

Staff Update

Exclusively for staff at The University of Manchester

LET'S CELEBRATE CYCLING

Wednesday 16 June 8am – 2pm

University Place will play host to the Oxford Road annual celebration of cycling for university, hospital and College of Music staff, with guided routes (new ones added this year), a host of cycle-related promotions and a free breakfast. More than 200 cyclists are expected to join in and organisers want every type of cyclist to come along (whether you join a route or not), especially:

- Newcomers/novice cyclists (guided routes set up to help)
- All those with 'Cycle Scheme' bikes – over 300!
- All current cyclists
- Those cycling from Victoria, Oxford Road & Piccadilly train stations

All the details of guided routes, pick up times and event plans can be found at:

<http://umbug.manchester.ac.uk> or contact Andrew Hough, Travel Plan Co-ordinator
a.j.hough@mmu.ac.uk 247 1364

Check the website for full details but here is a flavour of what you can look forward to:

10+ guided routes, a free breakfast, prizes, giveaways, cycle information, Dr Bike sessions, chain cleaning, bike trials, local bike shop stands, Sustrans, free high viz jackets, security marking, plus much more....

Look out for the launch of the 'Carbon Cycle Project' from Bike Right too, there will be an area to trial different types of bikes:

www.bikeright.co.uk/carboncycle

In the run up to the event there will be also options for cycle training and bike hire. If you are interested in more details on this then please contact Andrew Hough.

This event is part of the University's Travel Plan and Carbon Management Plan.

To find out more go to:

www.sustainability.manchester.ac.uk



MANCHESTER TEAM PULLS TOGETHER FOR RACE VICTORY

The University of Manchester stormed to victory in this year's Two Cities Boat Race, winning six out of the seven races to beat their rivals from Salford in the annual regatta at Salford Quays on Saturday.

Kate Hodgkinson, President of Manchester University Boat Club, said: "I'm so proud of the team. It was a fantastic result and makes all those early mornings and months of hard work training so worthwhile!"

To conclude the day, the Lord Mayors of Manchester, Trafford and Salford came together in support of the region's rowing and presented medals to the students alongside Vice-Chancellors from both universities.

Macmillan Cancer Support was the event's official charity. Laura Bailey, Fundraising Manager for Greater Manchester, said: "On behalf of Macmillan, I would like to say congratulations to The University of Manchester. It was a thrilling event to be involved in and we hope to have raised a substantial amount for people affected by cancer."

STAFF TRAVEL SURVEY

A chance to have your say and win prizes!

The University is to carry out a staff travel survey to gather the data needed to calculate a carbon footprint for the University's travel activities and will inform the new plan, as well as reviews of car park management and travel policy.

The Carbon Management Plan has recently been approved by the Board of Governors and the University is now developing a further plan to manage carbon emissions from travel activities. The survey forms part of this process.

The survey is a chance to have your say and tell us how the University can improve on measures currently offered to support staff travel. We hope you will help us by filling in the survey and in doing so, you will have the chance to enter into a prize draw to win one of three prizes, one of £100 and two of £50 worth of high street vouchers.

Look out for the survey which will take place over the coming weeks; further details will be sent to staff once the survey is live.

For more information, contact Mark Elson
mark.elson@manchester.ac.uk



NEW SCI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR APPOINTED

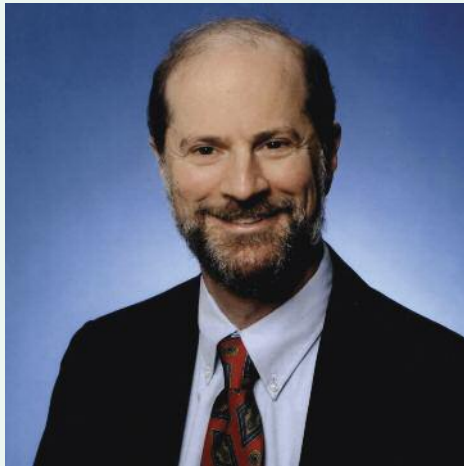
Robert Hahn (pictured right) is to begin his full-time post as Tesco Professor of Economics at the Sustainable Consumption Institute, taking over the leadership from Professor Mohan Munasinghe.

