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Computer Science Industry Club

Following consultation with some of our industry partners, the School has decided to launch an 'Industry Club' from the start of the 2011/12 academic year.

The club will serve as a mechanism through which our external stakeholders can interact more readily with students and staff at all levels across the School. We anticipate the initiative being of particular interest to companies who target Manchester for recruitment purposes, but we also hope that the club will serve as springboard to engagement with other activities, such as our new Centre for Doctoral Training.

The [invitation](#) sets out the motivations behind the club and benefits to members. We see the activities listed very much as a starting point and hope that they will help us strengthen our messages around graduate employability during what promises to be a very challenging recruitment and admissions cycle.

Whilst we're keen to keep numbers to a manageable level, and secure balanced representation across industry sectors, we're also keen to be as inclusive as possible and to extend invitations to companies with whom we have existing relationships around research or knowledge exchange.

If you know of any companies that might be interested, and aren't listed in the "[invitations to date pdf](#)", then please let me know.

A kick-off meeting is planned for October 12th 2011. Any members of staff interested in speaking to companies about contributions to teaching, project supervision etc, might like to hold that date. I'll circulate more detailed information shortly.

Bernard Strutt

Change in University IP Policy

The university has recently changed its Intellectual Property policy. The changes seem principally to impact on how financial returns from IP exploitation are distributed, although at a glance this seems likely to have no effect in most cases. The details are available from:

http://www.umip.com/pdfs/ip_policy_guide.pdf

Events

Rutherford Public Lectures

9,10 Aug 11

To celebrate the centenary of Rutherford's "discovery" of the atomic nucleus in 1911, a short series of public lectures is being held which will look at the history of this discovery, as well as its application to modern medicine and nuclear energy. The lectures will be given by speakers with strong experience in presenting to the general public.

Tuesday 9th August 2011: Nuclear medicine: Atoms and antimatter matter in medicine (Professor Alan Perkins, University of Nottingham)

Wednesday 10th August 2011: Is there a safe future for nuclear energy (Dr John Robert, Dalton Institute, University of Manchester)

All lectures begin at 7.30 pm in University Place, The University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester. Entry is by free ticket only. Tickets can be obtained via the following [weblink](#).

Funding Opportunities

EPSRC 'Windfall' Funding

12 Sept 11

We have recently been awarded around £1.4m by EPSRC all of which will need to be spent by 30 June 2012, and some by 31st March 2012. The funding will be distributed primarily via internal competition under headings specified by EPSRC. These schemes, which are set out more detail in the attached document, will be of interest to:

1. Individual researchers with significant EPSRC funding over the past 5 years
2. Individual researchers in other disciplines who wish to build links with EPSRC-funded researchers
3. Directors of MRes, MSc and PhD programmes in EPS subjects
4. Directors of institutes and centres relevant to the EPSRC remit

All applications will need to demonstrate relevance to the [EPSRC Strategy](#). Application details will follow in the next few days, with a deadline of **12th September** for most schemes – though funding for MRes, MSc and PhD Scholarships will be available immediately.

More information: ([DOC](#)).