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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

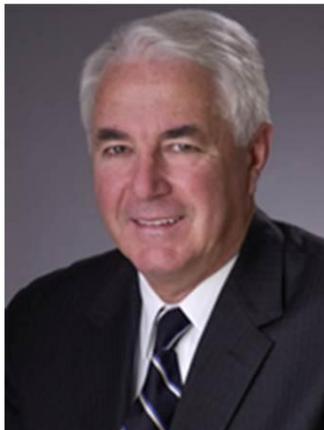
The new Dean of the College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences, Professor Andrew Roberts, will be visiting the School on Monday 24 September to tour our facilities and meet our senior staff at a luncheon.

FOUNDER'S DAY

Founder's Day will be held on Friday 12 October this year. Uyen Nguyen from PRL is organizing the catering this year and has requested volunteers to please email prl112@physics.anu.edu.au as soon as possible if you are able to assist for Founder's Day.

Founder's Day talks with title and abstract are due to the Director's Office by Wednesday 24 September.

DEVELOPMENT DAY



Life after Physics at ANU: Where Physics & Engineering can take you

Dr Greg Clarke, Professor John M. Poate, Dr Scott Rashleigh and Dr Charles Leedman

Four RSPE Alumni and members of the Development Board share the extraordinary story of their careers

4:00-5:30pm Thursday 18 October

Leonard Huxley Theatre

Q&ANU: Academic freedom in the world of cures, cloning and climate

Speakers include:

Dr Will Grant

Centre for the Public Awareness of Science

Professor Ken Baldwin

Energy Change Institute

Professor Thomas Faunce

ANU College of Law & ANU medical School

Dr Elizabeth Hanna

National Centre for Epidemiology & Population Health

Dr Gavin Smith

Research School of Social Sciences

Wednesday 26 September, 6pm-7pm

John Curtin School of Medical Research, Building 131

DEPARTMENTAL SEMINARS

Nonlinear Physics Centre

Lanthanide Luminescence Materials and Time-resolved Biophotonics

Dr. Dayong Jin

Macquarie University, Sydney

11am, Monday 24 September

Oliphant Bldg Seminar Room

STAFF MOVEMENTS

Electronic Materials Engineering

Professor Mark Ridgway will be absent from 17 Sept to 1 October.

Dr Hoe Tan will be Acting Head from 17 Sept until 23 Sept and **Dr**

Lan Fu will take over from 24 Sept.

Nuclear physics

Dr Nikolai Lobanov, Department Nuclear Physics, will be attending the 20th International Workshop on ECR Ion Sources 2012 Workshop being held in Sydney in the period 24 – 28 September.

EDUCATION

The Physics Education Centre (PEC) is looking for lecturers to teach into Physics 1 (1st year physics semester 1), Physics 2 (1st year physics semester 2) and 2nd year quantum mechanics. Education coordinators in your departments have full descriptions of the roles. Please ask your education coordinator or contact John Close for further information if you are interested.

The monthly PEC meeting, that is usually held on the last Thursday of the month at 2:00 pm, will be held next Wednesday 26th of September at 2:00 pm in the new teaching room in Huxley (Room H4.20). The room is next to the School Computing Unit. The topics to be discussed will include: a comparison of our undergraduate curriculum with those at top international institutions, a discussion of our lecturing needs for 2013, a discussion of our honours program, a



discussion of the major goals we will pursue in the Physics Education Centre for the next 12 months and a discussion on the use of the new RSPE teaching space.

All those interested in the physics education program at ANU are encouraged to attend these meetings.

MANDATORY PURCHASE CONTRACTS

Mandatory Purchase Contracts under the Whole of Australian Government procurement arrangement. We have been reminded by the Finance and Business Services Division that the University has earlier this year signed contracts with three suppliers under the Whole of Australian Government Major Office Machines panel arrangement. We have also been reminded that it is mandatory to use these contracts for procurement of any equipment that fall within the scope of these contracts. Relevant sections of the email from Mr. Ron Robertson of UPCO (University purchase and Contracts Office) sent in February 2012 to all ANU staff is reproduced below.

The Contractors for the University under the new arrangement are:

1. Fuji Xerox - Multi Function Devices + Printers + Scanners
2. Konica Minolta - Multi Function Devices + Printers
3. Lexmark - Printers

Mandatory Status

The use of these contracts is mandatory for all applicable University procurement. Compliance with the mandatory requirement of this arrangement will be monitored by both the University and Dept of Finance and Deregulation. The categories of equipment included under these contracts are:

- Small, medium and large monochrome printers;
- Medium colour printers;
- Small, medium and large monochrome Multi Function Devices;
- Small, medium and large colour Multi Function Devices;
- A4, A4 High Resolution and A3 Scanners; and
- Impression charges (inclusive of maintenance and consumables, not paper).

Any out of scope equipment can be purchased subject to the University's procurement policy. Any equipment that fits the category descriptions above but is believed to be out of scope requires confirmation and approval from Dept of Finance and Deregulation via UPCO. For approvals for out of scope equipment contact UPCO at contract.office@anu.edu.au.

For instruction regarding the ordering instructions under the MOMs arrangement please contact UPCO at contracts.office@anu.edu.au. This information is now available on the UPCO web pages at

http://info.anu.edu.au/fbs/Business_Functions/Purchasing_and_Contracts_Office.

Further information is also available from contract.office@anu.edu.au.

All members of the School community are urged to adhere to this University mandated procurement process. We are also now informed that office equipment and stationery will also be procured through a similar arrangement in the near future. In case of purchases using purchase cards in emergency situations please make sure that you have not breached any such University mandated requirements.

THE DIRECTOR'S AWARD

Each year there are so many people who contribute to the RSPE to make it the success it is, the Director wishes to recognise these important contributions to the school. The Director's awards aim to acknowledge and thank those who have gone above and beyond.

All members of the RSPE are eligible to be nominated, including staff, students and visiting fellows. Everyone is encouraged to discuss potential nominees with their Heads of Department and Managers who can email nominations to the Director's Office (Director@physics.anu.edu.au) **by 5pm Monday 24 September 2012**

Awards can be given to individuals or teams and up to five will be presented at the RSPE Founder's Day celebration on Friday 12 October. The awardees will be presented with a commemorative certificate and a trophy, let the nominations begin!

TOM RHYMES TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD

The School seeks applications from technical staff in the School for the annual Tom Rhymes award. This award was established to celebrate the life of the late Dr. Tom Rhymes, an alumnus and former School Facilities and Services Manager.

The annual award consists of a monetary prize together with a certificate. The Award is intended to assist one or more outstanding technical staff members of RSPE with their career development.

Applications should submit a completed Tom Rhymes Award application form to the RSPE School Manager by **Monday 24 September 2012**.

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