Professor Hahn will assume the full-time position of Executive Director of SCI, and Professor Munasinghe will continue to contribute to the work of SCI as Chair of International Advisory Board and Professor of Sustainable Development.

Professor Hahn is a senior visiting fellow at the Smith School at the University of Oxford and a senior fellow at the Georgetown Center for Business and Public Policy.

Previously, he worked for the President's Council of Economic Advisers, where he helped design the innovative market-based approach for reducing acid rain.

Dr Hahn has served as a consultant to government and business on a variety of issues involving benefit-cost analysis, regulation, competition, and privatisation.



In addition, he is co-founder of the Community Preparatory School, an inner-city middle school in Providence, Rhode Island, that provides opportunities for disadvantaged young people to achieve their full potential.

EARTH SCIENTISTS TAKE TO THE SEAS

Two members of the School of Earth, Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences – Julian Mecklenburgh and Duncan Irving – will be competing in this year's Three Peaks Yacht Race which starts on Saturday 19 June.

They will be part of a five-man team sailing from Barmouth to Fort William stopping off to run up Snowdon, Scafell and Ben Nevis on the way.

As well as the challenge of the race, they are hoping to collect sponsorship money for Mothers of Africa, a small charity set up by Cardiff University's Anaesthetics Department. The charity provides training for anaesthetic medical staff at the front line of maternal care in sub-Saharan Africa.

The race attracts some of the world's best sailors and runners, as well as teams who hope just to complete the course, which is a considerable achievement in its own right.

To make a donation visit:
www.justgiving.com/teamkishinoor

www.mothersofafrica.org

Follow the race at:
www.threepeaksyachtrace.co.uk



PROFESSOR HONOURED WITH "PERUVIAN GOLD"

Gina Conti-Ramsden, Professor of Child Language and Learning in the Division of Human Communication and Deafness, School of Psychological Sciences, has been awarded the gold medal for research excellence by the oldest University in Latin America, La Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, in Lima, Perú.

Gina was made lifetime Honorary Professor by the President of the University. At a separate ceremony, she was also honoured for her outstanding and distinguished contribution to Psychology. She was made a Fellow of the Peruvian Psychological Society (Colegio de Psicólogos del Perú) and given the gold pin of the association. Gina has a longstanding interest in specific language impairment (SLI), a developmental disorder which affects 6% of preschool children. She has over 100 publications in the area.

SQUARE KILOMETRE ARRAY TELESCOPE STRENGTHENS TEAM

The SKA Program Development Office (SPDO), based at Jodrell Bank, has announced the appointment of Kobus Cloete to the role of Project Manager and Dr Minh Huynh to the role of Deputy International SKA Project Scientist. The appointments are made at a crucial stage in the finalisation of the design for the world's largest radio telescope.

The SKA will be the most sensitive radio telescope on Earth, with the fastest survey speed. It will be capable of answering some of the most exciting and fundamental questions about the Universe. The SPDO is based at the Jodrell Bank Centre for Astrophysics.



OBITUARY

Geoff Lane of the IT Services Division sadly died on 1 April 2010.

Based in the Kilburn Building, Geoff started working for the University in 1979. He looked after the operating systems on the supercomputers of their day in what was then called The University of Manchester Regional Computer Centre (UMRCC).

Over time, Geoff continued in a similar role maintaining the big systems to become a key member of the Unix team looking after the business systems. He did this in a quiet way and was able to keep a low profile by ensuring a reliable service was achieved with a low number of impacts to the user service.

In later years he did a lot of work that enabled problems to be detected and corrected before they affected users. For 30 years Geoff was a terrific contributor to the success of the University's computing services. He will certainly be missed by all of his colleagues.

Donations in Geoff's memory can be made to Bury Hospice, Dumers Lane, Radcliffe M26 2QD. tel 0161 725 9800.

Andrea Jackson

FOR STAFF WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

From November 2010 new staff, or anyone moving jobs and who works with children and/or vulnerable adults, must apply for registration with the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA).

Working closely with the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB), the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) is responsible for the implementation of the Vetting and Barring Scheme, which has been created to help prevent unsuitable people from working with children and vulnerable adults.

