

February 2012 Newsletter

New Starters

This month we will be joined by Ioanna Zafeiri who will be working with Cargill and Dr. Spyropoulos. Another student, Laudina Duffus, will be starting in March again working with Cargill. I am also hoping to have filled a project with Rolls Royce with a new student starting soon.

Thesis Submission

Congratulations to Luke Tarrant and Michele Marigo who both submitted their theses at the start of the month.

External Examiners

Professor Paul Luckham is visiting shortly to confirm the January exam marks, so I will be writing to you to confirm your marks and to comment on your progress.

EngD Conference

Thank you for your titles. The next step is to write the two page abstract and submit it to Kathleen by 26th March. Any abstracts not received by then will not go in the Conference Booklet and you will need to print out and distribute them yourselves. Please remember that your abstract/poster/presentation will all need to be approved by your sponsoring company which takes a finite time so you need to be submitting material to them this month! Remember to include the Queens' Award logo as well as the EPSRC logo! Once again a bottle of champagne will be awarded to the student who asks the most questions. If anyone fancies chairing a session then let me know.

Progression Reports

I have now allocated your assessor for the Progression Report/Presentation/Interview so Lynn Draper should have been in touch. Try and arrange your Interview during the Conference in order to minimise travel costs.

Conference Dinner

Please note that there are only limited places for the Conference Dinner at Hornton Grange. So, if you don't confirm your attendance to Kathleen, then we won't be ordering a meal and wine for you, as is first come first served!

Public Engagement

Having attended a few Quarterly Reviews recently, I have noticed that Research Engineers have added this to the Agenda. I propose that all of you add it as a standard agenda item. We will be collating examples of public engagement every summer for an annual report to the Industrial Management Committee, I have also invited Dr. Emma Carter, the School's Outreach Officer, to talk to you at the Conference about the different opportunities that exist and she will be forwarding you information via Kathleen. She will also join us at Coniston in May.

Poster/Presentation Prize

I will try and gain sponsorship for a poster and presentation prize from the sponsoring companies. Additionally we will be introducing a prize to the student who successfully completes all the modules on time with marks over 70% in each.

Loughborough UK Particle Technology Forum

There are still opportunities for students to present a poster at this Conference. So thank you to those who have already submitted something and I will arrange payment of your registration once it opens. Contact me ASAP for details on how to submit an abstract. Once your EngD Conference Abstract has been cleared, you could use that one again.