

Weekly Bulletin



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CONGRATULATIONS

The School maintained its successful track record in competitive grants by winning 20 ARC Discovery and two Linkage (one externally led) grants. Congratulations to all the winners and commiserations to those who missed out this time. Full details can be found on here www.arc.gov.au see 'funding outcomes'.

STAFF MOVEMENTS

The Director will be attending the ANFF International Advisory Committee meeting in Melbourne Mon 1st and Tuesday 2nd November. Professor Stephen Buckman will be acting Director during this time.

VISITORS

Plasma Research Laboratory welcomes Dr Jakob Svensson, Max Planck Institute, Germany who will be a Visiting Fellow from Oct. 30 - Nov. 29. Dr Svensson is visiting to collaborate with Profs Dewar & Howard and Drs Hole, von Nessi, Blackwell and Pretty on a ISL funded project on Model / Data Fusion using Bayesian inference. The collaboration involves both UK (MAST) and Australian (H-1) plasma fusion facilities. Stay tuned for a research seminar.

SP3 group welcomes visitors Dr Amael Caillard and PhD student, Mathieu Mougnot, from the University of Orleans, France, who are here for six weeks to work on hydrogen fuel cells with Prof Rod Boswell and A/Prof Christine Charles.

MELBOURNE CUP

You are invited to celebrate the 150th Melbourne Cup with chips & dips at 2.30pm, Tuesday 2 November in the tea room. The race commences at 3pm. The RSPE Social Club will be holding a fancy hat and shoe competition, you will be judged on both your hat and your shoes. The judges look favourably on home made entries. Goran from the RSPE Stores will be organising sweeps again this year, see Goran in the stores area or see him on the day.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

Further to email distributed this week from the Vice-Chancellor RSPE will effectively close on midday Friday 24 December and re-open on Tuesday 4 January 2011.

RETIREMENT MORNING TEA

Friday 19 November @ 10.30am Oliphant Tea Room. You are invited to join the school community in celebrating the pre or post retirement of five distinguished colleagues: Professors Hans Bachor, George Dracoulis, Brenton Lewis, John Love and Neil Manson. Unfortunately George & John will not be able to attend on the day but you can convey your best wishes to all five by signing cards at Reception (see Susie from next week).

SCHOOL OH&S – ELECTRICAL SAFETY

All staff and students are reminded not to repair, modify or interfere with electrical equipment in any way. Equipment constructed or modified must undergo a certification procedure undertaken by an approved area such as the School Electronics Unit or School Electrician. Please do not use electrical equipment overdue for testing, and if overdue bring it to the attention of your supervisor. Turn off faulty electrical equipment and unplug it. Attach and sign a 'Danger- Do Not Operate' tag (available from School Store) and bring it to the attention of your supervisor.

The use of privately-owned electrical appliances at the ANU is discouraged. Any personal electrical equipment brought to the ANU needs to be inspected, tested and tagged. The School Electronics Unit can assist if appliances are taken to them, and will advise the time interval for re-testing. Further info: Anthony x50105.

ATTENTION FIAP MEMBERS

Those attending the March APS Meeting in Dallas will have an opportunity to nominate their students for "Best Student Paper in Applied Physics" award (deadline November 19). Further info: www.aps.org

STUDENT FIELDWORK FUNDING

The Vice-Chancellor has allocated a budget to assist with the cost of fieldwork for graduate research student. Supervisors contact: Liudmila Mangos x51315

SCHOOL COLLOQUIUM

Thursday 11 November 2010, 10.00am

Leonard Huxley Lecture Theatre

Anderson localization in disordered media: from electrons to classical waves to cold atoms

by Professor Peter Wolfle, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany