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## News from Head of School

### New Arrival!

As many of you will already be aware, Norman and Suzanne are now parents of a baby daughter – as yet no name. Mother and baby are both well. Congratulations to them all.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Year student wins IET competition

We were delighted to hear the news that 1st year computer science undergraduate Peter Sutton recently took part in the IET Present Around The World competition.

**Present around the World** is the Institution's presentation competition for Students, Apprentices and Young Professionals who have graduated within the last 7 years.

Peter's presentation won him first place, a particularly impressive feat considering his competitors either have or are studying for a PhD or already work in industry. He now has a place in the global final.

The winning presentation was entitled "**Advanced Python Better Code.**" It demonstrated how the class customisation features of the programming language Python can be used to implement a 'calculation on demand' mechanism.

Following encouragement from a judge at the competition to publish his work, Peter is now seeking an appropriate method of publication for his winning presentation.

### Maintaining your profile using the Faculty MIS system

The eScholar service will be launched in early June. In summary, eScholar will provide with an interface to manage academic publications.

For more information about eScholar please refer to [their website](#).

When the eScholar service goes live in the first week of June, the primary route to eScholar to manage publications will be through the University Portal:

<http://portal.manchester.ac.uk/>

At the same time, the functionality to maintain and manage the remainder of a profile (Biography, Research Interests etc) will be transferred from MIS to the University Portal. This will enable management of both aspects of a profile to be available in one place and offer improvements to the user experience.

For more information about this move and for a more detailed roll out plan please visit:

[http://wiki.manchester.ac.uk/epsis/index.php/Portal\\_Project](http://wiki.manchester.ac.uk/epsis/index.php/Portal_Project)

### New Vice-President and Dean

Professor John Perkins, Vice-President and Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences, is to leave the University next month to take up a new post as Provost of the Masdar Institute of Science and Technology in Abu Dhabi. Professor Colin Bailey, currently Head of the School of Mechanical, Aerospace and Civil Engineering, will become Acting Vice-President and Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences, pending an international search for a new permanent Vice-President and Dean.

## Events

**Increasingly Accurate Representation of Biochemistry****11 May 09**

Michel Dumontier

14:00, Atlas 1

**Faculty of EPS open meeting****13 May 09**

Note time change:

13:30, Rutherford Lecture Theatre, Schuster Building.

All members of staff in the Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences are invited to attend a Faculty Open Meeting with Professor John Perkins, the Vice President & Dean.

Professor Perkins will present an overview of the Faculty's current performance followed by brief updates from each of the Associate Deans on the key priorities within their areas. The remainder of the meeting will be given over to a question and answer session on any matters of interest.

All are welcome. Seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

**Perception-oriented Rendering****13 May 09**

Dr Karol Myszkowski, Max Planck Institute for Informatics

14:15, Lecture theatre 1.4, Kilburn building

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None this week