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The Newsletter from the Department of Computing

## Jolly Good Sports!

In low temperatures on the afternoon of Monday 31st January 2011, the sporting credentials of the Department were placed under scrutiny at a Winter Sporting Event at the Surrey Sports Park. More than 70 Final Year Undergraduate, Masters, and PhD students, Research Assistants and Academic Staff competed in an afternoon full of Badminton, Squash, Football and other activities.



Participants brave the cold at the Surrey Sports Park

Badminton was highly competitive, with some 24 players competing for the coveted prizes, alongside two squash courts dedicated to hosting a mini-version of the 'World Open'. Prizes and medals were awarded during a sumptuous evening buffet:



Coveted prizes



keeping score...

### Event Winners

#### Badminton:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: PhD students  
David Williams, Ghulam Qadir
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Level 3 students  
Fawwaz Menolee, Mark Gifford
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Staff Tony Ho, Yaochu Jin

#### Football:

- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>:  
Final Year Undergraduate teams

#### Squash:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Staff Steve Wesemeyer
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: MSc Jay Christiansen

### About the Department

We are a friendly Department with a cohort of about 350 students, offering highly rated undergraduate and postgraduate degrees.

91% of our students are employed or studying 6 months after graduation; 7th best in the country (source: Destination of Leavers Survey / Unistats).

In the 2008 RAE, 50% of our research was rated as world-leading or internationally excellent

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## MSc Scholarships of £1,000

Gifted applicants to the Department's three MSc programmes will be awarded scholarships of £1,000. Scholarships are based on academic qualifications to date, and available to all applicants irrespective of country of origin. For more information,

email: [feps-pg@surrey.ac.uk](mailto:feps-pg@surrey.ac.uk)

## Business Personality of the Year



*Kate Craig-Wood, Managing Director and co-founder of Memset, and Surrey PhD student*

Female IT Entrepreneur, and Surrey PhD student, Kate Craig-Wood was named "Business Personality of the Year" during the annual Toast of Surrey Business Awards ceremony held at Guildford's Yvonne Arnaud Theatre on 26 February 2011.

The award, presented by Councillor Stephen Mansbridge from Guildford Borough Council, acknowledged Kate's contribution over a period of

many years to Surrey and as a female role-model for the IT industry.

Born in Surrey, and with her cloud computing business, Memset, based in Guildford, Kate was absolutely delighted to have received the award: "I've been fortunate to have my efforts recognised on a national level, but winning this local business award and gaining the support and endorsement from my peers means a lot more to me".

Kate's business, Memset, was one of the first Carbon Neutral ISPs. Memset also provides annual sponsorship of the Guildford Lions' fireworks and was a founding member of the Surrey Chambers Community Foundation which aims to help young people get involved with business.

Now in their third year, the awards run by the Surrey Advertiser and Eagle Radio aim to celebrate the success of businesses and recognise their contribution to the economy, community and prosperity of Surrey.

### Postgraduate Study

**MSc Internet Computing (IT)**  
Advanced computing for future Internet and Web systems

**MSc Information Systems (IS)**  
Business computing for future IT directors and consultants

**MSc Security Technologies and Applications (STA)**  
Protecting digital systems and assets, for future security consultants

**MPhil/PhD in Computing**  
Research at the cutting-edge of computer science

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### Undergraduate Study

**BSc Computing and Information Technology (CIT)**

Business computing for the next generation of IT professionals

**BSc Computer Science (CS)**

Software knowledge and skills at the forefront of innovation

Email: [cs.ug@surrey.ac.uk](mailto:cs.ug@surrey.ac.uk)

## New Research Grants

Andre Grüning awarded EPSRC funding for General-Purpose Learning Algorithms for Spiking Neural Networks.

Lee Gillam awarded EPSRC funding for Fair Benchmarking for Cloud Computing Systems.

Saeid Sanei awarded Leverhulme Trust funding for Fusion of EEG and fMRI; A novel approach based on constrained NMF.

Helen Treharne and Tony Ho awarded EPSRC CASE funding for a project with Thales on Identity Management via the Digital Systems Knowledge Transfer Network (KTN).

Yaochu Jin and Johann Briffa awarded EPSRC CASE funding for a project with Intellas UK on Image Forensics via the Digital Systems Knowledge Transfer Network (KTN).

## ... and Recognition

Tony Ho, Head of Department, elected a Fellow of the British Computer Society (FBCS).

