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## News from Head of School

### Network Problems

I am aware of the serious IT problems experienced by many our students during last week and will ensure that their resolution is given the very highest priority. I am expecting a status report this morning, and if it transpires that help from outside the School is required I will ensure that a request for support is escalated to the appropriate level in the University. I believe that Norman has already suggested in my absence that Roger Hubbald and Graham Gough should act as the academic contacts with Duty Office and ITS. Please let them know of any problems you or your students have experienced so they can build up a complete picture of the problem from a user perspective; please don't contact Duty Office directly, since inundating them with numerous but related requests would not be helpful when they are trying hard to fix the problems. I will make sure that you are all kept informed of progress.

### Jeans for Genes

The Jeans for Genes event last week was a great success and has already raised a significant sum for the charity. Many thanks to all who have already contributed. In response to requests from staff who were unable to make a donation on Friday, the collection will be kept open today – collection points are located in Ursula's office, Finance, ACSO and SSO.

## Events this Week

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### University's Foundation Day Lecture

**8 Oct 08**

Professor Joe Stiglitz, Chair, Brooks World Poverty Institute.  
As you may be aware, the University marks its foundation each year with a Foundation Lecture given by someone of renown. The President and Vice-Chancellor would like to invite as many members of staff as possible from across the University to attend this prestigious event. If you are interested in attending, please request a ticket by emailing [Lesley Sisson](#)

### AI via Neural Processing

**8 Oct 08**

Dr Chris Huyck. Middlesex University  
1415, Lecture Theatre 1.4, Kilburn Building  
[More Information](#)

### 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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### Open Staff Meeting for all CS staff New

There will be an Open Staff Meeting for all CS staff on Wednesday, 22nd October at 3.30 p.m. in IT407. It is expected that the meeting will last between 60 to 90 minutes during which Norman Paton will outline broad plans and it will also provide an opportunity for interaction.

### Wear it Pink New

**31 Oct 08**



We will once again be supporting the Breast Cancer Campaign by holding a Wear it Pink Day. We will run a tombola and need prizes. If you have any bottles (wine, beer etc), chocolates or new items you are willing to donate then please bring them to ACSO. All donations gratefully received

## Children in Need New

**14 Nov 08**



We will once again be running our annual Children in Need Booksale and online auction. Further details will be sent round in due course. Books and auction items gratefully received in ACSO.

## School Board Dates

26 November - UG Report

4 February - PG Report

25 March - External Affairs Report

6 May - Research Report

1 July - Resources Report

All meetings take place 1530-1700 in IT 407.

## Future External Events

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### UMIP Seminar on Consulting

**13 Oct 08**

The University of Manchester Intellectual Property Ltd (UMIP) would like to invite you to its free seminar on 'Consulting' during the morning of Monday 13 October. The seminar will consist of presentations made by a number of experienced individuals from academia and industry who will share their experiences of consulting. [More Information & Registration](#)

1000-1300 (Registration & coffee 0930), CTF, 46 Grafton Street

### Faculty Meeting

**15 Oct 08**

The meeting will follow a similar structure to the last one in April in that the first half of the meeting will be used to provide an update on the Faculty's current performance and the second half will be an open question and answer session. The Dean will open the meeting with an overview of the Faculty's financial position, focussed on the five year forecasts, and this will be followed by a brief update from each of the Associate Deans on the key priorities within their areas. Faculty would like at least one question from each School so please send questions for the Dean to [Fiona Campbell](#) please.

### Support for Academically-Led Conferences New

**Various**

One-stop solution from STARS. The Division of Sport, Trading and Residential Services ('STARS') offers a one-stop solution for academics interested in attracting and organising conferences here at The University of Manchester, a service directly supporting the University's 2015 goal of achieving high international standing.

[More Information](#)

### BBSRC Road Shows "Enabling the Delivery of Excellence with Impact" New

London - 20<sup>th</sup> October 2008

Manchester- 28<sup>th</sup> October 2008

Other venues available.

Tea and coffee will be available at 14:00 pm with presentations due to

commence from 14:30 pm. The meeting will finish at approximately 17:30pm. To be kept up to date with plans, and to register your interest in attending an event, if you have not already done so, please send your name, institution and contact details, together with your preferred venue to [roadshows@bbsrc.ac.uk](mailto:roadshows@bbsrc.ac.uk) by Wednesday 1st October 2008.

