

Weekly Bulletin

Research School of Physical Sciences & Engineering

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Merger Celebration BBQ

In order to celebrate the merger of the Dept of Physics with the Research School of Physical Sciences & Engineering, we are having a BBQ on Thursday 18 September at 12.15pm in the Oliphant Building. All staff, graduate, postgraduate and honours students are invited.

SCHOOL SEMINARS

Thursday, 25 September 2008

11.00am–11.45am

RSPHYSSE Seminar Room

“Technology Transfer at the ANU”

Presented by the Office of Commercialisation

The Office of Commercialisation provides a number of technology transfer related services to the ANU, with the objective of finding paths beyond traditional sponsored research funding to support ANU research with commercial potential. Members of the Office of Commercialisation Physical Sciences Team will present a short seminar on the support the Office provides in protecting and managing IP to facilitate research and commercial objectives; identifying and evaluating the commercial potential of research outcomes; and travelling the most appropriate path from research to technology transfer in the physical sciences.

Tom Hammond, Karen Jackson and Victor Pantano look forward to meeting or catching up with you there.

STAFF MOVEMENTS

Professor Anatoli Kheifets (Atomic and Molecular Physics Laboratories) will be in Germany from 14 September - 14 October. He will participate in the XI International Conference on Multiphoton Processes in Heidelberg and give an invited talk at the International Workshop “Interaction of Free-Electron-Laser Radiation with Matter” in

Hamburg. Professor Kheifets will also conduct collaborative research with the Max-Planck-Institut for Nuclear Physics.

Professor Chennupati Jagadish, Ms Bianca Haberl and Ms Hannah Joyce from the Department of Electronic Materials Engineering will be attending the NanoE3 Conference at Margaret River, Western Australia from 21-25 September.

Professor Stephen Hyde and Dr Liliana de Campo are visiting the Paul Scherrer Institute in Switzerland, 10-16 September, for neutron scattering measurements of novel liquid crystals, as well as Bath and Cergy Universities for collaborations on associated theory. Professor Hyde will then continue to Granada University for further work on biomorphs.

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF PHYSICS

The local branch of the Australian Institute of Physics is offering travel support for honours and PhD students wishing to attend this year's AIP Congress in Adelaide from 30 Nov-5 Dec. To be eligible, students must be registered “student members” of the AIP. To apply for the travel support, please send

1. A cover letter
2. A copy of your abstract
3. A letter of recommendation from your supervisor to Professor John Howard, Plasma Research Laboratory, RSPSE by 17 October. The support on offer will depend on the number of eligible applicants, but will be in the range \$250-\$500.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

Professor John Love of the Optical Sciences Group has been made an Honorary Life Member of the Australian Optical Society in recognition of his support for the Society and its activities over the last 22 years.

UPDATES

Dr Colin Taylor, Chief Operations Officer, CAMS/AMPL, is now located in Room 428, 2nd Floor, Oliphant Building, Ext 53329.

FROM THE ACTING FACILITIES & SERVICES MANAGER

Visitor Parking

We have had a number of issues lately with the 2 hour visitor parking spaces at the front of the Oliphant Building not being available for use. A number of vehicles continue to use these car parks every day instead of the staff parking spaces.

Could all staff and students please purchase a parking permit, and place your car in the appropriate car park. These permits are available either through ANUBIS (the new HORUS) or via <http://transport.anu.edu.au/> .

Could all staff please refrain from using these spaces so they are available for short term visitors.

Reception

We have had some issues lately with the seating area next to Reception. Could all staff please ensure that this area is left available for visitor use.

GRANTS & AWARDS

Zonta International

Program Number: 03792

Title: Amelia Earhart Fellowship Award

E-mail: zontaintl@zonta.org

Web Site: <http://www.zonta.org>

Program URL:

http://www.zonta.org/site/PageServer?pagename=zi_issues_programs_amelia_earhart_application

Support is provided to women students for graduate study in aerospace-related sciences and aerospace-related engineering. Eligible applicants are women of any nationality pursuing a Ph.D./doctoral degree. The award is \$10,000.

Deadline(s): 15/11/2008

Link to full program description:

http://australia.infoed.org/spin/spin_prog.asp?03792