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PhD Student News

Our congratulations go to the following students for successfully defending their thesis:

Sophia Kousidou "Assistive Exoskeleton for Task Based Physiotherapy in 3-Dimensional Space", supervisor: Dr Samia Nefti-Meziane, external examiner: Prof William Harwin - Reading University, Heather Louise Lloyd "The Value of Feasibility Studies in Corporate Reputation Management: An Exploratory Investigation", supervisor Prof Ben Light, external examiner: Dr Tally Hatzakis, Brunel University and Jia Wu (supervisor: Sunil Vadera) "A Study and Development of Bayesian Exemplar Based Models", supervisor: Sunil Vadera, external examiner Prof Duncan Gillies - Imperial College.

Also we must not forget one of our Lecturers, Aleksej Heinze!



It was a long journey for Aleksej Heinze to reach his PhD milestone, which sometimes felt like a millstone - but it finally all came together on the 15th May 2008. "Reading for a PhD as well as holding down a full time job is a struggle for many academics but despite the 5 years hard work it was worth it. The support for me in

the IRIS research institute has been 6* and I am very grateful to Chris Procter and co-supervisor Professor Elaine Fernley" Aleksej Heinze

We also have new students to welcome. We hope you enjoy your time

Registered in October 2007

AMIN Zeeshan (Supervisor: B. Light)
COLEMAN Emma (Supervisor: F. Bell)
MOHD ZIN Mohd Sharil

(Supervisor: M. Hope)

MURPHY Laurence (Supervisor: N. Linge)

NDOMBO Mpia (Daniel) (Supervisor: B. Light)

SHEMI Alice (Supervisor: A. Adam)

WANG Wei (Supervisor: N. Linge)

ABDULAHAD Angham

(Supervisor: A. Al-Yasiri)

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AL-KARKHI Ammera

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BAZAZORDEH Atefeh (Supervisor: B. Light) BUNNY May

(Supervisor: S. Nefti-Meziani)

Registered in July 2008

HEATLEY Louise (Supervisor: N Linge) JANOUDI Hala

(Supervisor: Sian Etherington)

Visiting Student from July to December 2008

GUJJAR Aijaz

(HERC Visiting student)

New Members and Staff



Dr Chris Bryant - Chris' research concerns how symbolic machine learning may be applied to real-world applications, mainly in the field of biology. More specifically, his research interests include the following. Inductive logic programming, which lies at the intersection of machine learning and logic programming. Using machine learning to generate

grammars for biological sequences. Active learning, the branch of machine learning that deals with algorithms which can choose the examples from which they learn, and how it can help to automate the scientific method. Finally, Chris is interested in smart web pages which include dynamic depictions of biological networks that are updated by an intelligent learner as it discovers new knowledge about these networks.



Helen Keegan, a Research Fellow from Computing, Science and Engineering, joined ISOS in 2007. Her research interests focus on Technology, Society and Organisations, specifically within HE. Helen writes and presents nationally and internationally on virtual communities, online social networking and digital identity; learning technologies and social

software in education; multi-user virtual environments (e.g. Second Life); and virtual mobility and online communities of practice.

Helen is now working on two 2-year projects under the European Lifelong Learning Program; VITAE (Web 2.0 Teacher Training across Europe) and ICONET (developing online tools for the translation of informal learning competences into formal European frameworks). She is also an associate partner on the FP7 MATURE project, which focuses on the development of personal and organisational learning environments, knowledge assets and knowledge management.

Helen is an active member of various EdTech communities and organisations, including JISC-EMERGE, ALT (Association for Learning Technology), and EDEN (European Distance and E-Learning Network). She is also an editorial board member for BJET (British Journal of Educational Technology) and ALT-J (Journal of the Association of Learning Technology).



Ruth Breckill, recently joined IRIS as our Programme Assistant. Ruth has many years experience in the education sector in NE England. Her move to IRIS also represents an opportunity for her to move back to the area from which she originally hails. We are very fortunate to have her gently organize us in terms of PG research student activities.

We wish her all the best!

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Welcome to



2007-8 was a very busy year for IRIS. It was a bumper year for visiting Profs with Prof Michael Myers visiting from New Zealand, Prof Brian Fitzgerald visiting from University of Limerick, Ireland, Prof. Uzay Kaymak visiting from Erasmus University Netherlands and Prof Steve Sawyer visiting from Pennsylvania State University, USA. Their visits enriched our doctoral school, seminar programme workshops and our research. We were very lucky to have such a distinguished line up of visiting professors and we offer them hearty thanks and hope to keep ongoing research links with them.

