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## News from the Head of School

### Graduation day

Graduation day was, as usual, hot and sunny. A record number of staff – 21 – braved the heat of Whitworth Hall to be part of the procession and platform party this year, a great display of support for our students as they move on to the next phase of their lives. Thanks also to Karen, Gill, Emma and Gavin for managing the Hall so smoothly and coping calmly with the customary glitch in the presentation of the graduates. There are some nice pictures of the platform party and the view from the platform here:

<http://www.cs.man.ac.uk/~toby/GraduationJuly13/>

It was great to welcome so many visitors to the reception and prizegiving, even if some of them were a bit shy and hid in the bushes until after it was all over:



### BBQ

...and as always it was warm and sunny for the BBQ as well. The weather, the people, the food, the drink and of course the music (especially Jez's "I've got you under my skin") all made it a great event, thank you to everyone who helped to organise it and to clear up afterwards. The date of next year's BBQ will be announced as soon as possible. Photo below – keep it to look at in the depths of winter to remind you that there is a summer coming:



## Summer Break

The newsletter will be taking a short break and will be back on 2nd September unless anything amazing happens in the meantime.

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## Events

### Turing Machine Opera

**22 & 23 July 13**

On 22 and 23 July 2013 the Oopera Skaala of Helsinki will put on stage the Turing Machine Opera at the MMU Capitol Theatre of Manchester. The performance, a UK premiere, will be part of the forthcoming International Congress on the History of Science, Technology and Medicine ([www.ichstm2013.com](http://www.ichstm2013.com)).

This event represents a unique opportunity to explore Alan Turing's life and career through art, music, videos and media. Before the opera, guests will also be invited to take part in Decode/Recode, the global networked interactive event that was designed last year to celebrate the centenary of Alan Turing's birth.

Decode/Recode will start on 6.15pm and curtains open for Turing Machine Opera at 7pm.

Additional information on Turing Machine Opera can be found in our website (<http://www.ichstm2013.com/programme/guide/s/L346.html>) and in our video blog (<http://www.ichstm2013.com/blog/2013/06/19/the-turing-machine-opera-video-blog-preview/>).

Tickets are on sale to the public at £15, but we would be glad to offer to University staff and students the discounted rate available to iCHSTM delegates (£10). Alternatively, those who are interested in reserving a ticket can send an email to [boxoffice@ichstm2013.com](mailto:boxoffice@ichstm2013.com) and collect directly at the theatre.

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## Funding Opportunities

### Research Support Office

Please contact us through [researchsupportesm@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:researchsupportesm@manchester.ac.uk). There is information about support for grant writing and submission at

<http://staffnet.cs.manchester.ac.uk/reso/> and the EPS blog [The Word](#) contains features News, Events and comment relevant to Postgraduate Researchers, Research Staff and Supervisors or PIs.

### Summer Request

Please contact [Sarah Chatwin](#) with brief details of any applications that you are considering submitting over the summer period to help with our planning process. Thank you.

[Research Professional](#) is a useful search engine for finding other funding opportunities.

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## Featured Research Outcomes

Geraint Duck, Goran Nenadic, Andy Brass, David Robertson, and Robert Stevens. bionerds: exploring bioinformatics' database and software use through literature mining. BMC Bioinformatics, 14(1):194, 2013.  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2105/14/194>

*Have we missed something? If you have some award news that you would like us to know about please contact [Sarah Chatwin](#).*