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News from Head of School**RAE 2008: More Details Published**

The overall quality profile, and sub-profiles for research outputs, research environment and esteem indicators has now been published by HEFCE at:

<http://www.rae.ac.uk/pubs/2009/pro/#sub>

with the details for Computer Science at:

<http://www.rae.ac.uk/pubs/2009/pro/uoa/uoa%2023%20-%20all%20submissions.pdf>

Perhaps the principal observation relative to other top ranking universities is that our esteem indicators were not especially strong. This had been anticipated, and is the reason why academic staff can request that external engagements receive recognition as part of the duties allocation process.

University Strategy Document

The university is revising its top-level strategy documentation, and a draft of the latest version is available at:

http://intranet.cs.man.ac.uk/csonly/newsletters/towards_manchester_2020_16-03-09.doc

Comments can be made either individually or fed back through faculties by Deans (the latter seems to be the preferred route for recurring issues). As such, if you have comments, please feel invited to pass these back directly or to route them through me, using the latter route only where you can demonstrate that there is wider support for the comment.

Library Budget

JRULM have informed us that at the end of the financial year there is still some money available in the CS book fund. You are invited to send any recommendations for book purchases directly to [Barry White](#). Unfortunately, there are no funds at present for new journal subscriptions.

Manchester Histories Festival

On Saturday 21 March the PhotoBaby was on public display once again - this time at the Manchester Histories Festival, held in the grandeur of Manchester Town Hall. We were lucky to have a prime spot at the entrance to the splendid Great Hall, and there was tremendous interest from the public, with much button-pushing and switch-toggling by young fingers. The organisers estimated that over 5000 people attended the Festival throughout the day, and it was a welcome opportunity for us to once again celebrate and shout about the world-changing importance of the work done by the 1948 pioneers. Thanks to the Saturday team: Bernard Strutt, Ros Cooper, Alex Walker, Toby Howard, Chieko Yonezawa and Stephanie Cheong.

Events**Meeting of the School Leadership Team****25 Mar 09**

1400, 2.33

Meeting of the School Board**25 Mar 09**

Main item on the agenda will be the External Affairs Report.

1530, IT 407

PG Open Afternoon

25 Mar 09

Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help, however, we're still looking for more volunteers to attend the meet and greet session from 4pm. If you are able to help please contact [Kate](#) in External Affairs.

14:15 - 16:30, Atlas 1 & 2, Kilburn

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Changes to Funding Applications and Peer Review

April 2009

EPSRC and the other Research Councils are making a number of changes to funding applications and the peer review process which will be implemented in April 2009. If you are planning to submit an application please make sure you familiarise yourself with the new processes. Details can be found on the [EPSRC website](#).

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None this week.