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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

The Director will be away next week, 23-27 April on annual leave. John Howard will be Acting Director 23-24 and Ken Baldwin will be Acting Director 25-27 April.

The School extends its commiserations to Rana Ganguly on the passing of his father recently. Graeme Cornish will continue as Acting School Manager until Rana's return on 7th May.

DIRECTOR'S COLLOQUIUM



Thursday 3 May 2012

12.30 @ Leonard Huxley Lecture Theatre

Building 56, Mills Road, ANU Campus

The Physics of High Efficiency Photovoltaic Solar Energy Conversion

Professor Martin Green

Executive Research Director

University's Photovoltaic Centre of Excellence, UNSW

Snacks will be provided at 12.00 prior to Colloquium

Leonard Huxley foyer/tea room

Leonard Huxley Building 56, ANU campus

STAFF MOVEMENTS

Electronic Materials Engineering

Dr Patrick Kluth will travel to Melbourne for a meeting with Synchrotron on 19 April 2012.

Dr Patrick Kluth, Dr Matias Rodriguez, Ms Boshra Afra and Mr Thomas Bierschenk will travel to Melbourne for research at Synchrotron from 26 - 30 April 2012

WELCOME

CAMS/ Atomic and Molecular Physics Laboratories

The Centre for Antimatter-Matter Studies welcomes Professor Michael Brunger from Finders University who will be taking over the role of Research Director of CAMS. Michael will be present in the School on average one week every month for the next two years.

Electronic Materials Engineering

Please welcome Ms Julie Arnold who will take up the role of Departmental Administrator from Monday 23 April 2012.

Nuclear Physics

Please welcome Dr Ramachandran Kandasamy, new Research Fellow in the Reaction Dynamics Group. Ramachandran can be found in room 2.55, ext. 53307.

VISITORS

CAMS/ Atomic and Molecular Physics Laboratories

The Centre for Antimatter-Matter Studies welcomes Professor Dennis Mueller from the University of North Texas who will be a Visiting Fellow in the CAMS lab until August 2012.

Nuclear Physics

Mr Joel O'Brian, High School student from Lennox Head, has been visiting the department of Nuclear Physics this week to undertake a research project with Dr Tibor Kibédi, GAMMA group.

EDUCATION MATTERS

The second Physics Education Centre meeting for 2012 will be held on Thursday 26th April, 2-3pm in the Department of Quantum Science Seminar Room (ground floor of Building 38). All are welcome to attend.

OHS TRAINING COURSES

Monday 30 April OHS Principles & Practices: Time: 9.30am -11.30am

Wednesday 23 May, Corrosives: Time: 9.00am – 1.00pm

Wednesday 2 May Electrical Appliance testing: 1 day

Wednesday 16 May Laser Safety Time: 9.00am – 1.00pm

Friday 18 May Flammable Liquids: Time: 9.00am – 1.00pm

Tuesday 22 May OHS Training for Supervisors

Thursday 24 May Ionizing Radiation Safety: Time: 9.00am – 1.00pm

Wednesday 6 June Elect Appliance Testing Refresh: Time: 9.00am – 1.00pm

Enroll ohstraining@anu.edu.au

RSPE ALUMNI AND COMMUNITY RECEPTION

Research School of Physics and Engineering Alumni and Community Reception at the ANU Classics Museum: Launching a new era for the School

Friday 4 May 2012

5.30 – 7.00pm (drinks & hors d'oeuvres from 5pm)

ANU Classics Museum

Ground floor, AD Hope Building (bldg. 14), end of Ellery Crescent, ANU Campus

Please RSVP to development@physics.anu.edu.au or

(02) 6125 1814 by Wednesday 2 May



The incoming Director of the Research School of Physics and Engineering, Professor Stephen Buckman, warmly invites you and your partner to farewell outgoing Director, Professor Jim Williams AM, at the launch of new School development initiatives.

The evening will also include the launch of the Ben Williams Endowment Fund, established by Professor Williams and his family. The fund is intended to assist students enrolled in the School experiencing difficult circumstances, such as mental illness, disability, extended sickness, family or financial hardship, to continue and complete their studies.

The reception will be hosted at the ANU Classics Museum. Guides will be stationed throughout the museum from 5.30pm to provide short presentations and answer your questions.

INFLUENZA VACCINATIONS

Can I encourage School staff and students to access the ANU Health Services free Influenza vaccinations. Some spaces are still available on 1st and 9th May.

ANU is pleased to provide free flu vaccinations to staff for 2012.

Go

to www.gobookings.com.au/Australian_National_University to make your online booking. To receive your vaccination you must present your ID Card to identify yourself as an ANU staff member. Please show your Medicare card at the time of your vaccination as this will save ANU a \$5 administration fee for your vaccination.

For more information about the vaccination and the vaccination venues, go to <http://hr.anu.edu.au/staff-health-and-wellbeing/wellbeing/flu-vaccinations>

If you are interested in helping researchers track influenza activity across the ACT you can join a weekly online survey that takes less than 15 seconds to complete. For more information on the project go to www.flutracking.net and click the "join now" icon. This project is being conducted by researchers from Hunter New England Health and the University of Newcastle.