News from Head of School

EPSRC Visit to Manchester 11th/12th 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 11th and 12th 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 25th 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
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
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
Faculty Meeting

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