On a different note we were greatly saddened to hear of the death of Prof. Heinz Klein in June 2008. Heinz had strong research links with Salford, having visited several times to conduct seminars and workshops before becoming our Leverhulme Research Professor. We have many happy memories of him. He was extremely generous with his time with colleagues at all levels. His Leverhulme lectures were an inspiration to us — a dazzling virtuoso performance from a passionate intellect. Although many institutions can claim him as their own and he is a huge loss to the IS discipline as a whole, we hope that IRIS will be able to organise an annual Heinz Klein lecture in his memory.

Recent Events

Prize Wining Poster

Hambeleleni (Amber) Abisai, a PhD student in IRIS, won the poster prize at ALT-C 2008: Rethinking the digital divide. Her poster was entitled *Dimensions of the global digital divide: the case of the Namibia school link partnership* and attracted a great deal of attention at the Poster presentation session. Hambeleleni, dressed in Namibian national dress, is seen in the picture discussing her work with Ian Pearson, Minister of State (Science and Innovation), Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills. Linda Creanor, outgoing President of ALT, presented her with the poster prize at the Conference Dinner at Headingley Cricket Ground.



Goodbye From Prof Myers!



I have very much enjoyed my experience as a visiting professor at the University of Salford. I was able to participate in and present at two research workshops. The first research workshop was entitled "Futures for Information Systems Research" and was held in November 2007; the second one was called "Digital Culture: New Forms of Living and Organizing?" and was held in June 2008. In addition, I conducted a research seminar for doctoral students and

junior faculty on qualitative research methods in December 2007. I also presented a research seminar on IT off-shoring while I was here. My overall impression is that you have a good cohort of committed and enthusiastic PhD students. I especially enjoyed the workshop on digital cultures where a great diversity of approaches were welcomed and respected. Professor Michael D. Myers

Digital Cultures Workshop

In June 2008 Ben Light and Steve Sawyer organised the 1st Digital Cultures workshop. Over 60 academics, practitioners and PhD researchers attended from across the UK. The event also attracted academics and PhD researchers from the United States and Canada. Professor Bill Dutton or the Oxford Internet Institute a the University of



Oxford and Dr Kathleen Richardson both gave keynotes over the two days and the workshop began with a practice led Smart City Futures session chaired by Professor James Powell, our Pro-Vice Chancellor for Enterprise. A special issue of the Journal of Information, Communication, Ethics and Society, showcasing some of the papers

from the workshop, is due to appear early in 2009. The call for the 2nd workshop will be available shortly.

Campus Fellow Dr. Stephen Billett

Stephen Billett, Associate Professor in the School of Vocational, Technology and Arts Education, Faculty of Education, Griffith University Australia, spent a month with HERC colleagues. He presented two seminars on workplace learning, a workshop and was a keynotes speaker at a one day conference, speaking on social partnerships. He also provided sessions on research issues for staff completing a PhD in educational research.

Newsletter Submissions

The next issue of the IRIS newsletter will be published in January 2009; to submit an item please email it to: n.audren@salford.ac.uk

EUROPEAN SUCCESS FOR THE ESMOS PROJECT, Helen Keegan



A Salford-led European project recently received an outstanding grading and final report from the European Commission, which is great news for the University as it demonstrates our progressive methodology for the support of International Mobility Students.

The ESMOS project (Enhancing Student Mobility through Online Support) was a partnership of 6

universities from the UK, Italy, Austria, Poland, Lithuania and Bulgaria, led by ISOS member Helen Keegan (Project Coordinator and Academic Director). The partnership came together the combined aims of developing, evaluating and modelling the use of Virtual Learning Environments and online/mobile technologies to support mobility students (study exchanges and work placements) throughout the European Union.

The project particularly focused on the use of Web 2.0 (blogs, wikis, and social networking), along with a recognition of Virtual Mobility as a viable alternative to traditional 'physical' mobility, taking the opportunity to remodel the support of students' mobility experience - educationally, culturally and socially.

The Commission have recommended that the project be further funded in order to develop the methodology and disseminate more widely across the European Union, and even sent a hand-written note congratulating the partnership on an 'excellent project', which external evaluators have remarked at being an 'unheard of' response, also sending their congratulations.

The two-year project was funded by the SOCRATES Programme/ Minerva Action, which seeks to promote European co-operation in the field of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Open and Distance Learning (ODL) in education. Website: www.esmos.eu -Contact: H.Keegan@salford.ac.uk

Upcoming Events

The UK BCS Knowledge Discovery and Data mining Symposium will be held at Salford in April 2009. Anyone interested in finding out more or attending should contact S.Vadera@salford.ac.uk.

