

REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2005 - 06

Personnel

Professor Andrew Pitts was appointed as the second Deputy Head of Department in October 2005.

Dr Ian Wassell transferred from the Department of Engineering to the Computer Laboratory in January 2006, completing the move of the Digital Technology Group begun with Professor Hopper's move in 2004.

Two members of staff enjoyed personal promotions from October 2006 when Drs Anuj Dawar and Neil Dodgson were promoted to Readerships.

Dr Robert Mullins was appointed as an Assistant Director of Research from January 2006.

From October 2006, the academic staff of the Laboratory consists of 12 Professors, 6 Readers, 12 Senior Lecturers, 5 Lecturers and 1 ADR.

Two Computer Officers were appointed on fixed-term contracts from September 2006 to cover the maternity leave of Mrs Jiang He: Ms Jasmine Hou (to June 2007) and Ms Lisa Chapman (to October 2007).

Two members of the Reception team left in 2006: Julie Bazin to take up an appointment in the Department of Engineering and Lucy Heptonstall who joined her husband on a British Forces posting to Germany. In their place the Department welcomed Megan Sammons and Samantha Coe.

Honours and awards

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Student numbers

| | 1995- 96 | 1996- 97 | 1997- 98 | 1998- 99 | 1999- 2000 | 2000- 01 | 2001- 02 | 2002- 03 | 2003- 04 | 2004- 05 | Oct 2005 |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Taught course | es | | | | | | | | | | |
| Applications | | | | | 482 | 494 | 451 | 397 | 293 | 245 | 235 |
| CST IA (50%) | 68 | 72 | 90 | 77 | 79 | 81 | 98 | 96 | 88 | 86 | 69 |
| CST IA (25%) | 12 | 27 | 24 | 25 | 25 | 27 | 25 | 30 | 16 | 12 | 16 |
| Maths IA (CS | 17 | 14 | 21 | 15 | 12 | 13 | 11 | 8 | 12 | 10 | 13 |
| CST IB | 84 | 74 | 80 | 90 | 82 | 90 | 89 | 101 | 96 | 83 | 83 |
| CST II | 85 | 69 | 70 | 74 | 85 | 82 | 86 | 83 | 91 | 98 | 83 |
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| CST II(G) | 9 | 10 | 12 | 9 | 13 | 13 | 20 | 18 | 16 | 11 | 8 |
| CS Diploma | 30 | 49 | 46 | 32 | 46 | 38 | 23 | 26 | 20 | 14 | 14 |
| MPhil CSTIT | 15 | 22 | 20 | 18 | 20 | 18 | 21 | 19 | 26 | 22 | 16 |
| Research students | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Intake | 21 | 27 | 25 | 17 | 11 | 31 | 24 | 34 | 35 | 35 | 30 |
| Registered | 76 | 81 | 86 | 90 | 80 | 85 | 81 | 97 | 120 | 136 | 136 |
| Approved | 12 | 15 | 15 | 17 | 20 | 24 | 22 | 14 | 17 | 9 | |
| Withdrawn | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | | | | 1 | | |

The figure for applications shows the number of applications considered for admission in the following December, including both options in CST IA for immediate and deferred entry. The figure for withdrawn research students is shown under the year of registration rather than the actual year of withdrawal.

Administration

In January 2006, the Computer Science Syndicate was replaced by the Faculty Board of Computer Science and Technology. The Degree Committee was reconstituted to share most of the membership of the Faculty Board, excluding the student members but with up to four additional co-opted members.

The future

The Laboratory's strategic plan was incorporated into the School of Technology's five-year financial plan. This envisages growth of the academic staff by about one person per year, together with associated administrative and support staff.

The Laboratory's Teaching Committee continues to investigate the possibility of a fourth-year Masters' course that would serve as preparation for research.

Funding difficulties continue to inhibit the Laboratory's ability to recruit research students. Support for studentships is being sought as part of the University's 800 campaign.

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