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DIRECTOR'S COLLOQUIUM & AIP ACT BRANCH MEETING



Leonard Huxley Theatre, Thursday 17 March

As you can see there was an outstanding attendance to the first Director's Colloquium (and AIP ACT Branch Meeting). Professor Bryan Gaensler's *The Magnetic Universe* drew a captivated audience from across campus and outside ANU with students, academics and visitors filling the theatre. Watch this space for news regarding our next exciting speaker scheduled for **Thursday 21 April 12.30**, same place.

CONGRATULATIONS

Please join the School community in congratulating Professors Hans Bachor and Robert Dewar for their recent appointment as ANU Professors Emeriti. Both Hans and Bob retired recently but continue to mentor and share their wealth of knowledge with colleagues and students and collaborate actively across the school community.

NEW VICE CHANCELLOR

Thursday 14 April, 10.30am

Oliphant Link Tea Room

All staff and students are invited to join us for morning tea (and Easter buns) to meet our new Vice Chancellor, Professor Ian Young.

CARPET CLEANING

Dates and details of annual carpet cleaning by City Group has been circulated by email. Please ensure bins and other loose objects are lifted off carpets to give cleaners maximum access to cleaning. Thank you.

STAFF MOVEMENTS

From the Department of Theoretical Physics, Professor Mukunda Das will visit the University of New South Wales during 24-25 March and will give the Gordon Godfrey Seminar on Vortex Physics of Multi-band Novel Superconductors. Professor Murray Batchelor, will be absent from 19 March to April 3 visiting the Institute of Physics Publishing Bristol, All Souls College Oxford, the Institute for the Early Universe at Ewha Women's University, Seoul and attend the 13th General Council Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Centre for Theoretical Physics in Pohang, Korea. Professor Vladimir Bazhanov will be Acting Head for this period.

EDUCATION MATTERS

The Physics Education Centre seeking people to help teach a new masters physics course "Principles of energy generation and transformation". It will have an interdisciplinary and practical flavour and be sophisticated in its approach, as befits graduates with relevant work experience. However the content will be elementary. The CPMS Director, Aidan Byrne, is keen to participate, so this is an opportunity to work with him. Expression of interest to: Craig.Savage@anu.edu.au.

SCHOOL SEMINAR

Theoretical Physics Seminar

Monday 21 March, 11.15am

Le Couteur Seminar Room, LC.3.17

Corner Transfer Matrix Method for Lattice Systems

Mr Andrew Kels, mid-term review

Laser Physics Seminar

Friday 15 April, 11.00am

Seminar Room Link Building RSPE

XUV Spectroscopy of Isochorically Heated Metals at the Free Electron Laser FLASH

Professor Ekhart Foerster, Helmholtz Institute Jena, and Institute of Optics and Quantum Electronics, University of Jena, Germany

HONOURS LECTURE SERIES

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 12.00noon

(Tues 22 Feb – Friday 3 June)

Peter Baume Lecture Theatre (Building 42a)

Advanced Electromagnetism

Drs Matthew Hole and Ron Burman

PhD students and staff are invited to attend the Honours lecture series which covers Jackson's famous textbook on the subject.