The second Digital Cultures Workshop will be held at the University of Salford, 4-5 June 2009, and prior to ECIS 2009. A call for papers will be issued during September.

Professional activities

Mrs Frances Bell has been appointed co-editor of ALT-J, the journal of the Association for Learning Technology. Frances Bell is commissioning editor for a Special Issue of ALT-J, Learning and Teaching in Immersive Virtual Worlds, with Special Issue Editors Dr Robert Ward and Professor Maggi Savin Baden, see http://www.alt.ac.uk/callforpapers_altj_ivw.html. This has attracted a large number of submissions, and the issue 16(3) is due for publication, later this year. Frances Bell and Janice Whatley are members of the programme committee for ALT-C 2008: Rethinking the digital divide, http://www.alt.ac.uk/altc2008/conference committee.html.

Prof Elaine Ferneley, Dr Gordon Fletcher, Dr Marie Griffiths and **Prof Ben Light** are acting as Associate Editors for ECIS 2009.

Dr David Kreps has been made Secretary of IFIP 9.5 working group on Virtuality and Society.

Prof Ben Light was track chair (with Remko Helms of Utrecht University, the Netherlands) of the Social Networking and Information Systems track at the European Conference on Information Systems, Ireland. He was also and Associate Editor for the 2008 International Conference on IS and the 2008 UK Academy for IS conference.

Prof Ben Light has joined the Editorial Review Board of the Journal of Organizational and End User Computing.

Dr Samia Nefti-Meziani has been invited to be a Member of an advisory editorial board of Bentham Science Publishers and has been invited to edit a special issue on recent patents on computer science for them.

Dr Samia Nefti-Meziani chaired and organized the first Cognitive Systems CogSys Doctoral Consortium of the European Network for Advancement of Artificial Cognition Systems which was held in Munich in June the 28th, 2008 http://www.cse.salford.ac.uk/cogsys/.

Prof Sunil Vadera is editing a Special Issue of Journal of Operational Research Society on Intelligent Management Systems in Operations with Khairy Kobbacy of the Management and Management Sciences Research Institute.

Invited Seminars and Conferences

Prof Alison Adam was invited to speak on her research on philosophy of Al in a paper "Is there anything Computers Still Don't Know and Does it Matter?" University of Cambridge, Horizon Workshop "The Thinking Machine", March 2008. She was the only speaker not from Cambridge University to speak at the event.) She has also presented research in a paper: "Women as Knowledge Workers: Some Historical Reflections", CRESC Workshop on Gender, Service Work and the Cultural Economy, University of Manchester, Feb. 2008. The workshop was organized by Helen Richardson and Debra Howcroft.

Dr Apostolos Antonacopoulos has been invited to give a plenary tutorial on the "Analysis of Historical Documents" at the 8th International Workshop on Document Analysis Systems (DAS2008) to be held in September 2008 in Nara, Japan.

Dr Marie Griffiths has presented her research on Women in IT and Disappearing Women from IT at the 'Nurturing a Balanced IT Workforce' on-line event hosted by the Corporate IT Forum (whose clients collectively spend over 35 billion annually on IT). Marie who contributes to the Knowledge Centre service provided by the IT Forum for their clients has also been asked to join the round table debate regarding the recruitment, development, and retention of the IT workforce with IS managers and employers.

Prof Ben Light gave the seminar: Singstar appropriation, Digital Games and Rich Social ICTs at the Erasmus University, The Netherlands in January (based on work with Gordon Fletcher).

Prof Sunil Vadera – gave a keynote address at IEEE Al Tools in Engineering Conference held in Pune in March 2008. The keynote was on research on machine learning and focused on work that recently appeared in the paper "Using Wittgenstein's Family Resemblance Principle to Learn Exemplars" in issue 13 of Foundations of Science. The keynote address, together with a three-day follow up workshop on Al research, were sponsored by the IEEE and IET. Sunil also gave an

invited presentation at the International Symposium on Accreditation of IT Programmes held in Seoul and represented the BCS and UK in establishing the Seoul Declaration which aims to establish mutual recognition of



professional accreditation of programmes between Australia, Canada, UK, USA, Japan, and South Korea.

Funded Projects

VOME – Prof Alison Adam, £380K EPSRC/TSB have approved a project under the EPAC (Ensuring Privacy and Consent) Program. VOME (Visualisation and Other Means of Expression) researches users' understandings and models of privacy online, aiming to offer better models of privacy which may be represented visually and/or metaphorically and which will be demonstrated in prototype software. The project is joint with Royal Holloway, Cranfield University, Sunderland City Council and Consult Hyperion and runs for three years. A researcher and PhD student will shortly be recruited.

