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As trailed in the newsletter last week, members of the panel conducting the EPSRC International Review of ICT visited the University on Wednesday. The day was shared with colleagues from E&EE and involved poster sessions, demonstrations, focus groups and general discussion. We particularly emphasised multidisciplinary research and knowledge/technology transfer, since these are major foci of the review. The EPSRC staff who were involved, and several of the panellist, went out of their way to praise both the organisation and content of the event. Quoting our main contact at EPSRC: "*Thanks also for an excellent agenda yesterday, there was a good buzz around proceedings and the panel were exposed to a series of top quality researchers and projects*". Many thanks to everyone who was involved – to Ursula, Anna and Helen for their meticulous organisation, and to all the academic and research staff who gave up their time to prepare for the event and participate on the day.

**First Year Projects**

Last week saw the presentations and poster sessions for the new first year team projects. Everyone who attended, including representatives from CEEBL, were very impressed with the quality of the presentations and posters and with the enthusiasm shown by the students for their chosen ventures. Although I hesitate to use the term twice in the same newsletter, there really was a buzz around the poster event. The posters will remain up in the Kilburn lower first area for the rest of the week so staff and students have the opportunity to browse. We also hope to publish some photos of the event in the near future.

**Third Year Project Poster Prizewinners**

After a terribly difficult judging session involving Ian Pratt-Hartmann, Len Freeman and Toby Howard – who were all amazed by the extremely high quality of the work they saw – the School can now send its warmest congratulations to third year UG students Haroon Ahmed (CS, project supervisor Alan Williams) and Aloysius Tan (CSwBM, project supervisor Brian Warboys) who have won First Prize in their respective categories for best third year Project Poster. Haroon and Aloysius will soon receive their official certificates and prizes (book tokens), and their posters will be exhibited again for all to admire. Well done Haroon and Aloysius!

**New Environment Officer**

I am very pleased to welcome Eamon Griffin as our new Environment Officer (EO). It will obviously take him some time to become familiar with the School and its estates, but you should treat him as the first point of contact for all environment issues. This is also an appropriate juncture at which to thank Hilary Khan for stepping into the breach by taking on the EO role over the past few months, on top of her long-term commitment to making the School a more pleasant place to work. I am also grateful that Hilary has agreed to see through a few projects that are close to completion and to spend time bringing Eamon up to date with outstanding issues. I know her advice on environment matters will continue to be invaluable.

**National Science Week**

The 12<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2007 is National Science week. Activities for 13-16 years olds will be taking place in Schools across the Faculty. The External Affairs

office will be coordinating Computer Science activities and is currently looking for suggestions for interactive/hands-on sessions that we can run in the School. If you have any suggestions, or feel you could help in any way, then please contact [Bernard](#). As you know, we need to give student awareness and recruitment activities a very high priority, and I would encourage you all to put some energy into coming up with ideas

### Post Graduate Open Day

Many thanks to all those involved in last week's postgraduate Open Day. Around 20 prospective postgraduate students visited the School for talks and demos, which were extremely well received. Special thanks to Sue Wolfenden for organising the open day and to Jim Miles and Gwenn Englebienne for putting on informative and entertaining demos.

### UMIP@CS

As part of the School's strategy to increase involvement in knowledge & technology transfer, we have arranged for David Eales – one of UMIP's business managers – to spend a day a month in the School. During his first visit, which takes place this week ([see below](#)), he will be available to answer questions – specific or general – concerning intellectual property and commercialisation. During future visits, David will arrange to meet with each of the research groups to discuss opportunities for commercialisation.

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## Events this Week

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### Sensor Data Collection in a Transport Monitoring Environment 13 Dec 06

Dr Niki Trigoni, Birkbeck, University of London

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### UMIP Open Door Day **New** 14 Dec 06

David Eales, UMIP, will be available to discuss intellectual property and commercialisation. If there are issues you would like to discuss, email [David](#) to arrange a mutually convenient time, or drop in 'on spec' during the day. 0930-1300 and 1400-1700. Kilburn 2.09a

### Graduation Party **New** 14 Dec 06

The graduation ceremony for CS students will be preceded at by a small party at which staff and fellow PG students can celebrate their success. We will also award the prize for best performance in the taught component of our MSc programmes.

1430-1530, Staff Common Room

### 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.

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## Future School Events

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### School Christmas Party **New** 19 Dec 06

There will be a DJ, wine, beer, soft drinks and food aplenty, but don't forget to bring a bottle of your favourite tippie as well to help things along. Offers of help with food preparation and Christmas decorations and on the day would still be gratefully received – drop in to ACSO/Lynn during the morning for instructions.

1600 -?, Staff Common Room, Kilburn.

