Welcome from Dean of Mathematical & Physical Sciences - Prof Ivan Parkin

Welcome back to UCL, I hope you have had a great summer and are looking forward to the new term.

We will be circulating this newsletter monthly to keep staff up to date with major discoveries and important information in relation to the faculty.

I started as the Dean of MAPS on the 1st of October, I would like to thank Prof Richard Catlow for stepping in as Interim Dean for the last three months. I would also like to thank Prof Nick Brook for his efforts over the last two years, we wish him well in his new position as Dean at the University of Bath.

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Funding to drive forward UCL's Global Engagement Strategy
Applications are invited for new initiatives to drive forward UCL's Global Engagement Strategy. The deadline for applications is 28 October 2016.

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UCL Beacon Bursaries - deadline 7th Nov
Do you have an idea for a project or activity, or a need for materials or
resources, that will help you to connect your research or teaching with people outside UCL?
Find out more and apply...

Faculty Highlights

Study provides strongest evidence oxygen levels were key to early animal evolution
Study led by PhD student, Rosalie Tostevin (UCL Earth Sciences) provides strongest evidence that oxygen levels were key to early animal evolution.

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Celebrating 10 years of Hinode in space
Hinode, a satellite which observes the Sun’s activity in high resolution, today marks ten years of success since its launch. It carries three instruments, one of which was built and is managed by the UCL Mullard Space Science Laboratory.
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Cosmology safe as Universe has no sense of direction
The universe is expanding uniformly according to Daniela Saadeh (UCL Physics & Astronomy) which reports that space isn’t stretching in a preferred direction or spinning.
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Prof Claire Carmalt appointed as Head of Department for Chemistry
The Faculty is delighted to announce the appointment of Professor Claire Carmalt as the new Head of Department for UCL Chemistry. The appointment will be effective as of next academic year (2016-17). She will be the 18th Head of Department for Chemistry and the first woman appointed to the position.

UCL and FSA push big data research to the top of the agenda
The Food Standards Agency (FSA) has announced that it will fund a research fellow in Data Science and Food at UCL. The fellowship is the first significant investment in data science across any governmental body and will be based in UCL Statistics.

UCL Mathematical & Physical Sciences is now on Instagram
The Faculty is now on Instagram. Send any photogenic items you would like to be shared on this channel and please make sure you follow us!
UCL Humanitarian Institute Town Meeting

12 October 2016, 3-6pm

Prof Peter Sammonds and Dr Rosanna Smith (UCL Institute of Risk & Disaster Resilience) will host a town meeting to present and discuss the vision and strategy of this initiative with the broader UCL community.

The UCL Humanitarian Institute will run from 2016-2018 following the award of Provost Strategic Development Fund investment.

Find out more and register at ucl-hi-town-hall.eventbrite.co.uk

RoAR: The UCL Forum for the Replacement of Animals in Research

12 October 2016, 2:00-5:00pm
More info...

UCL Public Engagement Network

20 October 2016, 11:00am-1:00pm
More info...

UCL Graduate Open Day

23 November 2016, 2:00pm-5:00pm
More info...

Training and Development

A Comprehensive Professional Development Programme for UCL

The Open Programme to a new comprehensive Professional Development Programme for 2015-16. This dynamic and responsive programme of over 50 courses is provided centrally, and can be accessed free by all UCL staff.
See more...

Submit your news: what would you like to hear about?

If you have any upcoming events that you like to be promoted to MAPS Faculty staff please let us know.

First new Faculty newsletter

Thanks to those who completed the UCL MAPS Internal Communications Survey. We have tried to take your comments on board when putting this newsletter together. We are keen to make sure that this addresses your needs so please let us know how we can continue to improve.