

## July 2016 Newsletter

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Tom Avery and Alastair Green on passing their Viva earlier this month.

### **Summer holidays**

Please remember to tell your academic and industrial supervisors when you will be on holiday, otherwise you might get a phone call on the beach asking where you are!

### **New recruits**

I have been very busy filling new EngD projects so there will be a bunch of new faces starting in September and October. There will be three P&G projects, one Rolls Royce, one Imerys and we are interviewing for Bristol Myers Squibb and Astra Zeneca this week, so that is seven new recruits. We will update you on names as they start and you will of course meet them at Octoberfest

Which leads me neatly to Octoberfest

### **Octoberfest**

This will be held in the School of Chemical Engineering on October 19<sup>th</sup>. The format will be as last year with final year students giving the their “cube root of 27” thesis presentation. Second and third years will need to give posters and this year we thought that the new students could actually introduce themselves to you. The evening reception will be a buffet held in the Old Joint Stock in the city centre

### **Exam marks**

John Hooper will be writing to you all shortly with the usual update of the marks and an indication of if you are on track, please check them carefully as mistakes can occasionally happen

### **Conferences**

I have recently returned from a Formulation conference in Barcelona with three of the students and I will be away next week at a recycling conference in Berlin with Prof Rowson and Pete Keeley and then off to the Czech Republic with Matt Ruzala. I tell you this as a reminder that we do hold money for you

to attend conferences as long as you present something. We found a very nice ceramics one in San Diego in November next year only this morning

### **Prague trip**

Please let me know if you have booked your flights to Prague in September so that we can coordinate our hotels to be in the same part of the city

### **Stockholm**

I am in early discussions with a Research Institute in Sweden to arrange a visit for some of the EngD students to give presentations to their Formulation / Characterisation experts. I have drawn up a list of 15 students who are mid-way through their studies and would benefit the most from going. They will identify the projects that align mostly closely to their expertise and we will then invite the chosen students to visit. All hotels, flights and accommodation will be paid for by the University provided that your industrial/academic supervisors are on board with the idea. I have no idea of when the visit will be scheduled but last time we went in February.

**Richard/Kathleen, July 2016**