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News from Head of School**CS/Informatics Update**

Please make a note in your diaries of the welcome party we are planning for members of staff from the School of Informatics who will be joining us. It will take place on the 29th September (details [below](#)) and it is important that as many of you as possible turn out to meet our new colleagues and make them feel at home.

Updating the School Plan

This is the start of a new University planning cycle and we are beginning work on updating the Strategic Plan for the School. Working meetings have been arranged for the academic and administrative staff directly responsible for each of the key areas of activity in the School, but I would welcome input from any of you. This is not an empty exercise – not only is it an opportunity for us to take stock and update our plans, the document will also be the basis for negotiating with the Faculty our 2007/8 budget. You will find the 2006/7 plan by following the 'School Strategy' link on the left. It is based on a template specified by the University, which did not allow for any context setting, so you may also want to look at the 2006/6 plan which is a more complete document. We are currently preparing a background document that will provide quantitative information on our performance over the past few years, and will post that on the intranet as soon as it is available. The deadline for submitting our plan to the Faculty is likely to be late October, but it would be helpful if you could send any comments or suggestions to [Carmel](#) as soon as possible.

New Student System

The self-registration component of the new Student System was due to go live on the 1st September, but it became apparent that there were significant problems with the quality of data that had been transferred from legacy systems. As a result, on-line registration was delayed until Friday 8th September, to allow Schools to check their data, thus avoiding more serious problems in the future. Gill, Elaine, Janet, Kath, Jean and Susie put in a huge amount of effort over the past week to check the data for CS and have fixed any remaining problems, with assistance from Stuart Barker from the Student System project. Many thanks to all of you. I believe we can now be much more confident that the majority of our students will be able to register and select appropriate course units without major problems. I should also thank Carmel, who was mainly responsible for highlighting the problem, and worked with other Heads of School Administration to ensure that the danger of a major IT crisis was averted.

Events this Week[top](#)**SLT Meeting****11 Sep 06**

Meeting of the School Leadership Team. Main business – the School Plan
1415, Atlas 1

Health and Safety Committee Meeting**14 Sep 06**

Regular H&S meeting. Please let your representative (or if you don't know who that is, [Hilary Kahn](#)) know of any issues you would like to see raised.
1430, Atlas 2

Retirement Party

15 Sep 06

Hilary Kahn, Colin Wallis and Mike Cunningham all retire at the end of September. We will be holding a joint retirement party for them on Friday to recognise their hard work and dedication to the School. Please drop in to ACSO, if you would like to contribute to a collection and/or sign the leaving cards.
1500, Common Room, Kilburn

Regular Seminar Series

See links in contents bar for information on seminar series organised by the School of CS, E-Science North West and National Centre for Text Mining.

Future School Events

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Welcome Event for Informatics Staff New

29 Sep 06

We will be hosting an event to welcome staff transferring to the School from the School of Informatics. Please make every attempt to attend, since it is important that we make them feel at home.
1530, Common Room, Kilburn

Future External Events

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Young Engineers Presentations – House of Commons New

12 Dec 06

The annual poster presentation for Young Engineers at the House of Commons, coorganised by SET for Britain, is an opportunity to bring the work of the School to a different and important audience, enhance your CV and, potentially, win a prize. It is relevant to all PhD students and junior RAs in the School, and those who have attended in the past have thoroughly enjoyed the event. Applications are invited by Dr Douglas Naysmith M.P. (Sponsoring Member of Parliament and Chairman of the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee) from Younger Engineers in UK university, industrial, public sector and other laboratories to present Posters on their research at the event, and to compete for the annual Awards.
More information to follow.

Funding Opportunities

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RAEng Industrial Secondment Scheme

Open

An opportunity for university lecturers in engineering to gain state-of-the-art industrial experience.

[More Information](#)

BBSRC International Scientific Interchange Scheme (ISIS)

Open

To help scientists make and establish new contacts with their international counterparts.

[More Information](#)

RAEng Global Research Awards

Open

Projects in centres of excellence overseas focussing on stimulating wealth creation and improvements in the quality of life.

[More Information](#)

EPSRC Engineering Visits

Open

Support for salary costs and travel subsistence for scientists and engineers of acknowledged standing, either from within the UK or abroad, to visit the

investigator's organisation.

[More Information](#)

EPSRC INTERACT 4th Call for Proposals **14 Sep 06**

INTERACT is the EPSRC programme to establish and build strong research links between the UK and India, China or Japan. In this 4th call, applications are invited from UK researchers interested in building strong networks and collaboration with those in India, China or Japan. Funding is provided for travel and subsistence and follow-on funds for the establishment of an international network of activity.

[More Information](#)

Royal Society - Paul Instrument Fund **14 Sep 06**

Provides grants for the construction of novel and innovative instruments in the field of physical sciences.

[More Information](#)

British Council Researcher Exchange Awards **18 Sep 06**

Applications are invited from researchers at the beginning of their research careers, with less than ten years active research experience after the completion of a doctoral degree, or those in the last year of their PhD. The exchange awards are for funding single or short term exchange visits for early stage researchers to make international connections. The maximum award is £5,000

[More Information](#)

EPSRC Postdoctoral Fellowships **26 Sep 06**

For talented young researchers, shortly or immediately after completing a PhD.

