



School Review

The School underwent a rigorous external review on 18 & 19 June. Months of work went into preparing the School's submission to the 6-person Review Panel, which consisted of 3 UTAS academics, an industry representative and 2 academics from interstate universities. All aspects of the School, including research, teaching and administration were reviewed. UTAS personnel, as well as external persons were invited to make submissions to the Panel. A selection of Chemistry staff and students were interviewed, as well as UTAS-wide representatives, and interested parties from industry and public organisations.

Panel members toured the Chemistry building on the 2nd day, enjoying morning tea and an opportunity to informally chat with staff and students.

It is hoped that the Review Panel will provide some useful feedback and recommendations to the School in due course.

Grants & Awards

Congratulations to the following staff who have won various grants or awards recently:

Dr Jason Smith: Engaging Primary Students, \$4,313

Dr Andrew Seen: Development of an Integrated Approach to Senior Secondary Science Education, \$5,600

A/Prof Brian Yates: Divisional Medal of the RACI Chemical Education Division

Honorary Associates

The School gratefully acknowledges the time and commitment provided by all our Honorary Associates. For 2007 these include:

Dr Andrew Bowie
Dr Ed Butler
Prof Reg Cane
Prof John Coll
Dr Lawrie Dunn
Dr Michael Hitchman
Dr Lois Koehnken
Dr Andrew Lee
Dr Peter Nichols
Dr David Palmer
Dr Noel Roberts
Dr Peter Smith
Dr Horst Stratemeier
Dr Vicki-Anne Tolhurst
Dr John Volkman

Seminars

Wednesday 11 July

Dr Milko Novic, National Institute of Chemistry, Ljubljana: "PDCA – the key molecule in the studies of analyte-stationary phase interactions in ion exclusion chromatography"

Wednesday 18 July

Introductory PhD Seminar

Adam James: "Novel Access to Monovalent Group 13 Metal Complexes: Synthetic and Theoretical Studies of the Thermal Decomposition of Metallocyclopent-3-enes"

Kara Johns: "Development and application of electrophoretic methods for therapeutic drug monitoring of antipsychotics"

Monday 23 July

Dr Phillip Gaston, University of Southampton, UK: TBA