### UMIP Open Door Day **New** 11 Jan 07

David Eales, UMIP, will be available to discuss intellectual property and commercialisation. If there are issues you would like to discuss, email [David](#) to arrange a mutually convenient time, or drop in 'on spec' during the day. 0930-1300 and 1400-1700. Kilburn 2.09a

### **President's Visit**

**28 Feb 07**

The President and Vice-Chancellor will be visiting the School. Please make a diary note – more details nearer the time.  
1400-1600

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## **Future External Events**

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### **Mathematical and Statistical Aspects of Molecular Biology**

**29-30 Mar 07**

With participants from mathematics, statistics, computer science, bioinformatics, biology and related fields, the MASAMB meetings provide an intimate setting for exchange of ideas in methodological and applied research. Research students and scientists newly entering the field of genomic research are particularly welcome. To be considered for a talk or poster, authors should submit a one page abstract describing their research. This abstract will be used to select presentations and should provide an overview of the research objectives, methods and results.

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### **Toshiba Fellowships**

**15 Dec 06**

Toshiba in association with the EPSRC invites applications from European scientists to join one of its high technology research teams in Japan.

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### **DTI Technology Strategy - Competitions for Funding**

**08 Jan 07**

The Autumn 2006 Competition for Funding was launched in London last week and the Technology Priority Areas are as follows: Network security; Moving towards the zero emission enterprise; Emerging energy technologies; Bioscience and healthcare; Sensors and imaging for medical, security and environmental applications; Plastic electronics

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### **Royal Commission 1851 Industrial Fellowships 2007**

**25 Jan 07**

The Commission now sees its Industrial Fellowships as catalysts in the encouragement of innovation and creativity in British industry. Although the Fellowships are awarded to individuals, their parent Companies and associated Universities derive equal advantage from the scheme. About eight Industrial Fellowships are offered each year for selected graduates, working in British Industry, who have a good first degree in engineering, science or medicine.

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### **EPSRC Challenging Engineering Call**

**2 Feb 07**

Prospective applicants are encouraged to submit an outline proposal, no more than 2 pages long. Schools are asked to submit no more than 2 outline proposals. These should be sent to Helen Gleeson by Friday 2 February 2007 to allow sufficient time for the prospective applicants to make an excellent application.

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### **UoM Simon Industrial and Professional Fellowship**

**1 Jul 07**

The regulations and faculty financial allocations for the Simon Industrial and Professional Fellowship appointments during the 2006/07 academic session are available [here](#). Any applications should be sent to Helen Gleeson initially (not the Dean as stated). Nominations must be received no later than 1 July 2007.

**EPSRC ICT Platform Grants** **Open**

EPSRC invites outline proposals for its information and communication technology platform grants. Platform grants aim to provide world-leading UK groups with continuity of funding for strategic development, longer-term research and international networking.

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**Royal Academy of Engineering Research Chairs** **Open**

The Royal Academy of Engineering invites applications for its research chairs. Research Chairs are full-time professorial appointments, in any engineering-related subject. The academy particularly welcomes proposals of a multidisciplinary nature. Funding is provided for 5 years.

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**RAEng Industrial Secondment Scheme** **Open**

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

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**BBSRC International Scientific Interchange Scheme (ISIS)** **Open**

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

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**RAEng Global Research Awards** **Open**

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

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**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.

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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.

**EPSRC Computer Science Writing Competition 2006/07** **31 Jan 07**

We want unpublished articles of up to 750 words about research that's part of any EPSRC-funded computer science project. For this competition, computer science means the study of methods for acquiring, storing, processing, communicating and reasoning about information, and the role of interactivity in natural and artificial systems through the implementation, organisation and use of computer hardware, software and other resources.

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**Royal Academy of Engineering MacRobert Award** **31 Jan 07**

The UK's premier award for innovation in engineering. The Award, first presented

in 1969, honours the winning company with a gold medal and the team members with a prize of £50,000. The presentation of the Award recognises the successful development of innovative ideas in engineering. It seeks to demonstrate the importance of engineering and the role of engineers and scientists in contributing to national prosperity and international prestige.

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### European Science Awards

21 Feb 07

These prestigious awards, bestowed by the Royal Society and Académie des Sciences, and sponsored by Microsoft Research, is designed to recognise and reward scientists working in Europe who have made a major contribution to the advancement of science through the use of computational methods. The 2007 award is open to any research scientist who has made a significant contribution at the intersection of computing and the physical sciences, including mathematics and engineering.

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### ERCIM Cor Baayen Award

15 April 07

The Cor Baayen Award is awarded each year to a most promising young researcher in computer science and applied mathematics. The award was created in 1995 to honour the first ERCIM President. Nominations should be made by a staff member of the university or research institute where the nominee is undertaking research. Self nominations are not accepted.

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None this week

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### Awards and Promotions

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### Academic Arrivals

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### Technical Arrivals

None this week

### Academic Retirements

None this week

### Research Arrivals

None this week

### Research Departures

None this week

### Administrative Arrivals

Bryony Quick – Junior Academic Secretary - ACSO

### Administrative Departures

None this week

### Sabbatical Leave

*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

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## Vacancies

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### Academic Staff

None

### Research & Technical Staff

Senior Clinical Systems Architect and Knowledge Engineer EPS/396/06 New

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### Management & Professional Staff

None

### Administrative Staff

None