

January 2014 Newsletter

Welcome back

I hope you all had a relaxing break.

We have had a couple of new starters last week

Toni-Bianca DiPaolo will be working with Professors Zhang and Preece with a local Pharm Company Lexion.

Ashley Adams will be working with Professors Rowson and Adams and Unilever Port Sunlight.

Funding

You may have noticed that EPSRC have announced a further 19 new Doctoral Training Centres. My understanding is that a number of industrially focussed proposals (including Centre for Formulation Engineering) could be funded by BIS. There will be an emergency meeting of the Industrial Management Committee at the end of the month to discuss the situation. Meanwhile we will use the "profits" from the last 14 years to fund some new projects, so some students will be starting in the autumn.

Conference

We will be releasing the EngD Conference Programme at the end of the month with the necessary instructions/deadlines. Please ensure your industrial and academic supervisors receive abstracts/draft posters and presentations in sufficient time to allow for clearance (typically 2-3 weeks is a rule of thumb).

I have identified the Assessors for the students at the Progression Stage. Lynn Draper will be forwarding the School Guidelines once the list is finalised.

Finally, congratulations to Paul Hudson on passing his Viva with minor corrections. Next up, Carl MacNamara.