAY 26th JANUARY

Some Issues in Robust Bayesian Inference for Functional Genomics

Prof Chris Holmes, Department of Statistics, University of Oxford

14:00, 26 January 2010

2.15, Kilburn Building

[More information](#)

10 February 2010 – Room D7, Renold Building

All meetings are held at 2pm and should last no longer than one hour.

At the meeting Colin Bailey, Vice President and Dean, will give a presentation outlining the Faculty's Five Year Strategic Plan. 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.

All are welcome. Seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

[Further details](#)

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