

ACADEMIC NEWS

- On Monday 9th May DAMTP and DPMMS celebrated the launch of the *Cantab Capital Institute for the Mathematics of Information*. The new research Institute is an exciting collaboration between the Cantab Capital Partners LLP and the University of Cambridge. Hosted within the Faculty of Mathematics of the University of Cambridge, the Cantab Capital Institute for the Mathematics of Information will push the boundaries of information science. Please click on the following links for more information about the [Institute](#) and the [launch event](#).
- From 29th April – 7th May, *Peter Wadhams* sailed from Longyearbyen into the Barents Sea aboard the Norsk Polarinstitutt research ship "Lance", to measure strain distributions in ice flows subjected to flexure by ocean waves. The work was done jointly with UNIS (University of Svalbard) and 20 students assisted. Students from DAMTP who are interested in the Arctic may wish to know that they can register for short (one term) courses, which involve field work, at [UNIS](#).

OTHER NEWS

- *Gavin Cheung* and *Antoni Woss* (HEP PhD students) have recently set up the St John's College Beekeepers Society. The Society's aim is to educate people on beekeeping, and St John's was chosen because of the abundance of flowers in the gardens. The hives have been built and they are looking forward to organising weekly hive visits once the bees have settled in. You can follow their progress, or register your interest, on their [Facebook page](#).



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Undergraduate Exams in CMS

The Undergraduate Office would like to remind you that the Part III exams will take place in the CMS **between Thursday 26th May and Tuesday 7th June.**

Please try not to make any excessive noise around Meeting Rooms 3, 4, 5, and 9 during this time and around Meeting Rooms 13 and 14 on the morning of Monday 30th May.

Many thanks in advance for your co-operation.

Cambridge Postdoc Enterprise Competition

This [EPOC competition](#) is being held in conjunction with the 'Start-up skills workshop for PostDocs' (details below).

The 2016 competition opened for entries on *Tuesday 3rd May*. This business plan contest offers the chance for University postdocs to win early funding for their business ideas, with awards of £20k and £10k for the two winners. More information on the competition, including the application form and handbook can be found on the EPOC website. The application closing date is *Thursday 30th June*.

Charlie Bayne Travel Trust

The Trust offers travel grants to undergraduate and postgraduate students with a disability in Cambridge, at the University or Anglia Ruskin University. The Trust is intended to assist students who face **extra costs** in travelling as a result of their disability. Grants will normally be up to £500 per person, and will be awarded according to the merit and cost-effectiveness of the applications (rather than their size). Disabled students who are wheelchair users should be the principal beneficiaries; but the fund is open to all students with physical disabilities including those with sensory impairments. Full details, along with the application form, are provided on the [Charlie Bayne Travel Trust](#) webpage. Completed application forms should be sent to the Disability Resource Centre by *Friday 27th May 2016*.

Public Engagement Seed Fund ^{New}

The [Public Engagement Seed Fund](#) is a new and exciting opportunity that gives University of Cambridge researchers the chance to apply for small grants to undertake innovative, research-focused public engagement activities.

The Public Engagement team are looking for novel projects based on contemporary research at the University of Cambridge which aim to do one or more of the following:

- Reach a specific target audience
- Develop a partnership with a community of interest
- Create an innovative activity for Cambridge Science Festival or Cambridge Festival of Ideas

Applicants can apply for grants ranging from £300 - £3,000. Full details on the application criteria and how to apply can be found via the link above. Application forms should be submitted by *Friday 1st July 2016*. All applicants should get in touch with the Public Engagement team (publicengagement@admin.cam.ac.uk) to discuss a potential application before submitting.

University Housing Needs Survey

In light of the the increases in house prices and rents in the Cambridge area over the past few years the University has commissioned a survey to understand how this has affected staff employed by the University and Colleges. We are all being encouraged to participate in the survey, even if we have lived in Cambridge for many years, so that they can gain as complete a picture as possible of staff housing circumstances. The research is being conducted by the Cambridge Centre for Housing and Planning Research, and if you have any questions about the survey, please contact Michael Jones, Research Associate, Cambridge Centre for Housing and Planning Research, Department of Land Economy, fmj22@cam.ac.uk. The survey is online, and can be found at:

http://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com//SE/?SID=SV_bDHaxk2bovJyS0Z.

