School of Informatics

General Meeting

Tuesday 19 September 2017
Agenda

• Introduction
  Johanna
• Welcome to new staff
  Johanna
• Taught student intake 2017/18
  Stuart
• Research student intake 2017/18
  Nigel
• Building projects
  – Appleton Tower
    Martin
  – Informatics Forum
    Martin
  – Bayes Centre
    Jon
• Commercialisation and industry engagement
  Steve
• Open forum
  Johanna and team
• Close and lunch
News

• **Colin Adams** former Director of Commercialisation in the School of Informatics and Director of Informatics Ventures, has been made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE)

• **Alan Bundy’s** paper “The Use of Explicit Plans to Guide Inductive Proofs” won the Skolem award at this year’s CADE-26. The Thoralf Skolem Award was established in 2014 to reward a CADE paper that has passed the test of time, by being a most influential paper in the field.

• **Walid Magdy’s** research has gathered a lot of interest from news outlets around the world. Walid has written two research papers on Twitter dynamics during elections (US 2016 and UK 2017), and another one about Detecting Fake Accounts in Social Media.
Spot the acronym - some grant successes

• **THING** – Michael Mistry’s EU H2020 grant **SubTerranean Haptic INvestiGator** to create a robot capable of a high degree of mobility, while able to exploit legs and feet for active perception.

• **DREAM** – Tim Hospedales’ EU H2020 grant **Deferred Restructuring of Experience in Autonomous Machines** to improve the ability of robots to learn new tasks and adapt to new situations by incorporating sleep and dream-like processes in the robot’s cognitive architecture.

• **MEMMO** – Sethu VijayaKumar’s EU grant **MeMory of MOtion** to exploit massive pre-computations of optimal control solutions that are recovered and adapted online to deal with unexpected disturbances using multiple sensor based state feedback.

• **DARE** – Malcolm Atkinson’s EU H2020 grant **Delivering Agile Research Excellence on European e-Infrastructures** which will deliver new methods and tools for data-powered collaborative research at extreme scales
Student news

- **Harvey Stocks**, Computer Science student, was part of a team who came second in a prestigious ethical hacking competition, Cambridge2Cambridge 2017, with over 100 students from some of the best universities in the US and UK working together over three days.

- **Chris Mower, Wolfgang Merkt, and Theodoros Stouraitis**, PhD students in Statistical Machine Learning and Motor Control Group won First Prize for Greatest Potential for Positive Impact at the Robots for Resilient Infrastructure Competition, an international robotics challenge held at the University of Leeds in June.

- ICSA PhD student **Xenofon Foukas**, has been awarded the Brendan Murphy prize for 2017 at the 29th Multi-Service workshop (MSN), Coseners 2017, for his work “Towards Programmable and Virtualized Radio Access Networks".
Promotions

• Guido Sanguinetti  Personal Chair of Computational Bioinformatics
• Mark Van Rossum  Personal Chair of Computational Neuroscience

• Christophe Dubach  Reader
• Hugh Leather  Reader
• Michael Rovatsos  Reader

• Bruno Bodin  Senior Researcher
• David Sterratt  Senior Researcher
New staff
New academic staff - 2017/18 starts

- University Teacher
  - Volker Seeker
  - 1 Aug

- University Teacher (p/t)
  - Cristina Alexandru
  - 1 Aug

- University Teacher (p/t)
  - Pavlos Andreadis
  - 1 Aug

- Machine Learning
  - Rico Sennrich
  - 1 Aug

- Image and Vision Computing
  - Hakan Bilen
  - 1 Sept

- Algorithms and Complexity
  - He Sun
  - 1 Sept

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  - Heng Guo
  - 4 Sept
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- Data Science for Life Sciences  Arno Onken  4 Sept
- Artificial Intelligence  Stefano Albrecht  2 Oct
- Security and Privacy  Vassilis Zikas  3 Jan 18
- Security and Privacy  Markulf Kohlweiss  8 Jan 18
- Image and Vision Computing  Laura Seville Lara  1 Sept 18
New support staff

- Communications & Recruitment Officer: Sarah Taylor, 19 June
- Senior Secretary: Alison Taylor, 3 July
- Director of Commercialisation: Jim Ashe, 3 July
- Receptionist/Events Assistant (AM): Julie Whitefield, 3 July
- Receptionist/Events Assistant (PM): Aleksandra Zawada, 17 July
- Teaching Organisation Secretary: Sam Stewart, 17 July
- Trainee Workshop Technician: Laura Ferguson, 11 Sept
- Senior Administrative Secretary: Serena Lambley, 14 Sept
- Computing Support Officer: Adam Kirylczuk, 11 Oct