News from the Head of School

New staff

Vasileios Pavlidis joined the School as Lecturer in Computer Engineering on 1st September 2012. Vasileios will be working in the APT research group. Vasileios has a PhD in ECE from the University of Rochester and joins us from LSI-EPFL in Lausanne where he was a post-doctoral researcher.

Duncan Hull joined the School as Employability Tutor on 10th September 2012. Duncan will be working with Alex Walker and Steve Pettifer, initially to help our Undergraduate students to be in a position to secure the jobs that they really want. Duncan has a PhD in Bioinformatics and has worked in a variety of roles in the private sector and in education.

The School has been given permission to advertise the post of Lecturer in Empirically Sound Software Engineering. The advert is expected to go out around the 25th September, full details will be circulated at the time.

Network of Excellence Launch Event Thursday 20th September
Lecture Theatre 1.1, Kilburn Building, University of Manchester Thursday 20th September 2012 5pm-8pm

Over 500 schools have registered their interest to be part of the new Network of Excellence for the teaching of Computer Science, supported by Computing At School and BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT, OCR and many others.

The launch event will provide these schools with the opportunity to find out more about the network, meet the partners, network with colleagues, explore ways of developing Computer Science in a broad and balanced curriculum and discover ways of supporting colleagues, and being supported, in the local area. David Rydeheard, Pete Jinks and John Latham will be representing the School at the event; please feel free to attend if you are interested in getting more involved with the Network of Excellence.

Cake Sale Friday 28th September

The School of Computer Science & IT Services are joining forces to run a coffee morning as part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Date: Friday 28th September
Time: from 10.30am
Venue: Staff Common Room, Kilburn Building

Please help us by making homemade cakes and bringing them in. Or just buy some - all donations gratefully received. Please drop by and support on the day!

iManchester

The University has a free Android and iPhone app called iManchester, which provides a range of tools including campus maps (with location services and
‘augmented reality’), staff directory and ‘find a pc’ (which shows how many PCs are available in each University cluster).

http://www.library.manchester.ac.uk/aboutus/news/name-186654-en.htm

**Swipecard readers will be changing**

The University will be replacing the existing swipecard readers with contactless readers (like Oyster cards). The readers on the IT Building and Kilburn are expected to be changed in January and February respectively. If you have replaced your staff card with a new type card with an ‘M’ in a circle in the bottom right corner of the back then it should work with the new readers.

**Survey of science and engineering research software Closing 30 Sept 12**

From the EPS Applications Team:

The EPS Applications Support Team is undertaking a survey of the science and engineering software used to support research within EPS, to help plan future IT support for research. To take part in the survey please use the link and follow the instructions.

The survey will close on 30th September 2012 and is expected to take no more than 5 minutes to complete.  

Click here for survey

If you have questions about this please email the Application support team.

**Featured publications this week (by Robert Stevens)**

This is a regular section in the weekly newsletter. This is a small step to help us all to know what research is happening in the School and what is being published. Please continue to add all of your new publications to eScholar, but also send ones that you wish to advertise in the newsletter to Robert.Stevens@manchester.ac.uk.

**Events**

**Funding Opportunities**

**School Research Office**

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