

ACADEMIC NEWS

- **CTC receives HPCwire Award at Supercomputing 2015 in Austin, Texas**
The Stephen Hawking Centre for Theoretical Cosmology (CTC) in DAMTP has been recognized in the annual [HPCwire Readers' and Editors' Choice Awards](#), with the following honour: 'Readers' Choice: Best Use of High Performance Data Analytics'. The Readers' Choice award was presented at the 2015 International Conference for High Performance Computing, Networking, Storage and Analysis ([SC15](#)), in Austin, Texas. The annual HPCwire Awards are determined through a nomination and voting process with the global HPCwire community, as well as selections from the HPCwire editors. The awards are an annual feature of the publication and constitute prestigious recognition from the HPC community.
- *Rachael Bonnebaigt* has recently been announced as one of the Smith Institute's TakeAIM competition 2015 winners for her work on 'Using wax walls to save energy'.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New member of Administrative Staff

We are delighted to welcome a new team member, *Miss Meglena Slavova*, as the new *Pavilion G Secretary* and *HR Office Administrator*. Meglena will be taking over from Abby Fidler and will be based in G1.10. She will be starting on Wednesday 9th December, working Monday to Friday. Her contact details are: 37870 / ms2337@damtp.cam.ac.uk.

Part III – Proposed additional essay titles

The final deadline for receipt of proposed additional essay titles for Part III is *Monday 1st February*. If you know a student who is going to request an additional essay please remind them of this deadline. If you wish to set an additional essay, please send the title, plus abstracts and references, to the Undergraduate Office as soon as possible. You can find the latex template for your essay topic here:

<http://www.maths.cam.ac.uk/facultyoffice/exam-templates/>. Please remember that if the essay title is accepted, you will be appointed as an Assessor and will need to be available to mark essays at the end of May. The current list of essay titles can be found online:

<http://www.maths.cam.ac.uk/postgrad/mathiii/part-iii-essays>

The Nurse Report on the Funding of Research

This report on research funding has now been published and can be accessed on the [Nurse Review website](#). The main recommendation is the replacement of the advisory board of RCUK by Research UK (RUK), which will oversee all the research council with a CEO appointed by the Minister. This is an important document and the University is asked to respond by *Friday 15th January 2016*. Anne Davis is on both The Council and the General Board and will be at the meetings where the University response is considered. (The Council will meet on Monday 14th December and the General Board on Wednesday 2nd December).

EVENTS

Alan Turing Institute (ATI) Data Science Exploiter Summit: Big Data in the Physical Sciences

Wednesday 13th January 2016, 8.30am-5.30pm at The Marble Hall/Kohn Centre, The Royal Society, 6-9 Carlton House Terrace, London.

This [ATI summit](#) will bring together UK researchers, industry, and public sector funders to discuss the requirements, challenges, and opportunities of data science applications in the physical sciences. The summit will show up routes for engagement with the ATI, and help inform the future priorities of ATI work. The results of the summit will be compiled into a white paper.

[Registration](#) is now open and will close on *Wednesday 9th December*. There is no registration fee; however places are limited so please register early to avoid disappointment.

SIAM-UKIE - 20th Anniversary

Professor Arieh Iserles is pleased to announce the [SIAM-UKIE - 20th Anniversary](#), taking place on *Thursday 7th January 2016* in the Department. Attendance at the lectures in MR2 is free, however, anyone wishing to partake of the lunch and/or the dinner should [register](#) by *18th December 2015*.



Unconscious Bias Workshop

The University is running a major [Unconscious Bias Workshop](#) on *Tuesday 1st December, 2.30pm-4.00pm*, in the *Clinical School* with Professor Jennifer Saul, a highly respected researcher in the area. Some members of the Department will be attending and it is still possible to book a place via the link on the webpage.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Administrative Offices - Christmas Closing

The following offices will be closed from the end of the working day on Thursday 24th December, reopening on Monday 4th January 2016:

- HR Office
- Undergraduate Office
- Graduate Office
- Head of Department's Office
- Departmental Administrator's Office
- Finance Office
- Pavilion and Research Group Secretaries offices

Please note: All these offices (except the Graduate Office) will also be closed on Monday 21st December, from 12noon – 3.00pm

Cambridge University Postdoc Careers Service

Madelaine Chapman and Liz Simmonds (email: pdocphys@careers.cam.ac.uk) Careers Advisers for Postdocs in Physical Sciences and Technology are there to support postdocs in planning their career. They can offer:

- one to one careers guidance
- help with career planning (whether aiming for an academic career or a career outside academia)
- help with applications and interviews

The service is free and confidential. Postdocs can register with the [Postdoc Careers Service](#) at <http://www.careers.cam.ac.uk/pdoc/>



CMS Christmas Party

This year's CMS Christmas Party will be taking place on *Friday 11th December*. If you intend to come to the party, you will need to [register](#) using the online booking form by *Wednesday 2nd December*.



Seminars

The Athena SWAN Committee would like to remind seminar organisers of the importance of diversity in the seminar lists. Please could organisers try to get speakers of both genders booked each term. There is a paper giving suggestions on this at <http://arxiv.org/abs/1502.06326>. The section on 'Improving our Process' should be particularly useful in giving advice to Seminars organisers.