News from Head of School

We are all monkeys!

On Wednesday this week Manchester Computer Science football group went "bananas" to beat racism. Inspired by footballer Dani Alves eating the banana hurled at him on the pitch and joining thousands of people around the world they took this picture during their weekly football match at Sugden sports center. #WeAreAllMonkeys

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-trending-27191333
http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/0/football/27183851

If you can't beat racism, eat it!

First year project showcase

Our 1st year students put on a great show of their achievements during their first year projects. If you missed it this year, make sure you go along next year to see the original and imaginative work that our students can do.
The 4th Annual Waterfowl Event was a great success with 9 ducklings born this year. While Mrs Duck finds the courtyard the perfect place to lay and hatch eggs, its complete lack of natural water and duck food make it a poor environment to raise her brood. If you are worried about the fate of the family, local charity Animals In Distress collected them last week and relocated them to more natural surroundings in Cheshire.

Three BBC placements awarded to our students!
The BBC in Salford Quays offered a total of 7 placements, our MEng students have secured three of them, working on BBC iPlayer! Congratulations to our students and to Duncan, Mabel and everyone else who helped them to secure this opportunity.

Graduation Party 14th July
Exam time is rapidly approaching, inevitably followed by Graduation Day! This year the School reception will be in the Atlas rooms at 2:30pm with prizegiving at 3:00pm. The ceremony will be at 4:45pm.

News and Announcements
Library news: Exam extra – supporting your success 28 April–6 June
The Library has listened to your feedback and from 28th April – 6th June, it will be providing extra study spaces, revision clinics, wellbeing activities and staff to help you through your exams.

There will be additional temporary study spaces on the ground floor of the Main Library, in the Learning Commons and a silent study area in Red 3.1 in the Main Library.

Extra staff will also be around to help you find spaces, PCs and answer any questions you might have. There will be an Exam extra help desk in the Main Library too with staff ready to help you.

Revision clinics and wellbeing activities will be available offering support and advice on a broad range of topics from managing exam stress to organising your work. You can book onto these via the website or just turn up on the day.
Events

Clinical Record Interactive Search (CRIS) to support mental health research

13:00-14:00, G306b, Jean McFarlane Building (number 92 on the campus map)
Speakers: Matthew Broadbent, Richard Jacks on, Rob Stewart (NIHR Biomedical Research Centre for Mental Health, King’s College London)
Abstract: The speakers will introduce a large epidemiology project known as CRIS (Clinical Record Interactive Search, http://www.slam.nhs.uk/about/core-facilities/cris), which is a pseudonymised version of the EHR system of the South London and Maudsley NHS trust consisting of ~20 million free text documents (apparently Europe’s largest mental health repository). The project aims to (cross)link CRIS to other datasets such as accident and emergency visits, hospital admissions, local cancer records, Lambeth DataNet, educational/school census data - see http://www.slam.nhs.uk/about/core-facilities/cris/cris-linkages for more details.

In particular, the speakers will be explaining natural language processing strategies that are applied to extract structured information from clinical free text. The talk will include three parts:

Matthew Broadbent (CRIS Senior Project Manager): “The Clinical Record Interactive Search (CRIS) application for EHR-based research”

Richard Jackson (Clinical Informatics Text Mining Lead): “Natural language processing strategies in mental health EHR data”

Rob Stewart (BRC Theme Lead, Clinical Informatics): “CRIS and CRIS-NLP applications in mental health research”

Funding Opportunities

Research Support Office
Please contact us through researchsupportcsm@manchester.ac.uk. There is information about support for grant writing, submission and successful examples at http://staffnet.cs.manchester.ac.uk/reso/ and through EPS. The EPS blog The Word contains features News, Events and comments relevant to Postgraduate Researchers, Research Staff and Supervisors or PIs.

Important: Changes in EU Funding Opportunities
More detailed information is available now that for Horizon2020 has started (the successor of FP7 EU programme). EU research funding is important for the School and it’s important to understand what’s available http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/index.html

Reminder - H2020 information available
EU funding-related documents are placed by the University’s EU team at: http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/search.aspx
The easiest way to find these documents is to search using the keyword: 'Horizon 2020'
A great resource recommended by the ICT National Contact Point is http://www.ictic.org/, which also provides handy overview documents.

External Horizon 2020 events

Various
Details on upcoming events are available, including focuses on graphene, HBP and FET.

**Featured Research Outcomes**

Did you know... papers featured in the newsletter also go on display in the Kilburn Building (outside 2.7)? Send your new publications to Robert Stevens so that more people get to know about your research.


https://www.escholar.manchester.ac.uk/uk-ac-man-scw:217528

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