News from the Head of School

65th Anniversary of the Baby computer

21 June is the 65th anniversary of the Baby computer and Google have worked with Eva Navarro-Lopez to create a film in celebration. Further news can be seen on the University news page here and you can watch the Google video on YouTube here. Simon Lavington was interviewed on Radio Manchester on Friday, you can find the interview here (1h 38m in).

In case you haven’t seen it yet Google’s previous film about Atlas is here.

Promotions

I’m delighted to be able to announce the following promotions:
Robert Stevens to Professor of Computer Science,
Steve Pettifer to Reader,
Sean Bechhofer to Senior Lecturer.
Congratulations to all three.

Open Day

The School put on a great Open Day featuring a tech fair in Kilburn on Friday and Saturday. Our students showed off what they can do with enthusiasm and the event was a great success. So many people helped out that there are too many to name here, but thank you to everyone who contributed.

Health and Safety: Take Care on the Stairs

The largest cause of injuries in the University is slips, trips and falls. Stairs are an obvious hazard, and we have a lot of them. You might feel sure that you aren’t going to hurt yourself because you’ve been going up and down stairs without a problem for years, but then you might find yourself spending Sunday morning in A&E and the next few weeks hobbling around on a sprained ankle, which I can assure you is not fun, so just take it a bit more carefully on all our stairs...

Events

Women in IT event

11.30-14:00, Tuesday 9 Jul 2013, room 4.38 Simon Building
The annual Women in IT event is open to all staff and postgraduates at The University of Manchester as well as welcoming colleagues from Manchester Metropolitan University. Gillian Arnold, Director of Tectre is guest speaker (winner of the 2012 Cisco / Everywoman in Technology award for Technology Inspiration of the year and is a nominee for the Computer Weekly Most Influential Woman in UK IT 2013. She also currently sits on the board of directors for WISE/UKRC).
The full schedule and registration is available through the hyperlinks.

Funding Opportunities

Research Support Office

Please contact us through researchsupportcsm@manchester.ac.uk.
There is information about support for grant writing and submission at http://staffnet.cs.manchester.ac.uk/reso/

Summer Request
Please contact Sarah Chatwin with brief details of any applications that you are considering submitting over the summer period to help with our planning process. Thank you.

Open Access

A reminder that funds are available for Open Access Article Process Charges (APCs) for all peer-reviewed research articles and conference proceedings based on RCUK-funded work (submitted since 1st April 2013). For information and to request an APC go to: www.openaccess.manchester.ac.uk/

Showcasing Digital Innovation (DE2013) – submission call

- Closing date: midnight, 1 Jul 2013
- Registration deadline: 28 Oct
- Event date: Mon 4 – Wed 6 November 2013, Media City, Salford

The RCUK’s Digital Economy 2013 (DE2013) event call for submissions is now open, targeting technology demonstrators, paper presentations and workshop proposals from anyone in the research or industrial community. PhD student submissions are particularly welcome.

The 2½ day event will be held at Media City with confirmed speakers including: Sir Ian Livingstone (UK games industry); Prof. Dame Wendy Hall, founding director of the Web Science Research Initiative; and Professor Irene Ng, Director of the International Institute for Product and Service Innovation.

British Council Researcher Links

Closing date: 5pm, 14 Jul 2013

The British Council Researcher Links is inviting leading researchers to propose themes for bilateral workshops to be held in one of the partner countries (see below) that will bring together early career researchers to discuss their research and start to build international relationships. Workshops must: be organized jointly by lead researchers from both partner countries; take place by Mar 2014; and can be on either a specific research area or an interdisciplinary theme.

Partner countries include: Brazil, Mexico, Colombia, Morocco, Egypt, Qatar, South Africa, Nigeria, Russia, Turkey, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Azerbaijan, Thailand, Indonesia, South Korea, Vietnam and Bangladesh

RAEng Enterprise Fellowship

Closing date: 5pm, 9 Sep 2013

Thinking of developing a spin-out business around your research? Up to £85K seed funding and 12 month’s salary support is available through the Royal Academy of Engineering’s Enterprise Fellowship scheme. The aim of Enterprise Fellowships is to encourage aspiring engineering entrepreneurs to commercialise technology based business ideas from academic institutions into spin out companies, with the support of business mentors (mainly RAEng Fellows).

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

Featured Research Outcomes

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