News from Head of School

**Medal of Honour to Jun'ichi Tsujii**

Congratulations to Jun’ichi Tsujii, scientific director of NaCTeM, who is to be awarded the prestigious medal of honour with purple ribbon by the government of Japan for his academic contributions to the fields of natural language processing, machine translation and biomedical text mining. The Medal with Purple Ribbon is one of Japan’s Medals of Honour—high-profile government awards given for contributions to the arts, academics or sports.

**Staff Departures**

Magnus Rattray and Neil Lawrence will be leaving us shortly for Chairs in a new institute in Sheffield. Congratulations to both of them on their new appointments, and thanks for their contributions to the school and the discipline during their times at Manchester.

**President Visit to School**

The president will be visiting the school on the afternoon of Monday 10th May; from 2:45 to 3:30 there will be an open session for all staff in IT 407, which will include a short presentation and an extended question and answer session.

**Feedback Policy**

The university’s [policy](#) on Feedback to Undergraduate and Postgraduate Taught Students has now been published, for implementation in the forthcoming academic year. As such, academic staff and programme directors need to ensure that steps are taken, where required, to move towards compliance.

**School Plan**

The [school plan](#) has been reviewed by faculty, and is thus no longer a draft. The plan forms the basis for the agendas of school leadership team meetings, and thus we will be tracking progress through the year.

**Events**

**Constraint Handling Rules**

Prof Thom Fruehwirth, University of Ulm, Germany

14:00, Atlas 1, Kilburn Building

[Seminar website](#)

**School Board meeting: Research Report**

15:30, IT building room 407

[Board website](#)

**JF Wilkinson Lecture of the Manchester Medical Society**

The convergence of clinical medicine, engineering and computing: new horizons in healthcare delivery

Dr George Poste, FRS

Coffee from 17:00, lecture from 17:30pm - MANDEC Centre. This is a lecture theatre above the Dental School. The entrance is on Bridgeford Street adjacent to the main patient entrance of the Dental hospital and opposite the multi-storey car park.

**SIGGRAPH: State of the Art in Game Console Graphics**
Seminar on SAP Research and Collaboration Opportunities  
17 May 10
13:00-14:00, Atlas 1, Kilburn Building

SAP Research carries out research in a wide range of computer science subjects in which the school has an interest (e.g. Service Oriented Architectures, Virtualization/Parallelism, Semantics and Ontologies, Web 2.0 Applications), and some contacts already exist between staff in the school and SAP Research. SAP interact with universities in a range of different ways, including:

* Placements - for example for academic staff on sabbatical or for research students making short visits.
* Studentships - for example, where SAP research staff members register for research degrees with universities.
* EU Projects - where SAP research participate widely.

With a view to exploring opportunities for collaboration with the school, Ben Greene (Director of SAP Research in Belfast) will be visiting the school on Monday 17th May, and there will be an open session with input on SAP Research and collaboration opportunities in Atlas1, 13:00-14:00. Further details on SAP Research can be obtained from:

* SAP Research
* SAP Research Belfast

SAP also look like promising employers for current research students.

Extreme-End Remote Scientific Visualization  
20 May 10

AVS/Express Roadmap presentation and company visit.
13:30, Room 1:10 Kilburn Building

More information