Registration is done via a new-look CRB form. Other University staff and students working with children/vulnerable adults will be ISA registered from 2011 onwards over a five-year phasing period, defined by the ISA.

It will be a legal requirement for anyone (staff and students) working with children or vulnerable adults in regulated activity to be ISA registered AND a legal requirement for the University to check that anyone it is placing in such a role is ISA registered.

Importantly, ISA registration is not a replacement for the CRB check. It is a new legal requirement in addition to the CRB process for those working with children and/or vulnerable adults.

A steering group with representation from key areas across the University has been meeting in order to ensure that the University is properly prepared for the ISA process. The ISA process will be managed by the University's CRB counter-signatories and Compliance and Risk Office. Further, more detailed and targeted information will be given in the coming months. Contact:

COMPLIANCE AND RISK OFFICE

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FAREWELL TO FRESHERS

The University of Manchester Students' Union will no longer be using the term "Fresher" in a move to become more inclusive.

They have decided on the change as they believe that the connotations that come with the word are rarely positive and often represent the stereotypical 18-21 year old.

Thomas Fairhurst, Students' Union Communications Officer, said: "We hope that after the change, postgraduate and mature students will feel more included in the first week of University celebrations. We hope that international students that have been put off by the vagueness of the term will have a fuller understanding of what the Union can do for them."

The Union will be changing the following:

Freshers' Week to Welcome Week

Freshers' Ball to Biko Ball

Freshers' Guide to Welcome Guide

Freshers' Handbook to Handy Handbook

Freshers' Fair to Students' Fair

Staff are asked to change references to publications and events in any publicity they produce.

A DAY AT CHESTER RACES

The staff association UMSA is organising 'A Grand Day Out' at Chester Race Course on Sunday 1 August.

You will be transported by coach from the University (Oxford Road), to the races. On the way there will be a stop-off for a champagne breakfast at a luxury hotel. Then onto the racecourse itself where you will be admitted to the sophisticated County Stand to experience six superb races. Throughout the afternoon you will be able to cross under the track to access the paddock enclosure and will have access to various betting facilities, bars and eateries. Having exhausted yourself with all the 'Fun of the Races', you will be transported back to the University.

Pick up is at 9:30am from the Whitworth Building, Oxford Road. The coach will leave Chester at 6pm for the return journey.

Cost £29 per person.

Open to UMSA members only (members are allowed to bring up to three non members).

Please email lynn.howarth@manchester.ac.uk to book your place or for further details.

www.manchester.ac.uk/umsa

RECYCLING BINS

New recycling bins have been installed in the Small World Café at the International Society. Plastic bottles and cans can now be recycled at the popular eatery across from the Students' Union.

These are some of the latest additions to the growing numbers of recycling bins sited around the campus.



2010 JOSH AWARD

Nominations for the 2010 Joshua Phillips Award for Innovation in Science Engagement are now open. The Josh Award is an annual award that recognises excellence and innovation in science engagement. The winner will be announced and presented with the award at the Manchester Science Festival in October.

The award is open to anyone involved in science engagement, who is recognised as an up and coming talent, with innovative and new ideas.

Previous winners include Chris Smith from the Naked Scientists, Karen Bultitude from the University of the West of England and David Price from Science Made Simple.

Download the Call for Nominations and Nomination Form from the website to find out more about nominating someone. If you have any queries, please email the Festival team.

Nominations must be received by close of play, 10 September 2010.
www.manchestersciencefestival.com

WELLCOME TRUST INVESTIGATOR AWARDS

These awards build on the Trusts' strategic goal of supporting the brightest researchers with the best ideas.

New Investigator Awards support world-class researchers who are no more than five years from appointment to their first academic position, but who can already show that they have the ability to innovate and drive advances in their field of study. The awards provide support that is flexible and at a level and length sufficient to enable exceptional researchers to address the

most important questions about health and disease.

Senior Investigator Awards support exceptional, world-class researchers, who hold an established academic position and have a compelling long-term vision for their research.

If you have any queries regarding Investigator Awards, or are considering applying for the first round, contact the Grants Management Help Desk at investigators@wellcome.ac.uk or call 020 7611 2020.

