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Hello Karen,

Your May newsletter - Here comes the sun!

With apologies to George Harrison (The Beatles,) it's certainly been a very long and wet winter, but the temperature in Coventry at the time of writing hitting a balmy 19 degrees and May upon us, we surely have better weather ahead! This is the time to explore the Warwick campus if you are new to the University or rediscover it if you have been here a while. At over 700 acres in area, the Warwick campus has plenty of green space including fabulous bluebell woods at this time of year, and getting out into nature during the working day, even if just for a short time in your lunch break can have a positive impact on wellbeing. If you want to explore the local woodlands beyond campus, then Crackley Woods nature reserve - on our doorstep - comes highly recommended, or Badby Wood, around 20 miles from campus, is spectacular!

1st May in many countries is International Workers' Day or May Day and a public holiday. In the UK, we celebrate this as spring bank holiday weekend. I would encourage everyone to enjoy themselves away from work. If you need another reason to visit Badby this weekend, there is a great circular walk from the village and on your return you can enjoy the 'bluebell teas' that are always offered at this time of year!

Wishing you a relaxing few days!

Pat

People News



Staffing

New starters:

Charlotte Bouquiaux - Research Fellow with Becky Notman
Wojciech Stark - Research Assistant with Reinhard Maurer
Tim Horne - Programme Coordinator with Emilie Day

Leavers:

Christina Forbes
Georgia Edwards



Star Wars Day

Alex Baker will be giving a talk at the Royal Institution on the Chemistry of Star Wars to celebrate Star Wars Day, May the 4th. Alex will be exploring what may underpin the freezing of Han Solo, the colours of lightsabers, the reactions that power star ships and much more!



New role for Pete Scott



Leverhulme Trust Grant

Pete Scott has been appointed to Academic Director - Innovation (Business Partnerships) by the Vice Chancellor. Pete says "I've always had a focus on business partnerships, and I'll be using my spin-out experience with Interface Polymers and my work as a Royal Society Industry Fellow to build new partnerships and help colleagues create some new Impact, focussing in particular on health innovation."
Congratulations Pete!

Congratulations to Dr Gabriele Sosso who has been awarded a grant entitled 'Unlocking the Rational Design of Novel Pressure-transmitting Media'. The project is an interdisciplinary collaboration between Gabriele, Mark Senn and Dr Nick Funnell, a visiting Associate Professor, and will employ 2 PDRAs to work on the computational and experiment aspect of the project.

News in Brief

Automated External Defibrillators

All first aiders at the University of Warwick are trained to use the Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in case of suspected cardiac arrest. AEDs can be used by anyone, they do not require any specific training. To find out more about AEDs and where they are located please click [here](#).

There is also a Moodle course if you wish to complete it which is [here](#)

RTP 10 Year Celebration Seminars

As part of our 10 year anniversary celebrations, the Research Technology Platform (RTP) is running a seminar series to showcase how the RTPs can support your research in key areas. Learn more about this [here](#)

Call for young researchers (under 35)

Alex Baker has been asked to be an expert panel member and judge on EU TalentOn, a competition for young researchers to develop and present innovative scientific solutions

to major global challenges. The deadline is 13th May and more information can be found [here](#).

Menopause is an Inclusion Issue

Join us for an enlightening discussion on menopause as an inclusion issue in the workplace held online, and open to staff, students and the public on Wednesday 29th May 2-3pm. To find out more and register, please follow this [link](#)

Impact Training and Development Programme

There are two upcoming workshops delivered by the Research Impact Team about what impact is and how this is supported at Warwick, and how to evidence and evaluate research impact.

[Introduction to Impact](#) 14th May 10-11:30

[Measurement and Evaluation of Impact](#) 16th May 10-11:30

Supporting a Community Banking Hub in Earlsdon

Please find out more [here](#) about this initiative and to sign the petition if you support this.

Best wishes,

Karen
and Chemistry Internal Comms



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