News from the Head of School

Award for Matt Horridge

Matt Horridge was presented the Faculty Research Student Distinguished Achievement Award by Associate Dean for Graduate Education, Ann Webb at an awards ceremony on 23rd May 2013. Matt won the 2012 CPHC/BCS Distinguished Dissertation Competition and is now a member of the Bio-Medical Informatics Research Group at Stanford University where he works on the Protege suite of tools.

Microsoft donation

Microsoft have donated 8 Kinect systems for use by students in projects and in student-led activities.

Microsoft have also announced a free Azure in Education event on the 20th June hosted in London at UCL.

Announcements

IQuBit Grand Challenge

The University of Manchester Innovation Group (UMI3) is running a new digital event for students (UG, PG, PhD etc) and graduates at the University: ‘IQuBit Grand Challenge’
Can you help develop the social media interface for an exciting new hyper local platform and work with us to develop this to a commercial reality?

Develop a social network building solution/idea to win an internship with XLR Group and other prizes...

iQuBit, the UMi3 Digital Accelerator and XLR Group have set a challenge for students and graduates at The University of Manchester to develop ideas around the social media/social networking solutions of a new web, mobile and location based service. The company has a fantastic technical team but wants to draft in a creative and innovative person to help bring this new idea alive. Your concept will be judged both on your description, technical knowledge and how you visualise it. Whether using wireframe, betas, storyboards, images, sketches, PowerPoint or video - the key is making your concept clear to understand.

This event will run from Tues 18th June to Fri 21st June, over which time, students will spend 3 days developing social network building solutions/ideas for an SME’s new hyper local media platform. We will have mentors/key note speakers in throughout this period to aid in the students idea development. On Friday 21st, the students will be asked to pitch their solutions to the SME’s technical team with the chance of winning an internship, monetary prizes and potentially equity in the new start-up (subject to agreement).

Students must have a keen interest in digital enterprise to take part in this event. To express your interest please visit this link.

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Events

CHIST-ERA Conference 2013 13-14 Jun 13
- 13-14 Jun 2013, Hôtel Manos Conference Centre, Brussels, Belgium
The annual CHIST-ERA Strategic Conference 2013 brings together ICT researchers from across Europe and European research funders with the aim to identify promising scientific and technological challenges for the upcoming CHIST-ERA Joint Call. The two broad topics that have been identified for the 2013 CHIST-ERA Joint Call for proposals are:
- Adaptive Machines in Complex Environments
- Heterogeneous Distributed Computing
Register to use this opportunity to directly participate in scoping the Call topics content.

Synthetic Biology – The UK Roadmap 14 Jun 13
- 11am, Friday 14 Jun 2013, MIB lecture theatre

Lionel Clarke (Shell; chairman of the synthetic biology roadmap group) will be giving a special seminar in MIB on Friday 14 June at 11.00am in MIB lecture theatre
All are welcome to attend.

North West Health Hack 15-16 June 13
Barclay’s HQ, Radbroke Hall, Cheshire

Organised by Manchester Informatics, Barclays, Health 2.0, TechHub and Hudson (IT recruitment specialists), the Health Hack is the first event of this type in Greater Manchester, with the purpose of shaking up ideas and innovation to benefit the UK Healthcare industry.
Whether you’re a regular hacker or this is your first coding event, the Health Hack will give you access to the people and experience that can help you develop and promote your ideas in super quick time. In less than 36 hours, NW Health Hack will be your opportunity to bring to life new or existing ideas.

eHealth solutions are becoming one of the fastest growing sources of technological development to sustain the multi billion pound UK healthcare industry in the 21st Century. Meet and work with people and skills and expertise from the healthcare and technology industries; all with a common goal of wanting to make a lasting impact.

NW Health Hack is open to everyone, regardless of how developed your idea may be.
- Access experts and mentors to help you mature a concept you might already have
- Find a team to help bring your idea to life
- Be part of a winning team and help to solution a great idea.

The event will be fast-paced and ill reward creativity, innovation and value for healthcare patients, users, or employees.

**Further information and free registration**

**Faculty open meeting**

**19 June 13**

19 June, 13-14:00, Lecture Theatre C53, Sackville Street Building.
All members of staff in the Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences are invited to attend a Faculty Open Meeting with Professor Colin Bailey, the Vice-President & Dean.

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. A more detailed agenda will follow shortly.

All are welcome. Seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

**Research to industry electronics conference: R2i2**

**3 Jul 13**

- 11am, Friday 3 Jul 2013, Sir Denis Rooke, Holywell, Loughborough University

The [R2i2 Electronics Conference](#) provides the opportunity for the electronics manufacturing industry, research & development companies and institutional research centres to meet, review and discuss the best of the UK’s academic electronic research projects. R2i2 is hosted by IMAPS-UK & the IeMRC in partnership with IEEE CPMT (UK & RI), ESP-KTN & NMI. You must [register to attend](#) (£25).

**Funding Opportunities**

**Research Support 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://staffnet.cs.manchester.ac.uk/reso/](http://staffnet.cs.manchester.ac.uk/reso/)

**New Economic Models in the digital economy 2 – outline**

**28 Jun 13**

- Closing date: 5pm, 28 Jun 2013

Up to £3.5M is available for this [NEMODE call](#), which focuses on building cross-disciplinary research collaborations between the Digital Economy Theme (DET)
and the research communities in economics and management. The call will also fund fundamental research on the new business models opened up by the digital economy and on the changing economic models at work.

The outline stage consists of a short application form and a three page A4 case for support to be submitted to DigitalEconomy@epsrc.ac.uk. Invited full proposals must be submitted to JeS by 4pm 19 Sep 2013.

Research Professional is a useful search engine for finding other funding opportunities.

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**Featured Research Outcomes**

Congratulations to Raheel Nawaz from NaCTeM for successfully defending his PhD viva: *Enriching Biomedical Events with Meta-Knowledge*

NaCTeM have recently published the research article titled: *Wide coverage biomedical event extraction using multiple partially overlapping corpora*

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Have we missed something? If you have some award news that you would like us to know about please contact Sarah Chatwin.