

Welcomes

Joe Towns, Lab Technician position and to **Philip Zakaria**, a postdoctoral position with ACROSS.

Alireza Ariafard, postdoctoral position with Assoc Prof Brian Yates.

Grants

Congratulations to **Dave McGuinness** who will receive research funding worth **\$60,000** over 3 years from SASSOL.

Congratulations to **Anne Palmer** and her colleagues who has secured two grants:

Characterisation of metal contaminants in Antarctic sediments. Funding for 2007/08 **\$25,245**.

Development of an artificial "living" sediment to study the effects of metal contamination in Antarctic marine ecosystems. Funding for 2007/08 **\$29,370**.

ChemClub Event

The first event ChemClub have up this year is a **Cocktail Party**. This is coming up on **Friday 3 August**. The cost for the night is \$20 (\$25 for non Chem. Club members) which includes all of your cocktails and nibbles.

The evening starts at **7.30 in the Chemistry Tea Room** and all are welcome.



The RACI Division of Chemical Education has awarded the Divisional Medal for 2007 to A/Prof Brian Yates for his contributions to chemical education.

The selection panel has especially noted (inter alia): Brian's advocacy and promotion of computational chemistry and generic skills, including being the recipient of several teaching grants; his personal teaching, which has resulted in several teaching awards; your service to chemical education, at local, state and national levels; and his involvement in the promotion of science generally, and chemistry in particular, to the general public and to schools. In reaching its decision, the panel were impressed by his contributions, which have been sustained over many years, although the Medal is awarded for contributions over the last ten years.

The Chair of the Chemical Education Division, A/Prof Kieran Lim, presented Brian with the medal at the Chemical Education Conference in Auckland in July.

Seminars

Wednesday 1 August

Dr Jonathan White, University of Melbourne:
"Applications of X-Ray Crystallography: Mechanistic Organic Chemistry"

Wednesday 8 August—Intro PhD Seminars

Russell McGifford, "Colorimetric detection in DGT binding phases for simple analysis".

Nigel Brookes, "Metal complexes for activation and scission of small, multiply-bonded molecules".

Wednesday 15th August

Dr Dennis Palms, University of South Australia
TBA

Wednesday 22nd August—Introductory PhD Seminar

Paul Harvey, "Fuel spill analysis at Macquarie Island".

Tom Kazarian, "Investigation of new strategies to improve the sensitivity of capillary electrophoresis for carbohydrate analysis".

Wednesday 29th August

Dr Chris Palmer, "Synthesis and characterization of cationic pseudostationary phases for electrokinetic chromatography".

Wednesday 5th September

Prof. Peter Schwerdtfeger, RSC Lecturer, "The Chemistry and Physics of the Superheavy Elements".

Wednesday 12th September—Final Honours Seminars

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