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YANGMA EXPEDITION - FRED HOLLOWES EYE CLINIC IN NEPAL

In October/November, Deputy Director Ken Baldwin will be part of an Australian mountaineering expedition to the Yangma Valley in the Nepalese Himalaya. The expedition aims to run an Eye Clinic to restore sight to hundreds of villagers in this remote region of Eastern Nepal, and is raising funds for this via the Fred Hollows Foundation.

For just \$25 eyesight can be restored in a simple operation, and \$11,500 is needed to mount an entire Eye Clinic. The Yangma Expedition has already raised a substantial fraction of this, and we are looking to secure the complete funding required.

Donations for the Yangma Expedition Eye Clinic can be made via the following secure Fred Hollows Foundation website:

http://www.everydayhero.com.au/yangma_expedition
From which you will automatically receive a tax deduction receipt. The Fred Hollows Foundation works for a world where no one is needlessly blind, and through this initiative, we hope to help Fred's work live on to restore sight, dignity and independence to those in this part of Eastern Nepal who are blinded by poverty alone.

STAFF MOVEMENTS

Dr Casten Makoheknawa, CAMS/AMPL is currently attending and will make an invited presentation at the 25th Summer School and International Symposium on the Physics of Ionised Gases (SPIG). This is being held from 30 August - 3 September 2010, at Donji Milanovac, Serbia.

NEW STAFF

CAMS welcome their new Chief Operations Officer - Adam Edwards - who started in the role on 1 September. Adam comes to CAMS following several senior administrator roles in the UK. He has a background in geology and extensive experience in senior scientific management roles.

AMPL welcomes their new Departmental Administrator - Julia Wee - who started also duties on September 1. Julia has extensive experience in University administration and will be sharing the administrator role between AMPL and CAMS, and will be located in the AMPL DA office 25 hours per week. Please join us in a warm welcome to Adam and Julia, and drop by to say hello.

In welcoming Adam and Julia, we also say farewell to Margaret Craig who has been acting in the AMPL DA role for the past 6 weeks. Many thanks Margaret for all your help.

VISITORS

Dr Siye Wu, Department of Mathematics, University of Hong Kong, is visiting the Department of Theoretical Physics from 27 August - 26 September. He is conducting collaborative research with Professor Peter Bouwknegt.