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## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Professor Jim Williams on being awarded the 2011 Thomas Ranken Lyle Medal for research in Physics by the Australian Academy of Science. This award is in recognition of the high quality of research and leadership in the field and a fitting tribute to his outstanding contribution to Australian science.

Each year, the Australian Institute of Physics awards a prize to the second year physics student that achieves the highest average in second year physics courses. The winner of the 2010 AIP second year physics prize is Boon Quan Lee, and he will be presented his award at the beginning of the Director's Colloquium on Thursday 19th May.

## **DIRECTORS COLLOQUIUM**

**Thursday 19 May 12.30**

Leonard Huxley Theatre

*Chernobyl 25 years on: Is there a future for nuclear power after Fukushima?*

Professor Aidan Byrne, Dean of Science

Snacks will be provided from 12pm prior to Colloquium in the RSPE Link Tea room, Oliphant Building.

## **STAFF MOVEMENTS**

Professor Peter Bouwknecht, Department of Theoretical Physics, will be acting director of the Mathematical Sciences Institute from 9 May - 31 July. He will be located in the John Dedman Building, Room JD1173A (phone 50142).

## **OHS BULLETIN**

Laser Class 3B, 4 licence conditions

A reminder that if intending to purchase, relocate, or dispose of a laser your area Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) needs to advise the School's Coordinating RSO or OHS Manager. There are instances for which the ANU will need to seek **prior approval** from ARPANSA.

## **INTERACTIVE PLASMA TALK**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11.30am**

Room 325 Oliphant Building

Professor Rod Boswell

*Teaching basic physics for space, processing and fusion plasmas.*

## **POSITION VACANT**

**Manager, School Mechanical Workshop**

Applications are being sought for this position, please pass the following link to those people who may be interested

<http://jobs.anu.edu.au/PositionDetail.aspx?p=2032>

## **FUNDRAISING FOR FRED HOLLOWES**

**Monday 23 May, 7.30pm**

Copland Lecture Theatre

*Himalayan Slide Evening*

\$8 students, \$20 others



Last year, Deputy Director Ken Baldwin was a member of an Australian climbing team that made the first ascent of a 6,547m Himalayan peak on the Nepal-Tibet border. The Canberra-based expedition included a number of former ANU Mountaineering Club members, including Tim Macartney-Snape - the first Australian to climb Everest and the first person to do so all the way from sea level. The expedition will be holding a slide evening to help raise funds for the Fred Hollows Foundation, details above. The event hopes to raise funds for a second eye camp in a remote region of Nepal, further to the one that was held during the expedition.