JUST THE JOB

Conference enquiries meeting@manchester.ac.uk

0161 306 4100

www.conference.manchester.ac.uk/meetingmanchester

JANE PINDER

Events Manager,
City Campus

SARAH EVANS

Sales Manager,
Sales and Marketing

COLIN PORT

Catering Operations Manager,
Events Management

As another academic year comes to a close and the students leave for their holidays, Jane Pinder, Sarah Evans and Colin Port are three members of staff working in Events Management who ensure that life on campus continues over the summer as it plays host to a variety of conferences and events generating vital income for the University.



From left: Sarah Evans, Sales Manager, STARS; Jane Pinder, Events Manager, City Campus, STARS; Colin Port, Catering Operations Manager, STARS; Vinnie May, Building Attendant; Janette Barton, Building Superintendent; Emma Atkinson, Deputy Building Superintendent; Christine Bowers, Building Attendant; Trevor Byrne, AV Services Manager, Media Centre.



As Sales Manager, Sarah and the Sales Team are responsible for winning this business, dealing with all the initial negotiations with prospective clients and preparing detailed bids for larger international events. Hearing that the University's bid has been successful is one of the things Sarah enjoys most about her job. She says: "There's a lot of variety in what we do as a team and variety in the kind of clients that we deal with but when you first learn you've won a bid, you feel a great sense of pride and achievement. There is usually a four year cycle from the time we bid for an international event to the date it actually takes place."

Jane Pinder leads a team organising events across the City and Oxford Road parts of the campus. She takes care of the larger - usually international - events during the Easter and summer vacations, usually at University Place and the Renold Building. She is the main point of contact after the booking has been secured, co-ordinating all the specifics of the event on behalf of the customer until it finishes. She enjoys the challenge of planning detailed, large events,

seeing everything come together and hearing clients comment on the success of the event. "Ultimately we're here for the customer, to deliver what they want in the best way that we can," she says.

Catering Operations Manager, Colin Port mainly covers the outlets in University Place. During the academic year he is responsible for delivering a service to students and staff, but once it becomes a conference venue, he co-ordinates the catering and staffing for these events from the simplest finger buffet to a full three-course dinner. "We're proud of what we do and by meeting the challenges that our customers provide, we know we can match any conference facility in Manchester."

University Place is one of the largest conference facilities on campus - along with the Renold building and the Armitage Centre. It opened its doors as a conference venue in the summer of 2008 and this summer it hosts its largest conference yet, with over 1,000 delegates expected at the British Association for Behavioural and Cognitive Psychotherapies.

This year so far, three major events instigated by our academics have been held in University Place. "Academics often approach us informing us that

there's an opportunity to bid for an event, says Sarah. "They then take on the role as an ambassador for the conference while we take on the planning and administration of the event."

The popular ConferCare service supports academics in organising conferences, providing registration services, accommodation and programme planning. "A tremendous amount of work goes into planning large international events and the support offered by ConferCare makes that process as easy as possible for our academic staff. Ultimately we want to encourage and support them in attracting European and international conferences to Manchester in order to raise the profile of important study and research areas and to promote the University as a key conference venue," says Sarah.

Making an event successful is a real team effort and the Event Management staff rely on help from other departments within the University to achieve that. "Having support from all areas makes a huge difference," says Jane. "Knowing that staff from other areas like House Services and the Media Centre are there to support us and that they are also interested in making an event successful is really important to us."

CONTACT US

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Training Update

Exclusively for staff at The University of Manchester

STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT UNIT – OPEN PROGRAMME

The following courses are available at STDU. Places can be booked online at www.manchester.ac.uk/training or by email to courses-stdu@manchester.ac.uk. All enquiries should include your staff number/date of birth to help us process your enquiry promptly