EVENTS

Dirac Lecture

This year's Dirac Lecture will be given by Professor Michael Green and will take place on Friday 10th June, at 2.30pm in MR2.

Title: "Too beautiful to be false". Abstract to follow

Women's Staff Network – Meet, Greet and Mentoring

Wednesday 18th May, 12noon – 1.00pm in the Potter Room (B1.19), Pavilion B
12.00pm - 12.30pm

What is the Women's Staff Network?

There will be a brief overview of [Women Staff Network](#) and then there will be an opportunity to ask any questions, or make suggestions, for future events/support/information that the network could potentially provide.

12.30pm – 1.00pm

Mentoring session with Gina Warren (Equality & Diversity Consultant).

A mentor is someone who helps to guide your development. Mentoring can be hugely valuable for both parties; it can improve skills, confidence and career development. Growing a mentoring relationship isn't the only way forward though. Where a mentor might help you envision your next position, a sponsor will advocate for your promotion and lever open the door. This short session will help you seek out someone with real power to help you decide what you want to achieve and help change your career.

To sign up please visit <https://goo.gl/HeknlV>



CMS Women's Lunch

Wednesday 18th May, 1.00pm-2.00pm in the Potter Room (B1.19)

All female students and staff in both Departments are invited to the CMS Women's lunch hosted by Carola Schonlieb, Helen Mason and others. Please bring your own lunch – coffee / tea and cake will be provided.



Start-up skills workshop for PostDocs: Pitching and business plan writing to make your new company stand out, with Dr Darrin Disley

Wednesday 25th May, 5.30pm - 7.30pm at the Institute for Manufacturing, Lecture Theatres 1 & 2. Cambridge Enterprise and the Entrepreneurial Postdocs of Cambridge (EPOC) are holding a workshop on the skills you'll need to form or get your start-up off the ground, run by Dr Darrin Disley the CEO of Horizon Discovery Group plc. If you are a postdoc looking to start a company, or you've got an idea but you need help getting it down on paper or presenting to investors, this workshop will cover the dos and don'ts of writing a business plan, as well as hints and tips on giving the perfect investor pitch. Refreshments will be provided. Spaces for the workshop are limited, and [registration](#) in advance is essential.

GENERAL INFORMATION

DAMTP Finance Team

From today all post relating to financial matters (invoices / expense claims etc.) should be left in the new 'Accounts' pigeonhole. The J.M.Turner / Finance pigeonhole is now closed.

The Finance team can be found in B1.27, and their contact details are:

Libby Armstrong, Senior Accounts Clerk (Email: jec36@cam.ac.uk / Ext:37855)

Jonathan Foulkes, Accountant (Email: accountant@damtp.cam.ac.uk / Ext: 38092).

Dignity @ Work

The University of Cambridge is committed to protecting the dignity of staff, students, visitors to the University, and all members of the University community in their work and their interactions with others. The University expects all members of the University community to treat each other with respect, courtesy and consideration **at all times**. Full details on the University's Dignity @ Work policy, procedures and information are available on the [Dignity @ Work](#) website. [Notes](#) from the Dignity@Work presentation on the 3rd May are now available to view on the DAMTP Internal webpage.



Equality & Diversity

Mental Health Awareness Week 16th – 22nd May

This year Mental Health Awareness week will focus on [Relationships](#); the people in our lives that add to our wellbeing and protect and sustain our mental health. There are many useful leaflets and advice available on the [Mental Health Foundation website](#).

Mediation Service

Mediation is a well-established process for resolving disagreements in which an impartial third party (the mediator) helps two or more people in dispute to attempt to reach an agreement and find a mutually acceptable resolution. The University's [Mediation Service](#) uses co-mediation which involves the allocation of two mediators per case. Mediators are members of staff, drawn from a variety of backgrounds and roles throughout the University who, as volunteers, have received training in mediation skills in order to assist with the resolution of difficulties between individual members of staff.

If you are interested in using this service, or becoming a volunteer mediator then please refer to their website. [Notes](#) from the Mediation Service presentation on the 3rd May are now available to view on the DAMTP Internal webpage.

