

# Weekly Bulletin



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## FROM THE DIRECTORS OFFICE

The Director will be overseas from Monday 23 August until Friday 24 September on a number of research, school development and external activities. Professor Ken Baldwin will be acting Director during this period.

## LIVE FORUM: SCIENCE AT TILLEY'S

**Saturday 21 August 2010**

Tilley's Devine Café and Bar

Wattle and Brigalow Streets, Lyneham

6.00pm-7.30pm

*"Like some Nanotech in your shopping trolley?"*

Host: Dr Paul Willis (Catalyst, ABC TV)

Guests: Prof Jim Williams, Drs Tim Senden, Lyria Bennett Moses, Michael Biercuk

FREE – no bookings necessary, go early for good seats  
Election updates included, kitchen and bar open

## 2010 JOHN CARVER SEMINAR SERIES

Heads of Departments, supervisors and students are invited to submit nominations for participation in the 2010 John Carver Seminar Series. The Seminar Series will be held on Thursday, 23 September 2010 in Leonard Huxley Lecture Theatre between 9.15am and 1pm. Participating students will be expected to present a short talk on their research (about 15 minutes). Presentations are usually not followed by questions.

The closing date for nominations is 1 September 2010.

To register, please contact Liudmila Mangos on [liudmila.mangos@anu.edu.au](mailto:liudmila.mangos@anu.edu.au) or 6125 1315.

We look forward to your nominations.

## TOM RHYMES TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD

We seek nominations from areas within the School for this award instituted in memory of the late Dr Tom Rhymes. The closing date for applications is 24 September 2010, and the announcements and presentation are scheduled for our annual Founders Day. Any queries or requests for clarification can be addressed to [Rana.Ganguly@anu.edu.au](mailto:Rana.Ganguly@anu.edu.au).

## OCCUPATIONAL STRAIN

To prevent occupational overuse on computers, the ANU has a brochure available with lots of good information. An example is: limit screen-based work, keying or mouse work to a maximum of 50% of the working day and a maximum of 45 minutes in the hour. RSPE has trained OSLOs (Occupational Strain Liaison Officers) available to advise on setup, posture, work organisation for computer based workstations.

<http://physics.anu.edu.au/Intranet/OHS/contacts.php#oslo>

## 'HOW MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS GOT TOGETHER AGAIN'

For the audio recording of the seminar 'How Mathematics and Physics Got Together Again' by Nobel Laureate Professor Chen Ning Yang, see <http://physics.anu.edu.au> (under News and Events).

## STAFF MOVEMENTS

Dr Xiwen Guan will attend the International Workshop on Quantum Gases in Synthetic Gauge Fields to be held at Tsinghua University, Beijing from 25-27 August. He will give an invited talk at a special symposium to conclude the workshop on new developments in one-dimensional physics with cold atoms. Dr Guan will also visit the Institute of Physics, Chinese Academy of Science, Beijing until 17 September 2010.

Professor Murray Batchelor will be absent from 30 August – 2 September 2010. He will attend the International Workshop on Quantum Gases in Synthetic Gauge Fields at Tsinghua University, Beijing. Professor Batchelor will also visit the Institute of Physics, Chinese Academy of Science, Beijing and Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou. Professor Peter Bouwknecht will be Acting Head during this period.