

## January 2011 Newsletter

Welcome back and a happy 2011. I hope you all had a good break.

### **Exams**

The exam period is quickly approaching so please double check with John Hooper when your exams are.

### **Coursework**

Measurement techniques is due 25<sup>th</sup> January, but if you are ready to submit early then please send to Richard. Please post a hard copy not email.

### **Conference**

Thank you for sending in your talk titles. We will now be circulating the programme to the industrial and academic partners shortly. You will also receive an invite to the dinner. Please RSVP by the deadline otherwise there will be no meal for you (and less wine!).

You will also need to produce an abstract for the conference proceedings so details to follow.

### **New Recruits**

This month, we have three new starters.

- Isabel Fernandez Farres has joined Prof. Norton's Group and will be working with Kraft in Banbury.
- Martin Riley has also started with Imerys in Cornwall and working with Prof. Blackburn and Dr. Rowson.
- Finally Jonathan O'Sullivan has started with Kerry Group in Ireland, again working with Prof. Norton.

We hope to have a couple of new students starting in Feb/March working with Kraft and Dupont Teijin Films, bringing this year's intake to 17 so far.

### **Review**

As you may know, when we received the renewal funding from EPSRC, it was conditional on a Mid Term Review so for the next few months we will be collating various data so please respond promptly when required. In particular we need a list of all your publications and conference papers so we will be requesting this information shortly (via Kathleen).

### **Progression**

For those of you in your second year you will be required to produce your progression report for the University. Lynn Draper will be sending out details shortly on what is required and when. I will also be allocating you independent assessors, so you will need to arrange to have your progression interview with him/her during the conference. Please start thinking about the content of your report/presentation and remember to get approval from your industrial sponsor.