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News from the Head of School**Animation 13 launched**

Animation13, the 6th Annual UK Schools Computer Animation Competition, launched on Monday 24 September. Animation has been a fantastic success for the School - last year's Animation12 competition was bigger than ever, with over 870 entries from 180 schools across the UK. We awarded prizes to 58 students from 31 schools. You can see all the winning entries, and photos from our Awards and Inspirational Computer Science Day at the Animation12 site.

The list of last year's winners is here:

<http://animation12.cs.manchester.ac.uk/competition-main/group4/winners>

and their winning animations are here:

<http://animation12.cs.manchester.ac.uk/gallery/winners/>

A few recent articles about some of last year's individual winners:

http://www.edp24.co.uk/news/education/dereham_neatherd_pupils_award_winning_animation_shows_a_fun_side_to_maths_1_918353

http://www.messengernewspapers.co.uk/news/9875253.Sale_schoolboy_wins_University_of_Manchester_animation_prize/

<http://www.canon-slade.bolton.sch.uk/index.php/news/general-school-news/567-canon-slade-at-animation-12>

Research Support Manager

Sarah Chatwin has been appointed as the School's Research Support Manager. She will start on the 1st October and will be located in room KB2.7.

Lecturer in Empirically Sound Software Engineering

The School is advertising for a Lecturer in Empirically Sound Software Engineering, with a closing date of 22nd October 2012. The details of the post can be found here:

<https://www.jobs.manchester.ac.uk/DisplayJob.aspx?pageno=0&htmlpage=JobDisplay&Jobid=19811>

Please bring this post to the attention of any individuals that you think might be suitable, or advertise it to any contacts that you have in relevant research groups or other organisations.

Royal Society Summer Science Exhibition

The Royal Society Summer Science Exhibition is a unique opportunity to showcase your research at the UK's most prestigious science exhibition. The call for proposals for the 2013 Summer Science Exhibition is now open, so don't miss your chance to take part:

<http://royalsociety.org/summer-science/proposals/>

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

Faculty open meeting

10 Oct 12

14:00 - 15:00, J17 Renold Building

At the meeting Colin will give an update on the Faculty's current position followed by 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.

Funding Opportunities

JSPS London Postdoctoral Fellowship for Foreign Researchers (Short Term) Monday 3rd December 2012

JSPS London Postdoctoral Fellowship for Foreign Researchers (Short Term)
Application Deadline: Monday 3rd December 2012 Fellowships must be started between 1st May 2013 to 31st March 2014.

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) is the leading research funding agency in Japan, established by the Japanese Government for the purpose of contributing to the advancement of science. Our Postdoctoral Fellowship for Foreign Researchers (Short Term) provides the opportunity for researchers based outside of Japan to conduct collaborative research activities with leading research groups at Japanese Universities and Research Institutions for visits of between 1 to 12 months. Eligible applicants need to be either within 2 years of finishing their PhD at the time of applying to start their fellowship in Japan or have obtained their PhD after 2 April 2007. Eligible research fields are not limited.

Please visit the JSPS London website here for further information:

<http://www.jsps.org/funding/2012/09/postdoctoral-fellowship-for-foreign-researchers-short-term.html>

School Research Office

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