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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Congratulations to Professor George Dracoulis on being presented with the Australian Nuclear Association's Annual Award in December 2007. The Award recognises Professor Dracoulis' outstanding contributions to research, research supervision and international research collaboration in nuclear physics, especially in the areas of nuclear spectroscopy and in atomic structure.

AWARD

The U.S. Air Force and the Asian Office of Aerospace Research and Development (AOARD) in Japan awarded Dr Anna Samoc and Dr Marek Samoc of the LPC, a grant for a research project entitled "DNA-based chiral composites with enhancement of chiroptic and nonlinear optical effects for NIM applications"

SCHOOL SEMINAR

GEM Conference and Centre for Antimatter-Matter Workshop

The 15th Gaseous Electronics Conference will take place from 3-6 February, 2008, at the Murramarang Resort just north of Bateman's Bay. It will be immediately followed by the second CAMS Workshop from 6-8 February. Staff and students from the Centre's eight nodes, together with international partners and visitors, will attend both the GEM Conference and the Workshop and present papers covering all aspects of the Centre's operations. Details of the GEM program is available at <http://www.positron.edu.au/GEM15> and the Workshop program at <http://www.positron.edu.au/documents/wsprog2007.pdf>. For further information contact the Centre's Chief Operations Officer : coo.cams@anu.edu.au

STAFF MOVEMENTS

Professor Peter Bouwknecht, Department of Theoretical Physics, will be absent from 5-12 February. During that time he will present a series of lectures at the workshop on "Geometry and Integrability" at the University of Melbourne.

Professor Robert Dewar will attend the Australian and New Zealand Industrial and Applied Mathematics (ANZIAM) conference, Katoomba NSW, 3-7 February 2008, to represent COSNet, present a paper, chair a session and to convene a planning meeting for Dynamics Days Asia Pacific 2010.

Dr Andrew Stuchbery, Department of Nuclear Physics, will be overseas in the period 1 - 10 February. Dr Stuchbery will be attending training session in Los Angeles, US, for Chairs of Gordon Research Conferences and then carrying out collaborative work based at Argonne National Laboratory, Chicago, US.