News from Head of School

Food and drink over the summer
I was very disappointed to learn by means of the Staffnet newsletter of 30th May that Food on Campus intend to close both food outlets in the Kilburn Building from 7th June to 14th September (3 months). I have raised this with the Registrar and if this decision stands the School will investigate provision of an alternative service over the summer.

News and announcements

Spinnaker featured in Communications of the ACM June issue
SpiNNaker project featured in June issue of CACM: https://twitter.com/csmcr/status/471292311507595264

School Barbecue date set – not a Friday! 16 July 14
The School barbecue will be held this year on Wednesday 16 July at 3pm in the Kilburn quad. The usual rules apply – there will be free food for members of CS and some soft drinks provided. If you would like to bring your own alcoholic drinks along please do so.

Library: ordering NEW recommended texts for 2014/15
Message from Francoise Sullivan:
We want to ensure your students have access to the reading you are recommending for taught courses for semester one 2014/15, and if there are any NEW resources you wish to purchase for your programme/s or module/s, please let us know by June 30.

To enable us to purchase sufficient copies of each text we will need the following information:
Module or programme:
Student numbers (approx.):
Book details:

Please send all requests to uml.recommended-reading@manchester.ac.uk

Ramp up the Red success
The last Ramp up the Red event in Computer Science raised a grand total of £405.96! The money has been paid to the British Heart Foundation and they have sent their thanks for all our hard work.

Events

EPSRC Assistive, Adaptive & Rehabilitative Technologies Sandpit 5 June 14
Closing date: 5 June 2014
Event: 1-5 September 2014

Call for participants: The EPSRC is running a sandpit in the broad area of assistive and rehabilitative devices in order to try to engender a radical change in the research undertaken in this field in the UK.

Alan Turing conference and public lecture 6 Jun 14
Alan Turing (1912-1954) spent the last six years of his working life in Manchester. On
Friday, June 6, the School of Mathematics is holding a one-day conference in his honour:

http://www.maths.manchester.ac.uk/news-and-events/events/turingday2014/

In particular the public evening lecture on the life and work of Turing may be of broader interest. The number of attendees is limited, so please use the above website for free registration.

**Hacktivism; a joint event between the People’s History Museum and Working Class Movement Library**

Hacktivism: The Unlocking Ideas Hackathon
Saturday 7 June – Sunday 8 June, 13:00 – 13:00, Islington Mill.

**Unlocking Ideas Worth Fighting For**, a collaborative project between the People’s History Museum and the Working Class Movement Library, is excited to announce details of its 24 hour hackathon weekend. From 13:00 on Saturday 7 June to 13:00 on Sunday 8 June, **Unlocking Ideas Worth Fighting For** is inviting programmers, campaigners, designers and anyone in between to team up in Salford’s Islington Mill and create the next generation of protest tools. During the last two centuries the people demanded change by taking to the street. From the Chartists to the suffragettes to the peace movement, those demanding change expressed their views publicly by bearing the tools of protest; placards, banners and posters.

Now, activism is being redefined by the digital age. *[MyDavidCameron.com]* started this process; we’re looking at where it goes from here: could campaign music make the world a better place? Could short notice protests be bigger and better? Could movements realise what material has the biggest impact?

Get inspired by these questions and more and use the digitised collections of the People’s History Museum and Working Class Movement Library to hack new ways of speaking truth to power.

WiFi will be supplied and enabled by the fantastic [*Get Me Connected*](#) making sure you can get connected on the device (or devices) of your choice at any time. Food will be provided and our event hosts, Islington Mill, will kindly be putting on an honesty bar for the event. Booking is via [eventbrite](#) and please check the People’s History Museum and Working Class Movement Library events pages for more information. Hacktivism is a free event, suitable for adults.

**National Women in Engineering Day**

23 Jun 14
12-16:30, Concorde Conference Centre, Manchester Airport

Inspirational stories, discuss challenges and share personal experiences.

The event will host technical tours of Concorde alongside a structured networking session with female engineers, scientists and technologists from industry and academia. Our keynote address will be given by Dr Danielle George, Reader in Electrical and Electronic Engineering and Associate Dean for Teaching & Learning. Booking is essential. Places are limited so please book early.

Men are also welcome to join!

If you would like to book please email Helen Dutton or go to this link.

**National Women in Engineering Day Lecture 2014**

14 Jul 14
School of Chemistry, University of Manchester
10:30-11:30, Chemistry Building, Lecture Theatre G.53

Lesley Yellowlees, Professor of Inorganic Electrochemistry in the School of Chemistry at University of Edinburgh and the first woman president of the Royal Society of Chemistry, will join us to share her story; highlighting her proudest moments as a woman in STEM, how she maintains her drive & love of science and remains optimistic that all women can reach their full potential. Lesley will also offer
hints and tips from her road to success; discuss challenges she encountered; share how she juggles jobs and home-life; and the importance of having a positive outlook on life.

Booking not essential but if you would like to book please email Helen Ryder. Event page

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 comment 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.

Looking to apply for NERC funding?
A new version of the NERC research grants and fellowships handbook has been published.

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.

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