News from Head of School

Student Walkout March 14th
A student walkout is taking place on 14th March at 11am. This will be an NUS demonstration against the "privatisation of education" and it is planned that students will walk out of lectures, join a rally at MMU and march into the city centre. The University will endeavour to maintain normal operations. Where students have missed lectures please make sure that appropriate material is available. If any more information is received it will be passed on by email.

New Support for Research Grant Applications
We are putting in place various pieces of support to help staff members submit more grant applications. There is now a Research Office home page at:

http://www.cs.manchester.ac.uk/reso/

It contains useful information to help you to apply for grants. There are two new pages:

1. Examples of successful grants
http://www.cs.manchester.ac.uk/reso/grantapplicationexamples/

2. Information about an internal "advisory" peer review process
http://www.cs.manchester.ac.uk/reso/grantapplicationexamples/internalreviewing.php

In 1. we've gathered together some recent successful EPSRC proposals. Some are current and their owners don't wish the material to be circulated outside the school - so don't. We will be adding examples of other types of grants in the near future.

In 2. there is now a voluntary school "advisory" peer review process for grants - do use it. You just email your grant and someone will take a look and give feedback - better local feedback first than waiting until the real reviews.

Replacement computers for teaching
The Dean has provided £73.5k from the Faculty strategic fund to replace the computers in the Engineering (Tootill) labs. The computers in the final year project lab will also be replaced this summer in the normal sequence of cluster replacements by Faculty IT Services.

Dean's visit to CS
The Dean will be attending the next meeting of School Board on Wednesday 14th March. All staff are encouraged to attend.

Events
SIGGRAPH Animation Session
14-15:00 Lecture Theatre 1.1, Kilburn Building
Come and see the latest Computer Graphics animations from SIGGRAPH (2011),
the world's leading Computer Graphics annual event. Free to all.
Event organised by the Manchester UK ACM SIGGRAPH Professional Chapter
www.siggraph.manchester.ac.uk

School Board: Dean’s visit 14 Mar 12
15:30, Wednesday 14 March
IT building room 407
The Dean will be attending the Board meeting. If you have any points you wish the Dean to address please send them to Bryony Quick or Goran Nenadic.
http://intranet.cs.man.ac.uk/csonly/committees/Departmental_Board.php

Funding Opportunities

IMI 5th Call 2012 - Stage 1 16 May 12
Details: http://www.imi.europa.eu/content/stage-1-3

Based on the recommendations of the IMI Research Agenda, the IMI Governing Board has approved the Scientific Priorities 2012 as part of IMI Annual Implementation Plan 2012. One of these priorities is implemented through the IMI 5th Call Topics (see Information Package below).

Applicants intending to submit an Expression of Interest (EoI) in response to the IMI 5th Call should read the Call Topics, the Rules for Participation, the Rules for Submission, Evaluation and Selection of EoIs and Full Project Proposals (FPPs), the IMI IPR rules and the IMI JU model Grant Agreement (see Information Package below).

Call Identifier: IMI-JU-5-2012

Publication Date: 6 March 2012

Call status: Open for Submission of Expressions of Interest – see deadlines below.

Indicative budget: The financial contribution from the European Community to the IMI JU for the support of research activities, which is up to €80 million, will match by 90 percent (90 %) the in kind contribution of the research based companies that are members of the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA).

Restrictions for Participation: see the Rules for Participation

Entities eligible to receive funding: see eligibility criteria to receive funding in the Rules for Participation

Selection of Expressions of Interest and Full Project Proposals: see Rules for Submission, Evaluation and Selection of Expressions of Interest and Full Project Proposals

Compliance with ethical issues: information is available on http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/ethics_en.html

Information Package: Contains the key documents required for the preparation of your Expression of Interest (EoI):

Submissions deadline (for submitting EoIs): 16 May 2012, 23:55 Brussels time (CEST)