

FACULTY NEWS BULLETIN

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ACADEMIC NEWS

DAMTP:

DAMTP would like to extend their congratulations to:

Thanasis Fokas who has recently been elected as a fellow in the prestigious American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE) for his work in medicine and biology. He will be formally inducted as a fellow at the AIMBE's Annual Meeting in March 2019.

Anders Hansen who has recently been awarded the 2018 IMA Prize in Mathematics and its Applications. Established in 2014, the IMA Prize is awarded annually to a mathematical scientist who received his/her PhD degree within 10 years of the nomination year. The award recognizes an individual who has made a transformative impact on the mathematical sciences and their applications. Anders work in computational mathematics, and in particular for his development of the solvability complexity index and its corresponding classification hierarchy, formed the basis for this year's recognition.

Fernando Quevado (ICTP Director) has recently been awarded The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) prestigious Abdus Salam Medal for his many efforts to build science in the developing world.

The Faculty would like to would like to extend their congratulations to the following students who have recently completed their PhD's:

- Gavin Ka Chun Cheung (High Energy Physics)
- Antonio Girão (DPMMS)
- Judd Harrison (High Energy Physics)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

David Crighton Fellowship Competition 2019

The David Crighton Fund was set up in memory of the late Professor David Crighton, FRS, to provide support for young scholars in his research field, i.e. the subfield of applied mathematics concerned with fluid mechanics, acoustics, waves and vibration. The managers of the Fund are accordingly offering *up to four David Crighton Fellowships for*:

- Research students in the second half of their PhD
- Postdoctoral fellows with no more than three year's postdoctoral experience

in these areas to undertake a visit for two to three months' study and research *either* in Cambridge if they are currently based outside Cambridge, *or* elsewhere if they are currently based in Cambridge. Those based elsewhere may visit a suitable department in Cambridge. The award is to be used to cover actual travel and subsistence expenses; the maximum amount of any one award is currently £3,800. Full details on the application process are available on the on the <u>DAMTP Vacancies website</u>. Applications and references should be sent to the <u>Head of Department's Secretary</u> by Thursday 31st January 2019.





EVENTS

Mental Health Awareness Course - PHD STUDENTS AND POSTDOCS

Monday 28th January, 9.30am – 2.00pm, in MR21

As doing a PhD or research can be very stressful at times, and can have some impact on emotional and mental health, the Faculty are offering a half day introductory mental health awareness course - *Mental Health First Aid Lite* — which is aimed at PhD students and Post Docs. This course has been developed by Mental Health First Aid England (CIC) and it will be delivered by trained Occupational Therapist and Psychotherapist.

- Course aims
 - To gain a wider understanding of some of the issues around mental health for self and others; to increase confidence to offer appropriate support to those living with mental health issues; to experience an introduction to the topic and to the content of the full MHFA course.
- Course outputs
 - Participants should be able to: identify the discrimination surrounding mental health problems; define mental health and some mental health problems; relate to other people's experience; help support people with mental health problems; look after their own mental health.

If you would like to attend the course please book a place as soon as possible.

*Please note: Due to the emotive nature of the topics covered in the training, people whose own mental / emotional health is not currently stable may find the session challenging.

Open Meeting on Brexit FOR STAFF

Wednesday 12th December, 10.30am-12.00pm, in the Babbage Lecture Theatre, New Museums Site

The University is working hard to prepare for Brexit, whatever form it takes, through contingency planning, international partnerships, and engagement with government. They are also keen to help EU and EEA staff and their dependants retain the right to live and work in the UK after Brexit. The timing and conditions of the UK's departure from the European Union continue to be uncertain. They appreciate that this is worrying for many staff, who may be concerned about the potential effects of different Brexit outcomes on their (or their relatives') immigration status, on their research funding or on other aspects of daily life. The University is holding this open meeting to give staff more information about how as an institution they are planning and preparing for Brexit. There will be an opportunity to put questions to a panel composed of senior leaders and experts from different



parts of the University administration. The Vice-Chancellor will speak, and there will also be brief presentations about preparing for Brexit's impact on all aspects of University life. If you wish to attend, <u>please book a place via Eventbrite</u>. For more information, as well as FAQs, resources, and analysis from Cambridge academics, please visit the <u>University's Brexit website</u>. The meeting will be recorded and a video made available on the <u>For Staff website</u> for those who cannot attend in person.







GENERAL INFORMATION

A Thank You

Tim and Janine Green wish to express their thanks and gratitude to everyone who contributed to their Wedding Holiday Fund. Due to the generosity of members of the Faculty they now have enough funds to return to New Zealand, where they hope this time to explore the South Island.

HR Office Pre-Christmas Office Hours

The HR Office will be open at the following times in the week before the Christmas closure:

Monday 17th December - Thursday 20th December

8.30am - 1.00pm

2.00pm - 5.00pm

Friday 21st December

8.30am – 1.00pm 2.00pm to 4.00pm



Christmas Closing - Administrative Offices and Support Services

Tuesday 18th December, 12noon – 3.00pm

All members of administrative staff, computing staff and facilities staff will be unavailable for the time indicated above.

Friday 21st December and Monday 24th December

Most administrative offices in the Faculty will be closing at the end of the working day on Friday 21st December. There will only be a very limited number of administrative, IT and Facility staff working on Monday 24th December before the Faculty closes for the Christmas break.

The Faculty will re-open on Wednesday 2nd January 2019.

Christmas Vacation Activity Guide STUDENTS

The Graduate Union, in partnership with CUSU and the Students' Unions' Advice Service, have created the <u>Christmas Vacation Activity guide</u> for students who remain in Cambridge over the holiday period. It is a live document which will be updated on a daily basis.



A highlight of events being organised will be the 'Bring and Share' lunch at St Edmund's College on Christmas Day. Details on how to sign up to this lunch can be found in the guide.

University Staff Carol Service

This year's annual <u>University Staff Christmas Carol Service</u> will take place on *Tuesday 11th December* at *3.30pm* at *Great St Mary's Church* (the University Church) between Market Square and Kings Parade. The service will feature traditional Christmas carols and readings for the season. The service will be followed by a reception with mulled wine. All are welcome!