[More Information](#)

### **Advanced Tools & Technologies for Collaborative Research** New 6 Nov 08

Speakers will include Dr David Fergusson, Deputy Director, Training, Outreach and Education, the National e-Science Centre and researchers at Manchester who are working on projects to develop and demonstrate collaboration tools. These include myExperiment, a collaborative environment where scientists publish and share their workflows. A detailed programme of the event is published below.

[More Information & registration](#)

## Funding Opportunities

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### **RAEng - Leverhulme Trust Senior Research Fellowships**

**14 Nov 08**

These Fellowships provide an opportunity for mid-career academics based in UK universities to be relieved of their administrative and teaching responsibilities, for between one academic term and a year, in order to concentrate on full-time research in any engineering discipline. The award provides a grant to cover the cost of a replacement member of staff for the period of the Fellowship to carry out the teaching and administrative responsibilities of the researcher. A support fund of up to £2,500 is also available as part of the Fellowship.

[More Information](#)

### **RAEng Research Student Development Fellowships**

**1 Dec 08**

These fellowships are worth **£10,000 each** and are intended to add value to **PhD and EngD students** by funding training and development activities which complement their research oriented education. The scheme is open to all research students who are entering their second year in the academic term beginning September/October 2008. Deadline for applications: 1st December 2008. For more information visit: [More Information](#)

### **Industrial Secondment Scheme**

**Open**

The Industrial Secondment Scheme provides an invaluable opportunity for engineering teaching staff in Higher Education institutions to gain state-of-the-art industrial experience. Applicable to engineers of all disciplines, the scheme's objective is to enable the secondees to impart the fruits of this experience to their students through teaching, through case studies using up-to-date material and, in the longer term, through course design. The benefits also accrue to the host organization which gains a temporary but highly qualified member of staff, and to the university which has the opportunity of strengthening its links with industry.

[More Information](#)

### **UoM Knowledge Transfer Challenge**

**Open**

The KT Challenge offers small grants for *concept studies* and *feasibility studies*. If you are interested in developing ideas in collaboration with an industrial partner – developing new technology, or applying existing technology in an industrial setting – please contact [Constantinos Astreos](#).

### **EPSRC Encouraging Postdoctoral Mobility Between Disciplines**

**Open**

EPSRC would like to encourage the transfer of outputs of research between different research disciplines as well as aiding the career development of

EPSRC funded PDRAs. In the first instance an extra year of support will be offered. Transfers between the engineering and physical science disciplines and the life sciences are encouraged. There are no closing dates for proposals.

[More Information](#)

#### **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.

[More Information](#)

#### **Royal Academy of Engineering Research Chairs**

**Open**

Full-time professorial appointments, in any engineering-related subject. The academy particularly welcomes proposals of a multidisciplinary nature. Funding is provided for 5 years.

[More Information](#)

#### **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](#)

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## **Prize and Award Opportunities**

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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.

None currently open

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## **Research Awards**

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None this week

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### **Awards and Promotions**

None this week

## **Academic Arrivals**

None this week

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None this week

## **Research Arrivals**

None this week

## **Research & Technical Departures**

None this week

## **Administrative Arrivals**

None this week

## **Administrative Departures**

None this week

## **Sabbatical Leave**

*Alasdair Rawsthorne*: 80% secondment to Transitive Technologies  
Oct 07 – Sep 08. - continuing

*John Keane*: Academic Year 2008/09

*Len Freeman*: April to Sept 2009

*John Gurd*: Academic Year 2009/10

*Liping Zhao*: Sept 2008 to Mid Jan 09, and Mid July 09 to mid Jan 10

*Josh Knowles*: Feb 2009 for 6 months

*Rizos Sakellariou*: Lent term 2008-09, Summer term 2008-09, Michaelmas Term 2009-10 (2 semesters)

*Xiao-Jun Zeng*: January 2009-April 2009

*Ning Zhang*: January 2009 – June 2009

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## **Vacancies**

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### **Academic Staff**

None

### **Research & Technical Staff**

[Research Fellows in Text Mining \(2 posts\)](#)

School of Computer Science

Closing date: 08/10/2008. Ref EPS/80936.

### **Management & Professional Staff**

None

### **Administrative Staff**

None