JUNE 2010

HS17: DSE Assessment / Workplace Assessment

1 June 2010
10am-12pm

HS41: Fire Awareness Training

3 June 2010
10am-12.30pm

HS47: Evacuation Marshal Training

3 June 2010
1pm-4pm

MS5e: Recruitment and Selection Module 2 – Experienced Academic staff

3 June 2010
9.30am-1.30pm

HS12: IOSH Managing Safely

Modular course starting 4 June 2010
See webpage for all dates
9.30am-4.30pm

BF49: Touch Typing Skills

Modular course starting 8 June 2010
See webpage for all dates
10am-12pm

MS20: Developing Your Staff

8 June 2010
9.30am-12.30pm

P48: Copywriting, Design and Print

8 June 2010
12.30pm-2pm

HS2: Manual Handling

8 June 2010
Two sessions available
9.30am-12.30pm OR 1pm-4pm

HS67: Risk Assessment Workshop - for lab based staff

9 June 2010
9.30am-12.30pm

MS60: Child Protection Policy & Guidance

9 June 2010
2pm-4pm

MS9: Equality and Diversity Training (formerly TEDI)

9 June 2010
9.30am-1pm

BF50: Higher Education Institution Seminar

10 June 2010
12.30pm-1.45pm

P55: Introduction to Emotional Intelligence

10 June 2010
12pm-2pm

BF53: Negotiation Skills

11 June 2010
9.30am-4.30pm

MS5d: Recruitment and Selection Module 2 – New/Inexperienced Academic staff

11 June 2010
9.30am-1.30pm

AP6: PDR - A Briefing for Reviewees (all)

15 June 2010
10am-12pm

MS5b: Recruitment and Selection Module 2 - New/Inexperienced PSS staff

15 June 2010
9.30am-1.30pm

IC1: University Induction Course

17 June 2010
9.15am-2pm

AP8: PDR Reviewer (Academic Related & Support)

18 June 2010
9.30am-1pm

BF11: Minutes, Meetings & Agendas

21 June 2010
10am-4pm

BF37: Business Writing

22 June 2010
10am-4pm

MS61: Dignity at Work & Study Policy Briefing

22 June 2010
12.30pm-1.30pm

BF43: Chairing and Leading Meetings

23 June 2010
1pm-4pm

BF38: Report Writing

24 June 2010
10am-4pm

HS78: IOSH Working Safely

24 June 2010
9am-5pm

BF11: Minutes, Meetings & Agendas

25 June 2010
10am-4pm

HS41: Fire Awareness Training

28 June 2010
10am-12.30pm

HS47: Evacuation Marshal Training

28 June 2010
1pm-4pm

P50: Career Development Workshop

28 June 2010
9.30am-4.30pm

HS41: Fire Awareness Training

29 June 2010
10am-12.30pm

P50FLS: Career Development Workshop for Technical Staff (FLS only)

29 June 2010
9.30am-4.30pm

HS47: Evacuation Marshal Training

29 June 2010
1pm-4pm

AP6: PDR - A Briefing for Reviewees (all)

29 June 2010
10am-12pm

P50EPS: Career Development Workshop for Technical Staff (EPS only)

29 June 2010
9.30am-4.30pm

JULY 2010

MS5e: Recruitment and Selection Module 2 – Experienced Academic staff

1 July 2010
9.30am-1.30pm

P52A: Mosaic Development Programme Taster

1 July 2010
10am-12pm

P32: Presentation Practice

2 July 2010
9.30am-1pm

BF60: Improve Your Writing Skills

5 July 2010
12.30pm-2pm

AP8: PDR Reviewer (Academic Related & Support)

6 July 2010
9.30am-1pm

P4: Time Management

6 July 2010
10am-4.30pm

HS7: Compressed Gases Workshop

7 July 2010
9am-12pm

HS7A: Cryogenic Gases Workshop

7 July 2010
1pm-3pm

HS7B: Practical Sessions Workshop

7 July 2010
3.15pm-4.30pm

HS14: Portable Appliance Testing

8 July 2010
9am-4.30pm

P30: Presentations for Beginners

8 July 2010
9.30am-4.30pm

MS60: Child Protection Policy & Guidance

14 July 2010
2pm-4pm

IC1: University Induction Course

15 July 2010
9.15am-2pm

P4: Time Management

15 July 2010
10am-4.30pm

P30: Presentations for Beginners

16 July 2010
9.30am-4.30pm

HS15: Principles of Risk Assessment

21 July 2010
1pm-4pm

HS35: Accident Investigation

21 July 2010
9.30am-12.30pm

MS5c: Recruitment and Selection Module 2 – Experienced PSS staff

22 July 2010
9.30am-1.30pm

P50: Career Development Workshop

23 July 2010
9.30am-4.30pm

P56: Introduction Transactional Analysis (Bitesize Programme)

