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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Prof Rod Boswell who will shortly receive a *Doctorate Honoris Causa* in honour and acknowledgement of his contribution to the University of Orleans over the past 35 years. Rod will be in France on 15th March to receive this distinguished award.

SCHOOL RETREAT

The School Executive, Head of Departments, selected academics, general staff members and student representatives will gather at University House on Tuesday 13th to reflect on the past year, discuss and make plans for the future including budget, research, education, administration and infrastructure. The Retreat will be chaired by Prof Stephen Buckman who will take over the RSPE directorship on 2 April 2012.

STAFF MOVEMENTS

Electronic Materials Engineering

Dr Patrick Parkinson will attend a conference in San Jose and research in Cincinnati USA from 5-16 March 2012. We say farewell to Drs Michael Johnston and Laura Herz who are returning to Oxford after a two month stay with EME.

Nuclear Physics

Prof David Hinde will be overseas from 13 – 18 March in which time he will be presenting an invited talk at the 5th ASRC Internal Workshop “Perspectives Nuclear Fission” and for collaborative discussions at the Japan Atomic Energy Agency in Tokai, Japan.

Theoretical Physics

Prof Murray Batchelor will be absent from 1 March to 20 April visiting the Centre for Modern Physics at Chongqing University China. During this time he will visit the University of Oxford and Chair the Annual J Phys A Board meeting in London and also the University of Tokyo and attend the Council Meeting of the Asia Pacific Center for Theoretical Physics in Pohang, Korea.

WELCOME

Nuclear Physics

Please welcome new postdoctoral fellows Michaela Srncik & Mario De Cesar (AMS group), and Matt Reed (Gamma group). A belated welcome to Liz Williams, Research Fellow (Fission Group), and Hendrik Wiesel, visiting from the University of Cologne, until end of March.

Electronic Materials Engineering

Please welcome PhD student Peiting Zheng (supervised by Dr Fu Lan) and Honours student Wei Yang (supervised by Dr Patrick Parkinson).

EDUCATION BULLETIN

The Physics Student Society (PSS) is planning new ideas this year with a series of social events coupled with laboratory tours. If you are interested in hosting a tour for the PSS, please contact President Kieran Woolfe physicsocietyanu@gmail.com. This is a great opportunity to introduce your research to enthusiastic undergraduates who may be thinking about what to do for Honours.

OHS BULLETIN

14 March Occupational strains prevention

16 March Office injury prevention training

29 March Compressed gas and Cryogenic safety

11 April Manual handling

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