

Student Link

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Student Enterprise Workshop – industry speakers

VFX skills wanted: recruiters from Europe's largest VFX provider Double Negative are to speak at the Faculty of Computing's Student Enterprise Workshop (SEW) on 17th November. If you've seen the Harry Potter, Inception, Prince of Persia, Sherlock Holmes, Iron Man 2 or Paul films (amongst others) you will know the visual effects work of Double Negative and be keen to come along to hear more from this major London-based company, see some of their recent work and get an insight into their recruitment process for students.

VFX skills are in great demand. If you've got an interest in visual design, media creation, animation, games, 3D visualisation, computing and all things creative you won't want to miss this major event!

Ty-John Roberts (the Creative Director of Addicted - a digital communications agency) will also come and talk about the digital landscape, common sense tips and interview etiquette. He will also explain the differences between the commercial workplace and the University.

The venue is TM1-83 and the time 5.30 on Thursday 17th November.

BAFTA nominations

Again this year GameLab has been nominated for two prestigious BAFTA awards. Congratulations to FoC senior lecturer Martin Wright, who is director of GameLab, and his team!

Students on the BSc Computer Games programmes, and on the MSc Interactive Media and Games Technologies often work on GameLab projects. See:

www.gamelabuk.com/.

Decision Support for System Designers

A London Mathematical Society's joint seminar with the BCS-FACS will be held at 6pm on Wed 30 Nov at De Morgan House, 57 Russell Square, WC1B (Nearest tube: Russell Square). The event is part of an LMS initiative of activities at the interface between Mathematics and Computer Science.

This year, the speaker is Andrew Ireland (Heriot-Watt) who will give a talk on Reasoned Modelling: Towards Decision Support for System Designers. Research students from both the Computer Science and Mathematics communities are especially welcome to participate.

The event is free to all and open to everyone. Refreshments will be available from 5.30. A poster is available at:

www.maths.qmul.ac.uk/~arrow/HoDoMS/LMSB-CS-FAC2011.pdf

To register, please email:

computerscience@lms.ac.uk by 25 Nov.

Faculty Star election & meeting

On Thursday 20 Oct StARs in the Faculty of Computing met to elect a Faculty STAR rep for the Student Council. Congratulations to Ahmed Naeem, of the Extended Degree who was elected ahead of three other nominations. All StARs in the Faculty are welcome to contact Ahmed with issues they want him to raise. For details of who are StARs, see:

www.londonmet.ac.uk/depts/cctm/student_pages/stars.cfm.

On Thursday 17 Nov at 1-2pm there will be a StARs meeting with the Dean.

Virtual business environment



On 18 October, the Faculty hosted its 17th Student Enterprise Workshop (pictured above). Prof Dominic Palmer-Brown, Dean of FoC, opened the series for Autumn Semester. Alan Stuart and Dr Yanguo Jing introduced the concept and vision of the FOC Virtual Business Environment. This exciting initiative, closely linked to new WRL and the work placement modules will offer an innovative mechanism for managing and delivering real projects to external business and industry while offering dynamic and vital employability skills training. Housed within the Faculty, students will actively lead the development and direction of the 'business' - to encourage enterprise and business development within the student pool. Students at the talk were inspired and showed great enthusiasm for the idea - more so when they were informed that rather than piloting the initiative with a small (no-risk) start-up - the virtual business has as its first 'client' - News International!

Placements

Opportunities for Employment, Placements and Internships are posted to the Faculty Student web site at this address:

www.londonmet.ac.uk/depts/cctm/student_pages/opps.cfm

Check your uni email

Official messages from the university, including emails from staff, are sent to your uni address:

<http://mail.my.londonmet.ac.uk/>

You can auto-forward the mail to your home email address – see the tool menu/ settings/ Forwarding tab. You are expected to read your uni email every day, as class changes and other important messages may be sent that way.

Three PhD completions

On Wed 12th Oct, Chu-Ting Cheung (a PhD student in FoC) defended his thesis entitled "An Adaptive Modelling and Application Development Infrastructure for Context-Aware Mobile Computing" successfully. His supervisor was Professor Hassan Kazemian, Chair Dr Bal Virdee, and externals - Dr Martin Varley from University of Central Lancashire and Dr Maysam Abbod from Brunel University.

In addition, Maths PhD student Muhammad Ali has also completed his PhD – supervised by Professors Gilchrist and Stasinopolous.

Finally, Viktoria Weinstein (pictured below) successfully defended her PhD viva on 24 Oct. The title of her thesis was "Factors Affecting Glow Discharge Plasma Spectroscopy: Effect of the Molecular Gases and Sample Geometry on the Spectra". Viktoria's supervisory team included Dr Bal Virdee, Prof Edward BM Steers, and Dr Dominic Spillane from the Faculty of Life Sciences.

Congratulations to all 3!



Pictured: Prof Steers, Dr Taghizadeh, Dr Weinstein, Cornel Venzago, Aqura GmbH (Germany) & Dr Anne Thorne (Imperial College) (external examiners) & Dr Virdee.

FoC PhD student at European Microwave Conference

Dr Bal Virdee of the Centre for Communications Technology presented a paper at the European Microwave Conference entitled "Dual-band Bandpass Filter Using Embedded Short-Circuited Resonators in the Open-loop C-shape Resonator".

This leading international conference attracted 1350 delegates and over 3700 visitors in total including the exhibition.

The paper was co-authored by Dr Mohamad Farhat and Kafil Uddin (a VC Scholarship PhD student in FoC). Whilst there Kafil had the opportunity to attend the executive meeting of the IET Radio Frequency and Microwave Technology Professional Network.

The network's remit is to promote the sharing and understanding of technical information and knowledge associated with RF and Microwave Technology for the benefit of IET members and the wider community. Kafil's visit was fully funded by IET. Kafil is pictured with Dr Peter Song of Quintel Technologies.

