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FROM THE DIRECTOR

As I contemplate life without being RSPE Director, I would like to thank all of the School staff and students for their contributions over the past 10 years that have made our School the most successful in ANU. I have been honoured to lead you and appreciate having such a wonderful, friendly and happy School 'family' to lighten my load. Best wishes to Steve and the School in the years to come: I'm sure you will continue to excel.

Jim Williams

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Today we extend an enormous thank you to Jim Williams as he steps down as Director. The morning tea was a huge success, thank you to all who helped organise the function.

Today we also farewell Deborah Bordeau, EA to the Director. Deborah is leaving the School after 6 years of dedicated service. We thank Deborah for her outstanding contribution to the School and wish her the best of luck in France. Au revoir!

DIRECTOR'S COLLOQUIUM



Thursday 5 April, 12.30pm

Leonard Huxley Theatre

Climate Change Science: Physics meets Complexity

Prof Will Steffen, Climate Change Institute, ANU

HOT CROSS BUNS from 12pm in the Huxley Theatre tea room, Building 56.

All staff, students and friends welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Deane Larkman from the School Computer Unit who graduated this week, (Monday 26 March), as a Doctor of Information Technology from the University of Canberra. Well done Deane!

STAFF MOVEMENTS

Electronic Materials Engineering

Dr Hark Hoe Tan will travel to Washington USA for the ANFF-AFOSR joint review.

DEPARTMENTAL SEMINARS

Nuclear Physics

Monday 2 April, 11.15am

Nuclear Physics Seminar Room

Mid-Term Review Seminar

A catchment level study of soil erosion and soil formation rates using ^{239}Pu and ^{10}Be , in the wet-dry tropics of northern Australia

Rajeev Lal, Department of Nuclear Physics

EDUCATION BULLETIN

The Physics Education Centre (PEC) held its first meeting of 2012 on Thursday 29th March. Regular meetings will be held on the last Thursday of every month, 2pm-3pm, for the remainder of the year. All those that are interested are welcome to attend.

The PEC is hosting a workshop on inquiry-based lab programs for undergraduates led by ALTC National Teaching Fellow A/Prof Kirkup. The workshop will be held on Wednesday 11th March, 9.30-12.15 in the 1st Year Laboratory in Physics North. If you are interested in attending please contact Stephen Jones by 5.00pm, Thursday 5th April (Stephen.Jones@anu.edu.au).

OHS BULLETIN

All staff and students are reminded not to repair, modify or interfere with electrical equipment in anyway. 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 or faulty equipment. Turn off overdue/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 and the School Electrician, Pat Lang (Patrick.Lang@anu.edu.au).

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The School Environment Committee will meet in early April, and welcomes suggestions from everyone about ways of improving the school environment or reducing our environmental impact. Please contact Dave Kelly (David.Kelly@anu.edu.au).



RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE

Wanted! As a part of the School's commitment to the ANU-wide Reconciliation Action Plan (see http://reconciliation.anu.edu.au/rap/anu_rap.pdf), we are looking for fresh volunteers to join our College's RAP Committee. We are looking for researchers, students, administration, technical staff ... who are committed to the implementation of the RAP ideals, namely activities to increase indigenous Australian participation as staff and students at ANU and work towards a better understanding of Australian indigenous culture. Please email Stephen Hyde (Stephen.Hyde@anu.edu.au) or Rana Ganguly (Rana.Ganguly@anu.edu.au) for further information.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR US RESEARCH FUNDING

The VC launched the joint project by the ANU Research Office and North American Liaison Office on identifying ways to improve ANU access to research funding in US. The new program aims to harness the capacity of the ANU North American Liaison Office to identify and engage with potential funders, and the technical and training expertise of the Research Services Division to remove barriers for ANU researchers with US funding potential. As part of this project, a professional development program for high-potential early - and mid-career research staff will be made available with financial support. Staff will be able to participate in a targeted program in the US - exposing them to the US research funding environment. A call for nominations will be distributed to College Deans in the coming weeks.

For info on seeking funding from US Trusts and Foundations see, RSPE Development Manager, Kavitha Robinson (kavitha.robinson@anu.edu.au).