

Student Link

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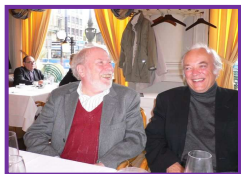
Spring Semester Dates:

Faculty of Computing new and continuing students: We welcome you to the start of the Spring Semester and look forward to seeing you all when teaching begins from 7th February 2011. Term dates:

Spring Semester	Starts	Ends
Enrolment/Induction	31 Jan 2011	4 Feb 2011
Teaching	7 Feb 2011	15 Feb 2011
Easter Break	18 April 2011	29 April 2011
Teaching	2 May 2011	6 May 2011
Teaching/revision	9 May 2011	13 May 2011
Examinations	16 May 2011	3 June 2011

PhD graduate nominated for IEEE medal

Dr Brian Kirk (circled, right) ex-PhD student of FoC Professors Igor Schagaev and Bob Gilchrist, has been nominated for the IEEE Medal for Environmental and Safety Technologies.



This is for work on the Sudden Unintended Acceleration problem in Automobiles. Brian's PhD thesis was associated with Igor's research project ONBASS (On-board active safety system for general aviation), and completed in 2008. The externals were chief of aerospace professorial dissertations of the USSR and a NASA expert in safety critical systems, Professor V.Kutahov and Professor J.Zalewski, respectively. Dr Kirk is also pictured left with Nicolas Wirth, inventor of Pascal, who co-operated with the ONBASS project.

Student on IET RF & Microwave Network

Kafil Ahmed, a PhD student has been recently selected as an executive member of the IET (Institution of Engineering and Technology) RF and Microwave Technology Network for the next three years. The Network covers the area of radio frequency, microwave and millimetre-wave science, including high frequency field and circuit techniques, aimed at existing and future professionals. Kafil has been working actively with the IET since 2005, and would like to thank his Director of Studies Dr. Bal Virdee for his inspiration and the Faculty for all their continuous help and support. Kafil says "I will take initiatives to host the IET RF and Microwave Seminars in London Metropolitan University".

Competition Success



Recent graduate in BSc Multimedia Technology and Applications, Adelola Johnson (pictured left), and BSc Multimedia Solutions student Mehmet Mulla (pictured below) have formed a team (called

RoomMatic) that reached the semi-finals of the 2010-2011 NYC Next Idea Business Plan Competition <http://snipurl.com/nycedcnextidea>

They are one of 10 teams in the undergraduate track selected out of 160 submissions for the semi-final round. Finalists will win a trip to New York City in order to participate in the Final Round of the competition and learn about the City's business environment.



Adelola says "The Concept is an online site that collects inventories, recommends products and automatically generates room designs across multiple established retailers, according to the user's profile/ lifestyle information. There is also social element to this idea

and I'm doing a lot of research at the British Library, so watch this space. Our university is the only undergraduate team representing the UK!". For further information go to url: <http://snipurl.com/nycedcnextidea>

Calling final year undergraduates!

If you have received an email about the National Student Survey, we urge you to complete it - you may even win a prize of up to £500! It is important that you have your say about your course and the university. In response to previous student surveys the faculty has made many improvements, including:

- new computer labs for IT Security and Multimedia
- provisional professional accreditation by the IET
- maths support clinics
- monthly student enterprise workshops, including one at Apple's London HQ
- additional support for work placements, leading to a record 50 registrations this year

Come to the **FoC NSS Day** events on **Thursday 17th February at 12.30-2.30pm in T6-20** and meet course and module leaders, project supervisors and careers advisers. You can complete the survey online at a pre-booked workstation. In addition, at 3-4 pm there will be a Student Enterprise Workshop in GCI-08. Both with refreshments.

Employability

The Work Placement Module provides students with the opportunity to:

- 1) gain real life work experience
- 2) build contacts and strengthen your skills such as being an effective communicator
- 3) build your confidence
- 4) aid your career path and become more competitive in the job market.

The Employer Engagement Officer for the Faculty of Computing assists students finding placements and currently advertises opportunities for work placements, summer internships and graduate opportunities at:

http://snipurl.com/employ_placement_internships

You can also look at the work placement Module at: http://snipurl.com/cc3w0l_workplacement_module

For assistance and further information please e-mail Natasha Nelson at n.nelson@londonmet.ac.uk

CISCO short courses

There are now part-time courses in computer networks and internetworking. These courses will enable successful candidates to take the Cisco Certified Networking Associate (CCNA) and Cisco Certified Networking Professional (CCNP) examinations. The University is one of the very few places in the UK which has been certified by Cisco Systems to provide CCNP training in one of the most advanced CISCO training labs in the UK.

We also offer short courses in ORACLE and ADOBE. If you are interested in taking any of these short courses please visit:

<http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/depts/cctm/courses.cfm>

Visa Workshops

International Student Advisers in Student Services are running a series of visa renewal workshops covering TIER4 (Student Visa Renewals) and PSW (Post Study Work).

For dates/times and locations please visit:

http://snipurl.com/londonmet_student visa_workshops

Dean's meeting with StARs

FoC StARs are requested to attend the meeting with the Dean of FoC, Prof Dominic Palmer-Brown on Friday 4th March, 12.30-2.30pm in room GCG-08. This meeting is particularly important in the context of undergraduate review.

Student Enterprise Workshops (SEW)

Please check your emails, the Faculty website and noticeboards for the next series of "SEW" events. The next event is scheduled for Thurs 17th Feb 3-4pm room GCI-08 and the following event is a Networking and Training event on 30th March in the Graduate Centre room GCI-08.