



**UNIVERSITY OF
CAMBRIDGE**

Computer Laboratory

REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2004-05

Personnel

Professor Andy Hopper succeeded Professor Ian Leslie as Head of Department in October 2004.

Dr Tim Griffin and Dr Peter Sewell were appointed to Lectureships and Dr Keir Fraser was appointed to a UKEC Academic fellowship in January 2005.

Five members of staff enjoyed personal promotions from October 2004: Professors Ted Briscoe and Alan Mycroft to Chairs, and Drs Alan Blackwell, Sean Holden and Ian Wassell to Senior Lectureships. There were seven more promotions from October 2005: Professors Jean Bacon and Peter Robinson to Chairs, Dr Marcelo Fiore to a Readership, and Drs David Greaves, Steven Hand, Peter Sewell and Simone Teufel to Senior Lectureships.

From October 2005, the academic staff of the Laboratory consists of 12 Professors, 4 Readers, 14 Senior Lecturers and 6 Lecturers.

Nicholas Cutler succeeded Lucy Wills as Librarian. Julie Bazin joined the team in Reception. Louis Massuard took up the post of Storekeeper.

Professor David Wheeler died on 13 December 2004. He had retired in 1994, but continued to play an active role in the Laboratory and died shortly after cycling in to work. A celebration of his life and work was held on 18 April 2005.

Honours and awards

Professor Andy Hopper received the IEE Mountbatten Medal. A group of Part IB students won the IBM ThinkPad Challenge, making Cambridge the first University to win the competition twice.

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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 courses											
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
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Withdrawn	3	2	2	1	2				1		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 The figure for withdrawn research students is shown under the year of registration rather than the actual year of withdrawal.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

The academic staff of the department held a one-day off-site meeting in April 2005 to share their vision of research directions, and to discuss practical developments in teaching.

The Computer Science Syndicate proposed that it be replaced by a Faculty Board of Computer Science and Technology. This proposal has been adopted by the General Board and should come into effect during 2005-06.

Dr David Hartley led a review of IT Support in the Laboratory during 2005. The review group's report will be implemented in 2005-06.

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.

Peter Robinson
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