

January Newsletter

Welcome back from the Christmas break, I trust that you are all relaxed and ready to start afresh. I had a fantastic time at Ajay's wedding in India and I hope to bore you all with Photos soon. Anyway down to details.

Exams

If you don't know when your exams are then contact Dave Adams immediately as they start next week. For the Colloids & Rheology exam the external examiner wants a compulsory question for each section so Part A will be 2 questions from 5 with one compulsory and Part B will be the same.

Similarly the Measurement Techniques essay is due in towards the end of the month, I hope to get provisional marks back to you about 4 weeks later.

Conference

Dave and I will be planning the annual conference. The date has been fixed as **15/16th April** with the conference dinner on the Monday evening.

I have four external speakers already and the format will be the same as usual:

- First years will give a poster and a 5 minute intro
- Second years will give the usual 15 minutes as part of the University progression requirements
- Third & Fourth years will be giving 40 minute presentations

Please give some thought to your talk title and abstract as I will be asking for titles in the next few weeks. Also please inform your industrial supervisors of the dates

The Conference dinner menu will be as follows:

Starter – King prawn & Chinese leaf salad

Main - Lamb topped with herb crust in rosemary and roast garlic essence

Vegetarian Option – Provencal vegetable torte with tomato and basil coulis

Sweet – Mascarpone & Vanilla Cheesecake

Six Month Reports

I will be sending out a new proposed structure in the next few weeks. The idea is to have fewer but more detailed reports, please channel any comments back through Gemma Winstone.