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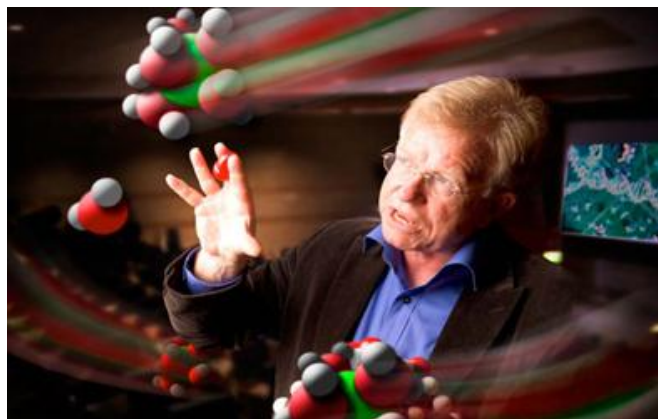
25 – 31 May 2012

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

The School Forum will be held on Friday 1 June 2012 9:00am in the RSES Old Jaeger Boardroom.

Come and celebrate the opening of the new RSPE tearoom at the Biggest Morning Tea Thursday 31 May, 10:15am.

DIRECTOR'S COLLOQUIUM



Research into Practice: Potential and Pitfalls in Visualising the Invisible

Professor Roy Tasker

Prime Minister's Award for Australian University Teacher of the Year 2011, University of Western Sydney

Thursday 7 June 2012, 12.30

Leonard Huxley Lecture Theatre

Snacks will be provided at 12:00 prior to the Colloquium in the RSPE tearoom

STAFF MOVEMENTS

Electronic Materials Engineering

Mark Ridgway & Hazar Salama are attending 15th International Conference on X-ray Absorption Fine Structure in Beijing 22-28 May.

Jagadish Chennupati will be attending the International Conference on NanoPhotonics, Beijing and the Virtual Conference on Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, Chengdu between 26 May to 9 June.

Plasma Research Laboratory

Dr Cormac Corr will be away from 19 May - 7 June, attending the 20th International Conference on Plasma Surface Interactions in Aachen, Germany and research visits to organisations in the UK, Ireland and France.

FAREWELL

Farewell to Mr Tom Kitchen who is leaving Electronic Materials Engineering to travel to the US.

Farewell to Mr Andreas Pusch who is leaving Nonlinear Physics after three months of study.

NEW FIRST AID OFFICER

We welcome Julie Arnold (EME Administrator x50020)

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Come and join us open the RSPE tearoom with:



On Thursday, 31 May at 10:15am, we are holding a morning tea to raise funds for the Cancer Council.

Ways you can join in:

Over the next week - Buy a ticket in the raffle, only \$1 each. Write your name on a square on the poster sheet in the tea room and pay money to Nat or Jo, prizes will be announced on the day.

On Thursday - Bring along a donation for the morning tea; cakes, slices, savouries, etc.

On Thursday - Bring along gold coins and buy a slice of cake or two

We will also be holding competitions and giving away prizes to raise more money for the Cancer Council

- Guess the weight of a cake

- Name the special ingredient

- the Raffle winners will be drawn

All funds raised will be donated to the Cancer Council

VISITORS

Nuclear Physics

Professor Bruce Barrett, University of Arizona, will be visiting Nuclear Physics in the period 17-28 May.

He will give a series of lectures, aimed particularly at honours and graduate students, on the topic:

The Current Status of Nuclear Structure Theory, with an emphasis on microscopic approaches.

Monday 28 May, 3.15-4.15 pm, Nuclear Seminar Room

EDUCATION MATTERS

The next PEC meeting will be held on Thursday 31st May at 1-2pm in the DQS/PEC Seminar Room (ground floor of bldg 38). Please note the earlier than usual time of 1pm. All RSPE staff interested in teaching are welcome to attend, as well as departmental and course coordinators. The main focus of the meeting will be the draft ANU Education Strategic Plan. We will also continue our discussion of structuring computational and experimental skills development in our programs.

RSPE staff and students may be interested in the Chief Scientist's new report on the [Health of Australian Science](#). The report contains some interesting data on physics student numbers and trends.



RSPE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

The first RSPE Development Board meeting for 2012 was held on Thursday 24th May. Board members gathered at the School to discuss current and future activities and initiatives for Commercial and Philanthropic Development. Professor John Close and Dr Nick Robins and Professor David McClelland, Associate Professor Dan Shaddock and Dr Jong Chow from the Department of Quantum Physics also presented their research work on Gravitational Physics and Precision Inertial Sensing. The next Board meeting will be held on Friday 19 October 2012.

RSPE Development Board members* include:

Dr Gregory Clark (Chair) – Board Member, ANZ Banking Group and Chairman, KaComm Communications.

Professor John Poate – Vice-President, Research and Technology Transfer, Colorado School of Mines.

Dr Scott Rashleigh – Founder, AOFR Pty Limited & Strategic Business Adviser

Dr Charles Leedman – Director, Innvestor Pty Ltd (private investment company)

Professor Jim Williams AM – RSPE

Emeritus Professor Bob Cromton AM – RSPE

Emeritus Professor John Sandeman OAM – RSPE

* Current board members are either past students or staff of the School.

Ex-officio members:

Professor Stephen Buckman – Director, RSPE

Professor Ken Baldwin – Deputy Director (Research), RSPE

Dr Colin Taylor – Director, ANU Office of Alumni Relations and Philanthropy

Mr Rana Ganguly (Commercial Development) – RSPE

Ms Kavitha Robinson (Philanthropic Development) – RSPE

OHS BULLETIN

Fume cupboard sash lowering campaign

A variable speed fume cupboard works most efficiently when the sash is down, reducing the tempered air being exhausted, saving electricity associated with heating and cooling costs and hence reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Not only will lowering sashes save money (approximately \$400,000 a year across the University), laboratories will be more comfortable and just as safe. So when you are not working at the fume cupboard, please lower the sash.

An initiative of the University's Hazardous Waste Safety Committee and ANUGreen.

OHS TRAINING COURSES

Elect Appliance Testing Refresh

Wednesday 6 June, 9.00 – 1.00pm

To enrol please email ohstraining@anu.edu.au