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News from Head of School

New Head of School Administration appointed

Karen Varty has been appointed as the new Head of School Administration. Karen has worked at the Further Education Funding Council, as PA to the Principal at City College, and within the University as School Administrator for the School of Religions and Theology and Middle Eastern Studies, as Head of Student Recruitment and International Office in the Faculty of Humanities, and most recently as Undergraduate Recruitment and Widening Participation Manager for the University. Karen is expected to start in mid-July, the date will be announced as soon as it is agreed.

ARCADE hits the million

On Monday 14th May, at just after 3pm, the ARCADE server processed its millionth transaction. First year student Bogdan Guna is the lucky winner of a small prize and a nice certificate. ARCADE began service in September 1993 and has served the School in command-line, client-server and web modes ever since.

Open Day 22nd and 23rd June – academic staff support required

Academic staff will be needed for the Question and Answer sessions which are 12:30pm-1pm, and then 2pm-2:30pm on Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd June. The Open days are vital to our student recruitment, which requires increasing enthusiasm with the new fee arrangements. The Q and A sessions are simply opportunities for potential students and parents to meet staff informally, one to one, to ask whatever they would like to know about the School. Anyone who feels that they can enthusiastically portray the School as a good place to be a student can do the job. If you think you can support the recruitment of our students please contact Saba: saba.mirshafiei@manchester.ac.uk.

The Alan Turing Centenary Conference

22-25 June 12

22nd-25th June 2012, University Place & Manchester Town Hall

This Summer, in celebration of the life and work of Alan Turing, the University of Manchester is hosting the Alan Turing Centenary Conference. The conference promises to be one of the biggest events in the history of Computer Science, with contributions from seminar thinkers including Google Senior Vice President Dr. Vint Cerf, chess grandmaster Garry Kasparov and Dr. David Ferrucci, Senior Manager at IBM.

The Centenary event features two lectures which are free to attend and open to the general public. These will be given on 22nd June by Turing biographer Jack Copeland: <http://tinyurl.com/jackcopeland> and on 25th June by mathematical physicist Sir Roger Penrose: <http://tinyurl.com/rogerpenrose>.

Should you wish to register to attend either the conference or the public lectures, you can do so [here](#).

For more information on the Turing Centenary Conference, please visit the conference website: <http://www.turing100.manchester.ac.uk/> or contact Vicki Chamberlin at vicki.chamberlin@cs.man.ac.uk.

Events

EPSRC Regional Meetings

Various

EPSRC are holding 3 Regional Meetings during May to highlight progress made against our Delivery Plan and to discuss how we can continue to work together to ensure that we maintain, if not improve, the UK's relative international research standing in the face of increased competition.

Regional Meetings will be held in [Newcastle](#) (3rd May), [Birmingham](#) (11th May) and [London](#) (23rd May) further information regarding timings and registration can be found on our website following the links included above.

World Diversity Day

21 May

The 21st of May is World Diversity Day. The Faculty of EPS is the champion of this month and therefore we would like to encourage as many of our 1,866 staff to complete their data.

In addition we would like you to contribute to the 'Tree of Diversity' which will be displayed in the Sackville Street Building on 21st May for one week in the main entrances and on other places on campus. You can do this by completing a 'hand' in advance or when you pass the tree.

Information about staff disability, race, religion or belief and sexual orientation helps to produce anonymous statistical reports.

These reports provide the evidence used to direct time and resources to projects to promote equality of opportunity for all.

Log on to MyView and click on:

- Personal details
- Equal opportunities

Find out how to use MyView at:

www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/employment/myview

Why should we monitor sexual orientation, religion or belief and disability? Shouldn't everyone be treated the same?

- In the same way we consider information on gender and race, monitoring information in these areas will help to identify any potential barriers to equality.
- National research and guidance makes it clear that considering this information is very important.
- Consultation with staff at the University has demonstrated a desire for this information to be routinely monitored.

To find out more about how equality and diversity use this information and the work they do visit:

www.manchester.ac.uk/staffnet/equalityanddiversity

Funding Opportunities

School Research Office

There is information about support for grant writing and submission at <http://www.cs.manchester.ac.uk/reso/>

More with less: Engineering solutions for resource efficiency 11 Jun 12

Expression of interest: EPSRC invites expressions of interest from eligible individuals to attend an IDEAS Factory Sandpit on engineering solutions for resource efficiency.

Closing Date: 11 June 2012

[More information](#)

Nuclear Energy University Programs (NEUP) Integrated Research Project (IRP) - US/UK Collaborative Funding Opportunity

29 Jun 12

Collaborative research: The RCUK Energy Programme, led by EPSRC, would like to encourage the participation of UK researchers in the Nuclear Energy University Programs (NEUP), created by the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Nuclear Energy.

Closing Date: 29 June 2012

[More information](#)

Call for Feasibility Study Proposals: EPSRC Centre for Innovative Manufacturing in Through-life Engineering Services

30 Jun 12

Invitation for proposals: The EPSRC Centre for Innovative Manufacturing in Through-life Engineering Services is offering funding for feasibility studies in the field of through-life engineering services.

Closing Date: 30 June 2012

[More information](#)

Design for Wellbeing: Ageing and Mobility in the Built Environment

10 Sept

Expression of interest: EPSRC is leading a call with the ESRC and AHRC, which invites proposals from interdisciplinary consortia for evidence led research into ageing and mobility in the built environment.

Closing Date: 10 September 2012

[More information](#)

Fellowships

Rolling round

Fellowships are available in a number of priority areas [here](#).

Applications can be submitted at any time and will be processed on a rolling basis - further information on the application and peer review process [here](#).

If you experience any problems, please contact the [EPSRC webteam](#).