IMPACT - Dr Apostolos Antonacopoulos, 1,000,000 The EU has approved a grant of 12.5M Euro for research and capacity building as a substantial step towards the i2010 vision of the European Digital Library. The central goal of IMPACT is to substantially improve techniques for converting historical paper documents into fully accessible electronic texts and to remove the barriers for heritage institutions to deliver the critical mass of digitised material to build a true European Digital Library. The IMPACT project was ranked 2nd among 231 proposals in the first call of Framework 7 and has by far the largest budget of any other project in the area of Digital Libraries and Cultural Heritage. Salford, recognised as one of the most prominent European research centres in Document Analysis, represented by Apostolos Antonacopoulos, will receive over 1 M Euro for digitally enhancing and analysing historical documents. The project started in January 2008 and will last for four years. IMPACT currently employs 2 Research Assistants and a Research Fellow. Among other participants in the project are some of the greatest libraries in the world: the British Library, the Bibliothèque Nationale de France, the Deutsche Nationalbibliothek, the Koninklijke Bibliotheek (Royal National Library of the Netherlands), the Bavarian State Library and the Österreichische Nationalbibliothek (Austrian National Library). IBM and ABBYY will contribute their industrial research experience. More information can be found at http://www.impact-project.eu/

Google - Dr Apostolos Antonacopoulos, \$12,000 Dr

Antonacopoulos has received the support of Google (12K USD), in developing a realistic dataset (document images and ground truth) to enable the evaluation of document recognition methods. Google has a major initiative to digitise and recognise printed documents as only "half the world's knowledge", as they put it, is in printed form and therefore not accessible to their search engines. This is the only dataset that Google has supported and it will be available to the wider research community by October 2008.

Extend – Mrs Frances Bell, Ms Helen Keegan and Ms Cristina da Costa, £15,000 The EXTEND project, funded by JISC, builds on an online network for Learning Professionals (HELP) that was created during the Collaboration Across Borders project (funded by EU Socrates Minerva programme). An online seminar schedule will run from September - December 2008, highlighting project work in the use of emerging technologies in education. Please check http://www.cabweb.net for details of events.



ESRC/EPSRC Funded KTP: Cooperatives UK, Social Networking for the

Cooperative Movement, Prof Elaine Ferneley and Prof Ben Light, £107,000 Co- operatives UK is the trade association for the UK Co-operative movement. They support co-operative development by providing networking opportunities for established and emerging co-operatives and as such their business model is fundamentally based on social networking. The emergence of sophisticated ICTs has seen a corresponding change in how and why business networking is undertaken and online business networking communities have begun to emerge for a diverse range of purposes. The KTP aims to assist Co-operatives UK to understand best practice for the use of social networking technologies within the national and international Co-operative movement, to identify a technology path for Co-operatives UK to fully exploit the emerging Web 2.0 technology trends and to move towards delivering additional services on-line.



Digital Environment Home Energy Management System (DEHEMS) Dr David Kreps, Prof Grahame Cooper, Prof Nigel

Linge and Dr Haifa Takruri-Rizk, £295, 460 DEHEMS will extend the current state of the art in intelligent meters, moving beyond energy 'input' models that monitor the levels of energy being used to an 'energy performance model' that also looks at the way in which the energy is used. It will bring together sensor data in areas such as household heat loss and appliance performance as well as energy usage monitoring to give real time information on emissions and the energy performance of appliances and services. It will enable changes to be made to those appliances/services remotely from the mobile phone or PC and provide specific energy efficiency recommendations, for the household. The impact will be to personalize action on climate change, and so help enable new policies such as Personal Carbon Allowances as well as supporting the move towards increased localized generation and distribution of energy.

ASTRAEA - Dr Samia Nefti-Meziani, £26,000 Dr Nefti-Meziani has secured a project with BAE systems which will be carried out as a part of ASTRAEA T7 (Autonomous Systems Technology Related Airborne Evaluation and Assessment) which is a key UK programme (£32 million) which aims to strengthen further the UK's pedigree in UAV technology. This project will develop a software mechanism to present test cases to the ASTREA vehicle model with an intelligent reasoning system for the handling of fuel system failure events within an open architecture. This project will be critical for the whole internal integration of the ASTRAEA T7.

Dr Samia Nefti-Meziani, £10,000 Dr Nefti-Meziani has secured funding through the EU to organize a workshop on cognitive Systems.

Research projects completed:

Manchester & Salford Enterprise Culture, Engagement & Support Pilots - £10k collaboration of: Elena Vasilieva, Alex Avramenko, Dr Aleksej Heinze, Claire MacLean, University of Salford and Dr Julia Rouse, Dr Helen Crompton, Manchester Metropolitan University

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