Recent Successes…….

Congratulations to Fabio Cuzzolin!

The committee overseeing the ‘Next 10 Programme’ met recently and supported Fabio’s application. Activities should begin this academic year at a point to be agreed with the HoD. Rachel Harrison has been assigned as mentor for the programme and Fabio will also liaise closely with Nigel Crook. A PhD student will be engaged as soon as possible in order to provide maximum strategic benefit to the development of the planned research and growth of the area. A key objective will be the future development of a successful and focused team. The student will be expected to contribute to such things as the development of major funding proposals in addition to carrying out a formal programme of related PhD study.

A new Knowledge Transfer Partner

OBU have been awarded a new KTP with Media Analytics Ltd, an Oxford-based publishing and consultancy businesses that is a world leader in analysis of the global water industry (www.globalwaterintel.com). The purpose is ‘to identify, curate, enrich and exploit the company’s knowledge assets to support sustainable business growth and diversification.’ The KTP will be supervised jointly by the Faculty of TDE and Business School. David Duce will be the Academic Supervisor for the project. The project lasts two years and is worth £143k.

Dr Claudia Iacob successfully defended her thesis in Milan, Italy. She will be presenting a paper on the usability of mobile apps at the HCSE conference in Toulouse at the end of October.

Dr Varsha Veerappa has submitted her PhD thesis and will defend it at UCL at the end of November.
Visits……

This month the Bioelectronics Research Group, headed by Dr Khaled Hayatleh and Dr. Cristiana Sebu, and consisting of members from both CCT and MEMS, were pleased to receive an invitation from the organisers of the ESPRIT 2012 ( ) to attend the event and discuss their work. Those who attended said the event was a great success in terms of networking and exchanging ideas with those involved or interested in Bioelectronics research, from disciplines such as Electronics, Bioengineering, Mathematical Modelling and Medicine. “We believe that we did much to get the Brookes name out there, and also to form relationships with views to collaboration.” Khaled Hayatleh

Look out for……

The next university-wide undergraduate Open Day will take place Saturday 10 November. CCT and MEMS will be based at Wheatley as usual for this event. Any queries in the first instance should be directed to your departmental champion - the operational manager for TDE open days at Wheatley is Rosemary Ostley.

Upcoming Research Seminars:

T2.21 – 16th November - 12pm - Prof. Stephen Pulman, Oxford University

T2.21 – 23rd November - 12pm - Prof. William Harwin, Reading University

T2.21 – 7th December - 12pm - Dr Philip Blunsom, Oxford University

Call for Funding………

The Research and Business Development Office is issuing a call for funding to support the commercialisation and marketing of knowledge transfer activity. These funds are open to staff in all academic disciplines.

HEIF 5 Business Enterprise Fund
The Business Enterprise Fund provides significant funding for ideas and research which can be taken forward for commercial use or to benefit the wider community. Applications are invited for amounts of over £10,000 and up to £50,000 per annum (amounts above £50,000 may be possible in exceptional circumstances) for projects lasting one to two years.

The deadline for applications is Friday 7 December 2012. Applications should be emailed to Amanda Good (agood@brookes.ac.uk) using the Business Enterprise Fund application form which is available with further guidelines at:
Applications for small awards of up to £10,000 for market research, concept development and pilot projects can be made at any time using the Business Enterprise Small Awards application form at: "https://sites.google.com/a/brookes.ac.uk/business-enterprise-steering-group/heif5-application-forms-guidance/heif5-business-enterprise-small-awards-application" and should be submitted to Amanda Good (agood@brookes.ac.uk).

If you require more information or would like to discuss the Business Enterprise Fund, please contact a member of the Business Development Team (David Hartley, Kevin Maynard or Andrew Baxter).

HEIF 5 Marketing Fund
This fund supports marketing activity designed to promote and market products and services including (but not limited to): marketing literature, contact generation, commercial conference and exhibition attendance and other sales activities.

The majority of projects funded will be in the region of £500 - £3,000. The funding of a small number of larger marketing plans will be considered, of a value of between £3,000 and £10,000.

Applications using the form available at: "https://sites.google.com/a/brookes.ac.uk/business-enterprise-steering-group/heif5-application-forms-guidance/heif5-business-enterprise-marketing-fund-application" should be submitted to the Research and Business Development Office for the attention of Susan Bouffler, Business Marketing Officer.

If you would like more information about the Marketing Fund, see http://www.brookes.ac.uk/res/marketing/kt_marketingfund/index.html or contact Susan Bouffler.

There is no deadline for the submission of Marketing Fund applications, but you are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

Promotions 2012/13..........”

Applications are invited for promotion to Professor through the University’s Professorial Promotions Scheme, and for further advancement to levels 2, 3 or 4 for current Professors.

All promotion applications must be made against the criteria for one of the five pathways listed below. The five pathways all recognise past achievement of the highest distinction and are based on an expectation of continuing contribution in the area for which the chair is awarded.

The five pathways are:

a) research
b) teaching, learning and assessment
c) enterprise and knowledge transfer
d) professional achievement
e) academic leadership

Professors are appointed on the senior staff grading structure and conditions of service. Details of the timetable for the scheme and how to apply can be found at http://www.brookes.ac.uk/services/hr/reward/academic/promotions/professorial/

Applications and supporting documentation should be emailed to hrcommittees@brookes.ac.uk no later than 31st January 2013
Applications for Promotions to Readerships and to Principal Lecturer (Student Experience)
2013 – First Call

Applications are invited for promotions to Reader and Principal Lecturer (Student Experience).

Promotion to a Readership is based on an outstanding contribution to research, scholarship and/or knowledge transfer.

Promotion to Principal Lecturer (Student Experience) is based on an outstanding contribution to the student experience and an emerging reputation for this contribution at national and/or international level.

Details of the revised timetable for meetings, promotion criteria and the application procedure can be found at:

For Readerships:  
http://www.brookes.ac.uk/services/hr/reward/academic/promotions/readership.html

For Principal Lecturers (Student Experience):  
http://www.brookes.ac.uk/services/hr/reward/academic/promotions/pl_student_exp.html

Applications and supporting documentation should be e-mailed to hrcommittees@brookes.ac.uk by 31st January 2013.

Please forward any items of news to Sharon Howard for inclusion in the next news bulletin 
showard@brookes.ac.uk
Bank and Concessionary Holidays 2012 - 2013

**2012**
- Monday 2 January bank holiday (in lieu of 1st January)
- Friday 6 April bank holiday
- Monday 9 April bank holiday
- Tuesday 10 April concessionary day
- Monday 7 May bank holiday
- Monday 4 June bank holiday
- Tuesday 5 June bank holiday
- Monday 27 August bank holiday
- Tuesday 28 August concessionary day
- Monday 24 December additional concessionary day
- Tuesday 25 December bank holiday
- Wednesday 26 December bank holiday
- Thursday 27 December concessionary day
- Friday 28 December concessionary day
- Monday 31 December concessionary day

**2013**
- Tuesday 1 January bank holiday
- Friday 29 March bank holiday
- Monday 1 April bank holiday
- Tuesday 2 April concessionary day
- Monday 6 May bank holiday
- Monday 27 May bank holiday
- Monday 26 August bank holiday
- Tuesday 27 August concessionary day
- Wednesday 25 December bank holiday
- Thursday 26 December bank holiday
- Friday 27 December concessionary day
- Monday 30 December concessionary day
- Tuesday 31 December concessionary day

**NB:** If Christmas Eve falls on a weekday, the University will be closed from 2.30pm.