

November 2015 Newsletter

New Starters

A warm welcome to all our new starters. This Academic Year we have 10 new starters:

- Giuseppe Forte working with Johnson Matthey, Professor Mark Simmons and Dr Phil Robbins
- Thomas Machin working with ITS, Professor Mark Simmons and Dr Richard Greenwood
- Jake Airey working with Rolls Royce, Professor Mark Simmons, and Dr Richard Greenwood
- Nathan Lee working with Rolls Royce and Dr Andrew Ingram
- Despoina Zympeloudi working with P&G (China), Professor Serafim Bakalis and Professor Peter Fryer
- David Beverly working with Jacob Douwe Egberts, Professor Serafim Bakalis and Professor Peter Fryer
- Jodie Hodgkins working with ImplantCast and Professor Liam Grover
- Domenico Daraio working with Johnson Matthey, Dr Alessio Alexiadis and Dr Andy Ingram
- Thomas Hall working with Matoke and Professor Liam Grover
- Maria Charalambous working with Colgate Palmolive/Boots, Dr Tim Overton and Dr Kylee Goode

Conference 2016

The CDT Conference (formerly the EngD Conference) will take place in the School of Chemical Engineering on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th April 2016. All Research Engineers will present at this meeting and Kathleen will be contacting you shortly to request a title for your presentation. Abstracts will be required by early March and further information will be circulated.

Exams

The January Exam Timetable has been circulated. It is appended to this Newsletter for those who did not receive a copy.

YES Competition Finalist

Charles Moore-Kelly was part of a team from the School of Biosciences that entered the BBSRC Young Entrepreneur Scheme competition for the EngD (<http://www.biotechnologyyes.co.uk/biotechnologyyes/index.aspx>). This took place over 3 days from 30th September to 2nd October at the Unilever R&D in Colworth. The competition involved 2 days of workshops and lectures about

commercialising biotechnology and a final day during which the product ('smart fruit packaging' to reduce food waste and give more control of fruit ripening to consumers), and marketing and business plan were presented to a panel of investors. Charles' team were joint winners alongside Cambridge University and have a place in the London final in December.



From left to right, Charles, Sian Bailey, Julia Kraemer, Jim Crilly (Judge from Unilever), Matt Tridgett and Stephen Hall

Congratulations

Congratulations to Martin Riley, David Bell, Raul Perez Mohedano and Antony Kent for submitting their Theses. Also Congratulations to those that recently passed their viva: David Lloyd, Chrissie Tock and Daniel Kurukji.

Outreach Module

The Outreach Module worth 10 credits: "Public Engagement and awareness in Energy, Formulation and Engineering for Doctoral Researchers" will take place 11th, 12th and 13th Jan, concluding with half a day on 1st Feb 2016. Please try to attend. All Research Engineers are required to undertake Outreach activities as part of their training. You can also relate this to planned regional activities.

Regional Activities

You are all encouraged to plan regional activities, as discussed during Octoberfest. As mentioned above, these can be linked to the Outreach Module. Please try to plan an event for the first quarter of 2016. If some funding would be required, please submit a budget to Richard and Kylee for approval.

The ideas that were discussed during Octoberfest are summarised below:

- Educational tours: site visits i.e. seeing each other's manufacturing facilities, visit to CERN

- Various social activities: curry nights, pub crawls, Go Ape, coast to coast, sky diving, white water rafting, gorge walking/coastering, quarry blasting, laser tag, German market, EngD weekends/holidays. There are also monthly activities going on for researchers in the school. Monika Köpf/Helen Onyeaka has the details.
- Friendly competitions: Mongolia rally, cohort vs. cohort competitions, quiz nights, puzzle rooms
- Outreach: student run conferences/events.

Open Access Publishing and Library Access at other Universities

Open access publishing for a recently published article can be achieved through the University library. Please email Suzanne Atkins (openaccesspublications@contacts.bham.ac.uk), and provide her with both a link to the article and the charging code, **EP/L015153/1**.

There is a scheme called SCONUL where doctoral students can have full access to all university libraries in the country if they sign up. The website for this is <http://www.sconul.ac.uk/sconul-access>.

Lab equipment, facilities and Health and Safety

Availability of equipment, training, booking and access to labs, particularly the Advanced Materials Lab (AML), is under review as part of the ongoing H&S activities in the school.

EngD canvas page

There is an EngD canvas page on the horizon. Watch this space.

Richard/Kylee/Kathleen
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