CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Deputy Director (Education) Professor David McClelland on being elected a Fellow of the American Physical Society. Election to APS Fellowship is recognition by peers for outstanding contributors to physics: "For his ground-breaking experimental work in techniques to extend the sensitivity of gravitational wave detection beyond the standard quantum limit and for promoting world-wide collaboration in gravitational wave research.” Many may know that election to fellowship in the APS is limited to no more than one half of one percent of the membership.

Congratulations to Drs Joe Hope and Darren Goossens (Physics Education Centre) for their awards of $5,000 for excellence in education. The Vice-Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Education give recognition to ANU academic and general staff for teaching, supervision and program excellence, and for their contribution to student learning.

Congratulations to Jenny Wong-Leung (Electronic Materials Engineering) and her team who have been awarded an ARC LIEF grant. The School is also involved in four externally-led LIEF grants.

VIP VISITORS

A delegation from Fujitsu Laboratories visited the school on Thursday 2 December to discuss the prospect of future collaboration. They also toured the school facilities and laboratories.

STAFF MOVEMENTS

Plasma Research Laboratory movements: Dr Hua Xia, will be attending the 20th International Toki conference on the Next Twenty Years in Plasma and Fusion Science in Japan from 5 - 12 December. Dr Horst Punzmann will be in New Zealand from 6 - 10 December attending the 17th Australasian Fluid Mechanics Conference. Dr Michael Shats is currently in Taiwan attending the International Workshop on Anomalous Waves in the Ocean and Professors Christine Charles, Rod Boswell and Bob Dewar will be attending the AIP Congress 2010 in Melbourne from 5-9 December.

Professor Ken Baldwin (Atomic & Molecular Physics Laboratories) will also be presenting an invited talk at the AIP Congress and attending an ACQAO workshop at Monash University next week.

Staff and students from Nuclear Physics, Nonlinear Physics and Theoretical Physics will also be attending and presenting talks at the AIP Congress.

ANNUAL LEAVE

A friendly reminder that all academics should enter their leave prior to 31 December 2010. If they fail to do so they will be automatically rostered off for the period of 3 January 2011 to 31 January 2011 and their leave adjusted accordingly.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The ANU Christmas card order will arrive next week, for those who have not ordered through their DA there will be a small number left over so please see Susie if you’re interested.

ADMIN CHRISTMAS LUNCH

All RSPE administrative staff are invited to join their colleagues for an end of year get together on Thursday 9 December. Please see Susie asap if you'd like to attend.