23 July 2010
12pm-2pm

MS9: Equality and Diversity Training (formerly TEDI)

27 July 2010
9.30am-1pm

MS59: Criminal Records Bureau Training

28 July 2010
2pm-4pm

MS61: Dignity at Work & Study Policy Briefing

30 July 2010
10am-11am

AUGUST 2010

MS60: Child Protection Policy & Guidance

11 August 2010
2pm-4pm

IT SERVICES TRAINING

CORPORATE AND DESKTOP APPLICATIONS JUNE 2010

OPEN COURSE DATES

CDDAFOUND1 – Desktop: Access 2003 (Day 1)
02 June 2010
10am – 4pm

CCRINC – Remedy: Remedy - Submitting & Responding to Incidents
03 June 2010
10am – 12 noon

CDDWFOUND2 – Desktop: Word 2003 (Day 2)
04 June 2010
9.30am - 12.30

CDDAFOUND2 – Desktop: Access 2003 (Day 2)
04 June 2010
10am – 4pm

FO-AR001 - Oracle Financials: Sales Invoicing & Credit Memos
07 June 2010
9.30am - 12.30pm

CCBBKICK – BlackBoard: Introduction to BlackBoard
07 June 2010
10am – 12 noon

CDDA7FND1 – Desktop: Access 2007 (Day 1)
07 June 2010
10am – 4pm

CCCSR1 - Campus Solutions: Student Records Maintenance 1
08 June 2010
9.30am – 12 noon

CDDPROJ1 – Desktop: Project 2007
08 June 2010
10am – 1pm

CDDA7FND2 – Desktop: Access 2007 (Day 2)
09 June 2010
10am – 4pm

CCCSR2 - Campus Solutions: Student Records Maintenance 2
10 June 2010
9.30am - 12 noon

CDDEFOUND1 – Desktop: Excel 2003 (Day 1)
14 June 2010
9.30am - 12.30pm

CDDP7FND1 – Desktop: PowerPoint 2007 (Day 1)
14 June 2010
1.30pm – 4pm

CCCPGAD - Campus Solutions: PG Admissions
15 June 2010
9.30am – 12 noon

CCDSR – Discoverer: Student Records
15 June 2010
9.30am - 12.30pm

CDDP7FND2 – Desktop: PowerPoint 2007 (Day 2)
15 June 2010
1.30pm – 4pm

CCDSRFF – Discoverer: Student Records - Further Functions
15 June 2010
2pm – 4pm

CDDEFOUND2 – Desktop: Excel 2003 (Day 2)
16 June 2010
9.30am - 12.30pm

FO-PA006 - Oracle Financials: Introduction to Projects for Administrators
16 June 2010
10am – 12 noon

CCDADM – Discoverer: Admissions
17 June 2010
9.30am - 12.30pm

FO-PA005 - Oracle Financials: Project Journals
17 June 2010
10am - 12.30pm

CCDADMFF – Discoverer: Admissions - Further Functions
17 June 2010
2pm – 4pm

CCLBAS – Livelihood: Basics
21 June 2010
10am – 12 noon

CDDPROJ1 – Desktop: Project 2007
22 June 2010
1pm – 4pm

CCDRINC – Discoverer: Remedy
23 June 2010
9.30am - 12.30pm

CCCAP1 - Campus Solutions : Assessment & Progression 1
24 June 2010
10am – 12 noon

CCCAP2 - Campus Solutions : Assessment & Progression 2
28 June 2010
9.30am – 12 noon

CCCEPROG - Campus Solutions : Campus Solutions & ePROG
29 June 2010
9am – 5pm

CCDADM – Discoverer : Admissions
29 June 2010
9.30am - 12.30 pm

CCDADMFF – Discoverer: Admissions - Further Functions
29 June 2010
2pm – 4pm

CCDSR – Discoverer: Student Records
01 July 2010
9.30am - 12.30pm

CCDSRFF – Discoverer: Student Records - Further Functions
01 July 2010
2pm – 4pm

Please note all dates and times are subject to change; please check the website for latest information.

