

Weekly Bulletin



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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Professor Jim Williams will be in New York and Toronto from Thursday 10th to 17th of June focusing on School development issues including visiting the Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics. Professor Ken Baldwin will be acting School Director for the week.

SCHOOL SEMINARS

Nonlinear Physics, Final PhD seminar
Friday 11 June 2010, 2.00pm

From Extraordinary Transmission to Left-Handed Fishnet Metamaterials by Mr Alex Minovich

PhD Student, Nonlinear Physics, Link Building Seminar Room, Oliphant Building.

Mathematical Physics

Thursday 17 June 2010, 11.00am

A master solution of the quantum Yang-Baxter equation and classical discrete integrable equations by Professor Vladimir Bazhanov, Department of Theoretical Physics, John Dedman Seminar Room G35.

WORKSHOP

Australia India Workshop on Nanotechnology

Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th June 2010

RSPE Seminar Room, Cockcroft/Oliphant Link
Workshop Chairs: Professors Milan Sanyal and Chennupati Jagadish.

STAFF MOVEMENTS

Dr Tibor Kibédi, Department of Nuclear Physics, is overseas attending the 3rd Workshop of Radioactive Decay Data Evaluators in Madrid, Spain (9 -11 June). Dr Kibédi will return on the 24 June 2010.

SPOTLIGHT ON OPTICS

Dr Ilya Shadrivov, Nonlinear Physics, has

been invited to become a founding panel member of a new online journal Spotlight on Optics, (Spotlight), an initiative of the Optical Society of America. The main task of this initiative and the panel members is to select and highlight the most outstanding manuscripts and write summaries for papers accepted by OSA published journals. The summaries are aimed at the broader optics community.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dr Dario Poletti, a former PhD student jointly with Nonlinear Physics, RSPE and the Department of Physics of the National University of Singapore, supervised by Dr Elena Ostrovskaya and Professor Yuri Kivshar, has been awarded the Materials Research Society of Singapore Medal. The medal is awarded to the Doctor of Philosophy graduate in the NUS Department of Physics with the most outstanding PhD thesis.

NEW ARRIVAL

The staff at EME would like to congratulate Simon and Kristen Ruffel on the arrival of the daughter Addison.

SAD NEWS

School staff were saddened to hear of the passing last week of Herb Zeilinger, a long time Mechanical Workshop staff member. Herb was part of the Mechanical Workshop team from 1978-1996 and following this served school departments in various consultancy roles. Herb also provided manufacturing solutions from his home in Queanbeyan and worked until he was no longer able to do so. Herb will be remembered with great fondness by his colleagues and the many apprentices he mentored over the years. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this time. Funeral arrangements are Tuesday 15 June, 10.30am,

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Christ Church, Rutledge Street, Queanbeyan.
Burial to follow at Queanbeyan Lawn
Cemetery.