

Director of Research Report for Strategy Committee, 26th October 2016.

A number of activities have taken place since the last Strategy Committee meeting:

- **Research lunches** – two have been held so far, one with a focus on Research Data Management on 26th September and one on REF (led by Steve Renals) on 24th October.
- **Research Office Hours** – through September Jane was available 12-13 on Mondays to discuss research ideas with colleagues on a drop-in basis. This will be resumed in November. Several colleagues came to these sessions or organized alternative meetings.
- **GCRF Workshop** – on 19th September a workshop was held to explain the current and future opportunities under the GCRF scheme. This was attended by approximately 25 members of the School.

The next Research Lunch on 28th November will focus on EPCC and potential joint research, and a Fellowships Workshop will be organized in December.

Members of the School have successful bid for and won funding from College under the Institutional Sponsorship Scheme (Douglas Armstrong project with the Centre for Cognitive Aging) and the Impact Acceleration Scheme (David Aspinall with SecureWorks).

We have submitted a Prosperity Partnership Expression of Interest with ARM and the Universities of Cambridge and Manchester to the recent EPSRC call. We also submitted an Expression of Interest to the EPSRC Call for Quantum Technologies Innovation Chairs and have just heard that we are invited to complete a full proposal. If successful this will bring Prof Dominique Unruh to the School for a period of five years. Prof Unruh is an expert in Quantum Cryptography and post quantum security.

The ACE-CSR application is on-going.