[More Information](#)

Leonardo da Vinci Programme for Staff Exchange **10 Oct 06**

For the exchange of expertise, competencies, innovative methods and practices in relation to vocational training. Exchanges do NOT need to involve two-way movement of staff. Deadline for use of the funds and completion of exchanges has been extended.

[More Information](#)

RAEng/EPSRC Research Fellowships **13 Oct 06**

The Royal Academy of Engineering and EPSRC are jointly offering up to ten Research Fellowships. These fellowships provide five years funding to enable outstanding researchers from all branches of engineering to establish an independent research career, normally shortly or immediately after completing their PhD.

[More Information](#)

ESF Research Networking Programmes **30 Oct 06**

Bringing together nationally funded research activities for four to five years, to address a major scientific issue or a science-driven topic of research infrastructure, at the European level with the aim of advancing the frontiers of science.

[More Information](#)

Royal Society Research Grants **1 Nov 06**

Seed corn funding for new projects. For research scientists at an early stage of their career or established scientists wishing to change the direction of their research.

[More Information](#)

Royal Society University Research Fellowships 2007**1 Nov 06**[More Information](#)**EPSRC 2007 Senior Research Fellowships****1 Nov 06**

Applications are invited for the 2007 Senior Research Fellowships exercise. Senior Research Fellowships are awarded to outstanding academic scientists and engineers of international repute with a minimum of 10 years post doctoral experience. Fellows will be released from their current teaching and administration loads to devote themselves to research for the period of the award (up to 5 years). The proposed research must be important, timely and should offer opportunities for major scientific advances. Only a few of these most prestigious awards are made each year.

[More Information](#)**AHRC-EPSRC-JISC e-Science Research Projects Scheme****2 Nov 06**

EPSRC is a partner in this new e-Science Initiative. The aim of the scheme is to advance research in the Arts and Humanities through the use and development of e-Science technologies. In addition to a total budget of £2 million, six four-year PhD project studentships are available either as part of an e-Science Research Grant or as a stand alone.

[More Information](#)**EPSRC 2007 Advanced Research Fellowships****9 Nov 06**

Applications are invited for the 2007 Advanced Research Fellowships exercise. Advanced Research Fellowships are awarded to outstanding researchers with between 3 – 10 years of postdoctoral experience. Fellows are expected to devote themselves to research for the period of the award (up to 5 years), with the expectation that they will have established an independent research career of international standing by the end of the award. Approximately 50 of these awards are made each year.

[More Information](#)**Leverhulme Trust Research Leadership Awards****1 Dec 06**

To support researchers confronted with the task of building a research team of sufficient scale to tackle an identified but distinctive research objective. Each award will be at a level of up to £800,000 in total for up to five years of work. The intent is that the funds be used to provide each awardee with ten 'post-doctoral assistant years' and ten 'research student years' for the grant period, though other patterns would be permissible.

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Prize and Award Opportunities[top](#)

We have acknowledged the need to raise the profile of the School both nationally and internationally. Nominating individuals for awards, and working actively with others to ensure that deserving individuals are nominated is one way of doing that.

SIAM/ACM Award in Computational Science and Engineering**30 Sep 06**

The contribution(s) for which the award is made must be publicly available and may belong to any aspect of computational science in its broadest sense. The award will include a certificate and a cash prize of \$5,000.

[More Information](#)**ACM Turing Award****31 Oct 06**

ACM's most prestigious technical award is accompanied by a prize of \$100,000. It is given to an individual selected for contributions of a technical nature made to

the computing community. The contributions should be of lasting and major technical importance to the computer field. Financial support of the Turing Award is provided by the Intel Corporation.

[More Information](#)

ACM Grace Murray Hopper Award

31 Oct 06

A prize of \$15,000 awarded to the outstanding young computer professional of the year.

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Awards and Promotions

None this week

Academic Arrivals

Mikel Lujan-Moreno – APT Career Development Fellow

Academic Related Arrivals

None this week

Academic Departures

None this week

Research Arrivals

Simon Jupp - BHIG

Research Departures

None this week

Administrative Arrivals

None this week

Administrative Departures

None this week

Sabbatical Leave

Ian Horrocks: University of Bozen-Bolzano, Bell Labs, and Stanford University
Feb 06 – Sep 06.

Peter Aczel: Nijmegen University, and Maths Institute at the University of Munich
Jan 06 – Sep 06.

Alasdair Rawsthorne: 80% secondment to Transitive Technologies
Oct 06 – Sep 07.

Alvaro Fernandes: IBM Almaden Research Centre US
Jul 06 – Dec 06.

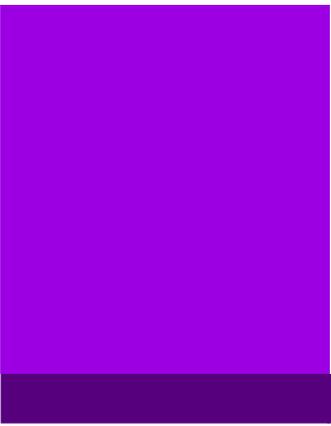
Milan Mihajlovic: University of Maryland, College Park
Jul 06 – Dec 06

Vacancies

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Academic Staff

None



Research Staff

None

Academic-Related Staff

None

Administrative Staff

None

