News from the Head of School

Election to the Board of Governors

Congratulations to Caroline Jay who has been elected as the Senate representative on the University’s Board of Governors until 2015.

The Board of Governors, as the University’s Governing Body, carries the ultimate responsibility for the University’s overall strategic direction and for the management of its finances, property and affairs generally, including the employment arrangements for all staff. The Board appoints the President and Vice-Chancellor, the Registrar and Secretary and the Deans of the Faculties. The Board regularly reviews the strategic direction of the University and, as a consequence, determines the University’s short, medium and long-term strategic objectives. The Board regularly evaluates the performance and managerial efficiency of the University, its Faculties and its Schools in achieving strategic objectives within the operational limits, and reviews the effectiveness of internal management and financial control systems.

Movember

There is still time to support the School Movember team at: http://uk.movember.com/team/830989. During the last week the team has edged up from 8,315th place to an amazing 8,156th in the country, so with your continued support we should be 1st in the country in only 52 weeks. Unfortunately Movember ends at the end of November, so there are less than two more weeks of giving to go. Hopefully now that the distractions of Children in Need are out of the way the School can surge ahead.

Student Competition Successes

The Manchester Hackathon took place on Saturday 17th Nov at MadLab in the Northern Quarter. Congratulations to students Matt Schofield (Y3, CSwIE) on winning a £600 prize for his demonstrator and presentation of a Taxi Rank Finder app. Also highly commended by the judges was Ziyad Gideir (Y3, CS) for his School Finder app (which got him a job offer!) http://madlab.org.uk/content/manchester-hackathon.

Congratulations to students Vlad-Florin Chitaru (Y1, CS), Andreea Pascu (Y2, AlwIE), Abeer Shahid (Y2, CSE4), Marius Popescu (Y2, CS4), Sreeyanka Ghosh (Y2, CBAwIE) and Victor-Sorin Paunescu (Y2, CS4) on winning £100 of Amazon vouchers each in the Barclays IT Bid Challenge last week. Six teams competed, judged by a visiting panel from Barclays. The competition was very close and the presentations were all very impressive. Barclays are keen to run the competition again next year.
Annual Children in Need event

The Annual Children in Need auction was a great success and raised a massive £615. The final tally for the whole sale will be counted on Monday but is currently comfortably over £700. Many thanks for all the kind donations of books, gifts and random household items!

Some auction fun Friday facts:
92 items went on sale generating 415 bids by 82 people.

4 people made 20 or more bids with one shopaholic making 35 bids.

The last minute of the auction saw 14 bids and a total of 615 GBP was raised.

The winners of the Champions of Champions Football draw were: 3rd place Mikel Lujan (Watford); 2nd place Richard Banach (Yeovil); and the winner was Karen Varty (Burnley).

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.


Le Roex N, Noyes H, Brass A, Bradley DG, Kemp SJ, Kay S, van Helden PD,
Events

**NACTEM seminar**  
Analyzing the Collaborative Writing Process in Wikipedia - Case Studies at UKP Lab  
Prof. Dr. Iryna Gurevych, Ubiquitous Knowledge Processing (UKP Lab), Computer Science Department, Technische Universität Darmstadt  
14-15:00: IT Building room 407  
[Further information](#)

**School seminar**  
Correct and efficient GPU programming  
Dr Anton Lokhmotov. ARM  
21st November, 14:15, Lecture Theatre 1.4, Kilburn Building  
[Seminar home page](#)

**School Board meeting**  
Resources Report and Proposed changes to CS infrastructure.  
15:30, IT building room 407.

**Engagement@manchester**  
13:00 - 14:00, University Place 2.220  
Are you interested in public engagement? Do you want to meet other like-minded people at the University? Would you like to hear some inspiring ideas?  
Then come along to this series of lunchtime meetings exploring different aspects of public engagement. There is a wealth of expertise across our university and we are running these free events to help us share engaging ideas and experiences.  
This month we explore - **Collaboration between the Arts and Sciences**. We look at how arts and sciences disciplines across the university and beyond have worked together to create some amazing engagement activities and opportunities. We hear from Jenna Ashton (School of Arts, Histories & Cultures), Naomi Kashiwagi (The Whitworth Art Gallery), and Kate Dack (Nowgen).  
No need to book – just turn up and bring your lunch. We will supply tea, coffee and biscuits.  
[Further details](#)

Funding Opportunities

**School Research Office**  
Please contact us through [researchsupportcsm@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:researchsupportcsm@manchester.ac.uk).  
There is information about support for grant writing and submission at [http://www.cs.manchester.ac.uk/reso/](http://www.cs.manchester.ac.uk/reso/)

**The University EPSRC Impact Acceleration Account**  
Closing date: **noon 12 Dec 2012**

The University has been awarded over £3.2M to deliver an Impact Acceleration Account (IAA) between 2012 and 2015 for knowledge exchange activities based on EPSRC research. The 1st call for proposals is focused on building relationships with businesses and early stage commercialisation through these
schemes:
- Relationship Incubator Scheme
- Concept Development and Feasibility Study Scheme
- Exploitation Secondment Scheme

Further information on IAA is available.

RCUK Energy – NSFC Call for Collaborative Research with China on Smart Grids and the Integration of Electric Vehicles 22 Jan 2013

- Closing date: 4pm 22 Jan 2012

The RCUK Energy Programme is inviting proposals to develop collaborative projects between the UK and China, in partnership with the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC), in the field of 'Smart Grids and the Integration of Electric Vehicles'. One of the focuses is on Interface and Network Technologies.

More information is available.

ICT Theme Survey 31 Jan 2013

The EPSRC's ICT Theme is trying to gain an understanding of how the Shaping Capability strategies are influencing current and proposed research activities, gauging the level of awareness of EPSRC strategies amongst those involved with ICT research in the UK.

Please take this opportunity to inform future calls through the following survey (5-15min; closes 31st January 2013):
http://www.survey.bris.ac.uk/epsrc/ict_shaping

Funding Opportunities

Nanopublications for Pharmacology

Funding Body: AstraZeneca Ltd
PI: Steve Pettifer
Award Amount: £162,452

AZ have funded 18 month's work as part of the Open PHACTS consortium aim to reduce the barriers to drug discovery; informatics tools will be developed to help drug discovery researchers deal with the enormous and wide-range of data available to them. This builds on the group's current Open PHACTS work to deliver an open source and open access online platform with a set of integrated publicly available pharmacological data; contributing to an Open Pharmacological Space (OPS).