IT SERVICES - RESEARCH COMPUTING TRAINING APRIL – JUNE 2010

IT Services offer training courses (including bespoke courses tailored to your research group) that will help you answer every one of these questions, assisting you along the way whether you are a beginner or an expert user of high end computing facilities.

For more information on our training see www.manchester.ac.uk/researchcomputing
email rcs-training@manchester.ac.uk

Upcoming course dates/titles

Module Writing in AVS/Express
Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 June 2010

RCS Booking information

For more information on Research Computing Services Training or to book one of these courses please see: www.manchester.ac.uk/researchcomputing
or email rcs-training@manchester.ac.uk



LATEST COURSE NEWS

Discoverer 10g – Upgrade information and Training now available

Oracle Discoverer, the reporting tool used to interrogate the Data Warehouse, was successfully upgraded and released to almost 1000 users on Monday 10th May. Discoverer 10g is a much more flexible and resilient version of the software, providing users with several time-saving new features.

During the upgrade process we delivered a series of highly popular awareness roadshows, we are pleased to announce that the content of this roadshow has been redesigned and split into 6 specific topics with additional commentary. The presentation videos are available to staff via the IT Services Training website at:

www.its.manchester.ac.uk/trainingcourses/corporateapplications/discoverer/disc10g

We are also pleased to announce the recommencement of Discoverer Training along with some new Further Functions courses. Dates and details of the courses can be found at:

www.its.manchester.ac.uk/trainingcourses/corporateapplications/discoverer

Retirement of Office 2003 Training Courses

We will soon start the process of withdrawing Office 2003 courses from our regular timetable. As Office 2007 is fast becoming the standard Microsoft Office version amongst staff it necessary to focus our resource on delivering these courses. Staff can still access our Office 2003 training materials online and via our eLearning application CheckPoint; however from July onwards we will not be publically scheduling 2003 classroom courses. If you have a special requirement for Office 2003 training after this date please email us at: its.training@manchester.ac.uk and we will assess the request and try to accommodate as appropriate.

Prince2, ITIL and DreamWeaver Training – Register Your Interest!

In order for us to be able to arrange suitable training events we are currently collecting requirements for the above courses. These courses are run with external training partners and so it is essential that we have a clear picture of what the level of interest is. If you wish to register your interest in Prince2, ITIL or any other non-standard training course not currently provided by IT Services Training (or any of our training colleagues) please complete the Training Request form and we will try to assist you in locating the right course (funding will be required for external courses so remember to discuss any needs with your line manager in the first instance). Please note all other course bookings should be processed as per normal.

The non - ITS Training request form can be found at:
www.its.manchester.ac.uk/trainingcourses/coursesforstaff

Research Computing Training – Getting the most from your research effort using advanced research computing techniques.

Do you encounter questions like this in the course of your research?

- Ever wondered how to get your research models to run quicker?
- How do I run larger problem sizes and address more ambitious research questions?
- Should I use Fortran or MATLAB to develop my research applications?
- Do you wonder why your research code doesn't run 4 times faster on the quad-core machine on our desk?
- How do I make sense of large amounts of research data with visualization?

IT Services RCS offer training courses (including bespoke courses tailored to your research group) that will help you answer every one of these questions, assisting you along the way whether you are a beginner or an expert user of high end computing facilities.

For more information on our training see the listed dates or visit:
www.manchester.ac.uk/researchcomputing
alternatively email us: rcs-training@manchester.ac.uk

CONTACTS / USEFUL LINKS

BAS ACCESS REQUEST

This is an online facility whereby you are able to request access to any of the Corporate Applications. When you submit an Access Request a BAS Access Request ID will be generated for you – this is usually a string of zeros with digits at the end. You will need to have been granted access to systems such as Discoverer, LiveLink and Oracle Financials prior to taking training.

<http://helpdesk.man.ac.uk/cgi-bin/BASUserAccess/controlpanel.cgi>

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