



Research School of Physics and Engineering

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DIRECTORS COLLOQUIUM



Rubbish - the beauty within

Scientia Professor Veena Sahajwalla

Director of Sustainable Materials Research & Technology (SMaRT@UNSW), ARC Future Fellow, UNSW

12:00pm Wednesday 5 March

Leonard Huxley Lecture Theatre

Please join us for snacks prior to the colloquia at 11:30am

PHYSICS EDUCATION CENTRE REPORT

First semester is now in full swing and I hope all lecturers are enjoying the start of the teaching year. Please ensure that you have organised class reps for your class and send the name(s) of your student reps to Laura Walmsley.

In addition, please send the names of your part time teachers (tutors, demonstrators etc) to Laura along with the tasks (number of hours) your part time teachers will be employed per week. This should be in line with the discussions we had over email earlier in the year. The first PEC meeting will be on Wednesday 5th of March at 3:00 pm in the RSPE conference room. Joe Hope will introduce the technology he has used to put the content for PHYS3001 on line. Paul Francis (subject to availability) will discuss his/Brian Schmidt's MOOC.

PHB MENTORS

Thank you to the members of staff who responded to my request for PhB mentors. I now have enough mentors for the 2014 intake

ANU PUBLICATIONS SUBSIDY FUND

Application form and details of the scheme at <http://press.anu.edu.au/publication-subsidies-committee>

Applications due by 30 June 2014

RSPE ARC PEER REVIEW – DECRA

Below is the timetable for RSPE peer review of DECRA applications:

RSPE Buddy Review (optional but recommended) - 26th Feb 2014 (Wednesday)

RSPE Peer Review - c.o.b. 5th March 2014 (Wednesday)

*College Research Office Deadline - 12th March 2014 (Wednesday)

College Research Office Review and Feedback - 19th March 2014

****Revised Final Proposals (incorporating feedback) - 26th March 2014**

ARC Submission – 2 April 2014 (Wednesday)

WELCOME

Nonlinear Physics Centre

Welcomes **Mr Roman Saveliev**, a visiting student from NRU Information Technologies, Mechanics and Optics, Russia, he is arriving today for a five week visit with NLPC.

He will have a desk in L1.05

Telephone – 51745

Email – r.saveliev@phoi.ifmo.ru

OHS BULLETIN

OSLO Forum (OHSG37) 3 March

Corrosives (OHSA07) 17 March

Occupational strains prevention (OHSG07) 18 & 25 March

Height safety refresher (OHSA17) 20 March

OHS training for supervisors (OHSG28) 27 March

APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Call for Applications: for the Scholarship for Space Plasma, Astronomy and Astrophysics

The scholarship is intended to aid postgraduate students undertaking a research project in Space Plasma, Astronomy or Astrophysics. The scholarship can be used towards travel, acquiring of equipment or collaboration activities as required.

Further details including eligibility and the conditions of the award can be found at

<http://students.anu.edu.au/scholarships/gr/off/dom/space-plasma.php>

Applicants need to present a case, supported by their supervisor, specifying why funding is required and how it will assist their current research.

Applications open 1 March 2014 and close 5pm, 31 March 2014. Enquiries: rspe.hdr.sa@anu.edu.au

IMAGES WANTED

We are looking for your physics images that might be suitable for translation into lace. The NSW president of the AIP, Anna Binnie, is in a group of lacemakers that wishes to produce works for the Canberra AIP Congress theme "**The art of physics**" (www.aip2014.org.au). If you have any images that you think might work please email them to the conference secretary: craig.savage@anu.edu.au. We'll pass them on and let the lacemakers choose.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY MORNING TEA

Women at RSPE are invited to a morning tea at 10:30 on Thursday 6th March in the Link Seminar Room for International Women's Day.

RSVP not required - just come along for a coffee/tea, cake and a chat.

FRIDAY PHYSICS SOCIAL CLUB HEADS NORTH FOR A BBQ

On the first Friday of every month the Friday Physics Social Club is held in the Physics North courtyard (near the Department of Quantum Science).

The next event will be held Friday, the 7th of March, from 4pm.

The aims of these events are, firstly to provide an opportunity for staff to interact with undergraduate students in an informal atmosphere, and secondly to bring the staff and students of Physics North and South closer together.

This month we will be having a BBQ which is free for fee paying students.

Please contact Cormac Corr (cormac.corr@anu.edu.au) or Colin Campbell (colin.campbell@anu.edu.au) if you have any questions.