Acting President's Update

It’s been an interesting time in the last few weeks with a positive vote for the UK to leave the EU and a new Prime Minister. The impact of Brexit will undoubtedly affect us all in some way and IPEM will keep an eye on this as it develops. Though it is now the summer season, IPEM continues to work on a range of issues. The new IPEM strategy was approved by the Board at its June meeting and you can read more on this below. Discussions continue with organisations similar to ourselves. In the case of the Bioengineering Society (BES) a formal agreement to integrate activities and members from the BES was made in 2015, with the expectation that this process will be complete in 2017. This year’s BES meeting (joint with the four Medical Engineering Centres, MECs) will be held in Oxford on 5-6 September. Discussions on joint working with IMechE and IET, which started under Steve Keevil’s presidency, have continued and there is a now a formal group set up to act as the vehicle for joint working. This has been timely in that the Wakeham review, which was published in April, recommends that those institutes with an interest in bioengineering jointly look at the areas of degree provision and graduate employability in bioengineering. The IPEM-IMechE-IET group is well placed to undertake a coordinated approach in this and other issues of interest to engineers. For those of us who have already had their summer break, in my case attending my daughter’s graduation, welcome back - for those about to go on their summer break, I hope you have good weather and a relaxing time and come back fully charged for the next year.

Peter Hoskins

The Science for Patient Benefit campaign

There has been a fantastic response from members to the Science for Patient Benefit campaign and we hope even more of you will get involved. The campaign was launched last month at St James's University Hospital in Leeds, where IPEM President David Brettle is head of department. So far, more than 60 members right across the country have been in touch to be their hospital’s ‘champion’ to distribute the campaign materials around their departments. There has also been a lot of activity on Twitter about the campaign, both by members themselves and by other organisations who fully endorse it. The materials to support the campaign include posters, banners, lanyards and pens, and they are available to you for use in your workplace. To view them, please click here.

How IPEM is working for you

Brexit

IPEM is monitoring the situation following the EU Referendum vote and is working alongside partner organisations and bodies to ensure the voice of science and engineering is heard. Last month IPEM members attended the Parliamentary Links Day on this very subject and as a member of the Campaign for Science and Engineering (CaSE) we are sharing the regular updates they are producing on this, click here for the latest from them. A statement has also been sent to EFOMP, setting out IPEM's commitment to continued cooperation with scientists across Europe. The Science Council is holding a Science Summit in September to assess the...
potential impact, which IPEM will be represented at. Finally, the IPEM National Office is keeping a note of any aspects of IPEM's own business that may be affected, so if you are aware of any areas of your work that might be impacted, then please do get in touch at office@ipem.ac.uk.

Strategy review
In June, the Trustees agreed a new three-year strategy for IPEM, based on nearly 20 per cent of members participating in the consultation process between September 2015 and April 2016. You can see a summary of the new strategy here. A subgroup of Trustees and the senior management team is now working on a review of IPEM's committees and ways of working to ensure delivery of the new strategy. They will report on progress at MPEC in September.

AGM
The AGM will be held on Monday 12 September at 12pm at MPEC. AGM papers have been posted to members and you can vote on resolutions by proxy if you cannot attend in person.

Grants and awards
IPEM offers grants of up to £10,000 for the purchase of equipment or services to facilitate short term innovation and research projects. Grants are open to Full Members and Fellows. The closing date for grant applications is normally 31 July but it has been extended to 26 August this year. For further details please click here.

Congratulations go to the following IPEM members who have received grants recently:
- Student and Trainee Travel grant: Aine Maxwell, Mount Vernon Cancer Centre, Northwood.
- Conference and Course grants: Philip Langley, School of Engineering, University of Hull; David Bernstein, Royal Marsden Hospital, London; Jose Sanchez, Southend University Hospitals NHS Trust.

MPEC Manchester 2016
Remember that 'early bird' booking prices only apply until the end of 31 July - it is full price from 1 August.
You do need to be registered for the free Members’ day on Monday 12 September at this year’s conference, which is being held at the Business School of Manchester Metropolitan University. The conference is entitled 'Science for Patient Benefit' which ties in with our campaign.

Workforce Intelligence Unit (WIU)
The University of the West of England has announced a PTP BSc Healthcare Science in all strands of clinical engineering (clinical engineering, radiation engineering, rehabilitation engineering and renal technology), for those in employment.

And finally...
Medal award
Congratulations to IPEM Fellow Professor Andy Beavis on being awarded the Society of Radiographers Silver Medal for his contribution and services to Radiography, especially with regards to his promotion of multidisciplinary work and in education.

Oral History of Radiology
The British Society for the History of Radiology is seeking volunteers to act as interviewers for their oral history project. If you are interested, please...
contact either Brian O’Riordan (brianoRiordan2@gmail.com) or Francis Duck (f.duck@bath.ac.uk) for more information.

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