



Research School of Physics and Engineering

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

The Director will be presenting an invited talk at the American Physical Society's Gaseous Electronics Conference in Princeton, NJ from 30 September – 4 October. **Professor Tim Senden** will be Acting Director during this period.

Andrea Benson, the Director's Executive Assistant, will be on leave from 4 October to 4 November. In her absence the Director's Office will be attended from 9-11am each day by Julia Wee (4 -18 Oct) and Julie Arnold (21 Oct – 1 Nov).

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the winners of the John Carver Seminar Series 2013!

This year we had 11 student speakers who presented fantastic talks on their research at the John Carver Seminar Series.

The winner of the John Carver prize was **Alison Sham** from the Department of Applied Maths, the Director's Prize went to **David Kedziora** from the Department of Theoretical Physics and the Dean's Prize was won by **Lyle Roberts** from the Department of Quantum Science.

The winners of the audience vote were **Andrew Wade** from the Department of Quantum Science and **Roisin Boadle** from AMPL.

Well done and thank you to all speakers for presenting great talks!

DEPARTMENTAL SEMINARS

Applied Mathematics

Creating Graphene Based Foams for Water Treatment Processes

AM PhD mid-term seminar

Alison Sham - Applied Mathematics, RSPE

3:17pm Thursday 3rd October

Le Couteur Building Room 3.17

STAFF MOVEMENTS

Electronics Materials Engineering

Dr Michael Gao will be attending the 4th International Workshop on Epitaxial Growth and Fundamental Properties of Semiconductor Nanostructures in Lake Arrowhead CA, 29 September – 6 October.

PhD student Lachlan Smillie will be attending the Raman Lab in the Physics Department of Melbourne University for Experiments, from 23 September - 1 October.

OHS BULLETIN

OHS training courses now at 5 Liversidge St, Building 69.
Ionizing Radiation Safety (OHS18) 22 October.

2014 ALUMNI AWARDS

The ANU Alumni Awards celebrate and showcase the outstanding and diverse range of ANU graduates.

This is RSPE's chance to celebrate and promote alumni who are making the difference and to say thank you to alumni for contributing to the University's reputation by being extraordinary.

Categories Available:

1. Alumnus of the Year (the highest honour),
2. International Alumnus of the Year,
3. Young Alumnus of the Year,
4. Student of the Year and
5. Alumni Volunteer Leader of the Year

Nominations Open: Friday 16 August 2013 &

Nominations Close: 30 November 2013 Midnight (AEST)

W: <https://alumniandfriends.anu.edu.au/alumni-awards-2014>

Please consider nominating outstanding alumni from the School. Contact: Kavitha Robinson, Development Manager, E: kavitha.robinson@anu.edu.au

PHYSICS SOCIAL GATHERING

On Friday October 11th from 4pm there will be an opportunity to interact with undergraduate students in an informal atmosphere in the Physics North courtyard. The aim is to increase interactions between students and staff and it is planned to make this a monthly event. More details to follow in the coming week. In the meantime, please contact Cormac Corr if you have any questions.

MEDIA TRAINING

The ANU Strategic Communications and Public Affairs (SCAPA) runs regular free media skills workshops for ANU staff and postgraduate (research) students.

See: <http://news.anu.edu.au/how-to/media-training/>