

September 2013 Newsletter

Welcome back everyone from your holidays. I had a great time at conferences in Portland, Toronto and Montreal. No doubt there are photos on websites.

Currently I am not aware of any major conferences next year but if you have not been to a conference yet then now is a good time to look as often abstract deadlines are very early.

Modules

The programme is out so please select the appropriate number of modules you require for this year. Do not over commit and pull out later as this causes problems. Discuss your choices with your supervisors. Please note that the Formulated Product Engineering module only runs every 3-4 years and I can't guarantee it will run again as it is given by an industrialist approaching retirement. It is a really good module and the coursework is highly relevant to your projects.

New Starters

In the last two months we have had several new students join the scheme. Peter Keeley has started with Tetronics in Swindon, working with Professor Neil Rowson (he's got a Chair!). This month sees Thomas Wood starting with Johnson Matthey and Professor Simmons and finally Dmytro Stratiychuk-Dear has started with Dupont Teijin Films and Professor Blackburn. I expect eight more students to start in October, so details in the next newsletter. Finally I am recruiting against three projects with BASF, Unilever and Park Foods.

Annual Conference

We will be announcing the date of the Conference after the next Industrial Management Committee meeting in early October. If there are any major conferences around Easter 2014, let me know as soon as possible so we can avoid clashing.

Renewal

We are expecting feedback from the reviewers fairly soon, but we will be going for Interview at EPSRC in late October.

Finally, Paul Hudson has submitted his thesis and Carl MacNamara is not far behind. I have also been proof reading chapters for Matt, Helen, Jason and Sam so there will be a glut of vivas soon.