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## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

The Director will be in Brazil from 12- 19 January to discuss collaborative opportunities with several Brazilian Universities (Federal University of Juiz de Fora, University of Campinas, University of Sao Paulo and Federal University of Parana). He will present a colloquium to the Physics Department at the University of Juiz de Fora.

Professor John Close will be Acting Director until Friday 18 January.

## STAFF MOVEMENTS

### **Electronic Materials Engineering/ANFF**

Dr Fouad Karouta is visiting University of New South Wales on 15-16 January.

### **Applied Mathematics**

Professor Tim Senden will be on leave until 4 February 2013. During his absence Dr Andrew Fogden will be Acting Head of Department until 16 January and Vince Craig from 16 January to 4 February 2013.

### **Plasma Research Laboratories**

Professor John Howard will be on leave 7-14 January. Dr Cormac Corr will be Acting HoD.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Professor Hoe Tan and his wife Jane who have welcomed a beautiful baby boy on the 23 December.

## EDUCATION MATTERS

CPT (Centre for Physics Teaching) Report

The first day of honours this year will be Monday 4th of February. In this first week, we have two events planned. There will be a meeting of all honours students and all interested staff on **Monday the 4th of February** starting at 11:30 am. The aim of this first meeting is to give the new honours student's important information on the honours timetable, coursework, thesis requirements and thesis grading guidelines. I encourage all honours lecturers to attend this meeting. Lunch will be provided. RSVP to Liudmila Mangos ([research.student@physics.anu.edu.au](mailto:research.student@physics.anu.edu.au)) on or before Friday 1st of February

A second meeting will be held on **Wednesday 6th of February** from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Departments are invited to give a ten minute presentation on their research activities. Potential supervisors and all interested staff are invited to attend. There will be time for the new honours students to meet and talk with potential supervisors. More details on this event will be provided in an email to Heads of Department early next week. Lunch will be provided. RSVP to Liudmila

([research.student@physics.anu.edu.au](mailto:research.student@physics.anu.edu.au)) on or before Friday 1st of February.

Both meetings will be held in the new honours lecture room on the first floor of Huxley adjacent to the School Computing Unit.

## WELCOME

### **Electronic Materials Engineering**

Would like to welcome **Dr Philippe Caroff-Gaonac'h** from France who is a Future Fellow starting with EME on 21 January 2013. We would also like to welcome **Professor Pedro Grande** who is visiting with Rob Elliman from Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil for one year.

## REMINDER: ARC DISCOVERY PROJECT SEMINAR

The ANU Research Services Division in conjunction with College Research Management staff are hosting a seminar to discuss changes, processes and strategies for the 2014 Discovery Projects scheme.

Guests from the ARC and within the ANU will provide insightful information that would be of great benefit to new and experienced applicants alike.

2:00-4:00pm Thursday 17 January

Finkel Theatre, JCSPMR

## RENAMING OF THE BULLETIN

Congratulations to Michael Blacksell for winning the renaming of the bulletin with his entry 'The Event Horizon'.

Michael will receive a fine wine from the Director's cellar.