



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

The Director will be on leave from 11 December returning on 21 December. **Professor Ken Baldwin** will be Acting Director during this time.

UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA JOINT PHDS

Hoe Tan, Stephen Madden, Isabelle Straude, Ping Koy Lam and the Director joined a two-day workshop with scientists from The University of Malaya last week with a view to establishing a joint PhD program. A memorandum of understanding will be signed shortly and we expect the program will be underway in 2015.

PHYSICS EDUCATION CENTRE

The School wishes to congratulate the Physics Market Day Team; Cormac Corr, Jodie Bradby, Patrick Kluth and James Sullivan on their Special Commendation for a Colleges of Science Award for a Program that Enhances Learning. Cormac Corr also received an individual award for a Colleges of Science Citation for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning.

Both of these activities have also been nominated for the 2015 Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Education.

Hearty congratulations to all!

WELCOME

NLPC welcomes the following visitors.

Dr Alexander Doronin, from Otago New Zealand can be found in L1.05. He can be contacted on x51745.

Dr Ivan Kravchenko has arrived for a week's visit with NLPC. He will have a desk in L1.29 and can be contacted on 57849.

Prof Usama Al Khawaja, a visitor from UAE University United Emirates, has arrived for a week's visit with NLPC. He will be in room L1.11 and may be contacted on 51068.

STAFF MOVEMENTS

Plasma Research Laboratories

Professor John Howard will be away on annual leave from Monday 15 December 2014 and return on Monday 19 January 2015. **Professor Michael Shats** will be acting Head of Department from 15 December - 24 December 2014 and **A/Professor Matthew Hole** will be acting Head of Department from 2 January - 16 January 2015.

DEPARTMENTAL SEMINARS

Electronic Materials Engineering

Photonic Bandgap Specialty Optical Fiber Devices and Applicability to Bragg Reflection Semiconductor waveguides

Professor Bishnu P. Pal

Mahindra Ecole Centrale, School of Natural Science, Hyderabad India

11:00am Tuesday 9 December

RSPE Link Seminar Room

AIP CONGRESS



Opening of the 21st biennial Australian Institute of Physics Congress

The Art of Physics

The Hon Christopher Pyne MP
Minister for Education

8:30am Monday 8 December
Manning Clark Theatre.

Please note the earlier starting time.

With approximately 700 delegates, the Congress is the largest professional meeting in the Australian physics calendar, and represents an important occasion for the community to keep up to date with breakthrough developments from around the world. The eight plenary speakers are world-leading experts in frontier physics fields spanning nano-science and the quantum world through to earth science, fusion power and cosmology.

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