Congratulations to Prof David St John who was awarded the Materials Australia Silver Medal in recognition of his contribution to the materials engineering industry. The award was presented at the annual Materials Student and Alumni Industry Evening held on Wednesday 25 May.

The Newcrest Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Laboratory was opened in late June. Funded by a $270,000 contribution from Newcrest Mining Limited (Newcrest), the Newcrest HVAC Laboratory will enhance UQ's delivery of courses to develop specialised mining skills and knowledge in the application of fluid mechanics, thermodynamics and heat transfer in various heating and cooling processes. Please click on the link below to view the photos taken during the launch:
http://dropbox.eait.uq.edu.au/uqikoh/HVAClab

**Upcoming Events**

13 July  
**Orientation for Research Only Academics:**  
When: 2pm–5pm  
Enrol: online or contact StaffDev@uq.edu.au

16–17 July  
**TSXPO**  
When: 10am–4pm  
Where: RNA Showgrounds  
Register to attend: http://itee.uq.edu.au/~events/eait/:mechanical-mining-engineering-2011/

19 July  
**Developing Your Role as a UQ Academic:**  
This session discusses the expectations of the academic role and strategies for success.  
When: 10am–1pm  
Enrol: online or contact StaffDev@uq.edu.au

19–29 July  
**Future Fuels for Australia (FFA) 2011 Workshop**  
Where: Customs House, 399 Queen Street

22 July  
**Pre-Graduation Function**  
When: 4pm  
Where: St Leo’s College, The Deck  
RSVP: enquiries@mechmining.uq.edu.au

**EAIT Graduation Ceremony**  
When: 6pm  
Where: UQ Centre

7 Aug  
**UQ Open Day**  
When: 9am–3pm  
Where: St Lucia Campus  
Register to attend: http://itee.uq.edu.au/~events/eait/:mechanical-mining-engineering-2011/

18 Aug  
**Careers in Engineering Evening**  
When: 5pm–8pm  
Where: Hawken building  
Register to attend: http://itee.uq.edu.au/~events/eait/:mechanical-mining-engineering-2011/

**July graduation ceremony**

The engineering graduation ceremony will be held on Friday 22 July at 6pm. If you wish to attend, please note that it is necessary to complete the online registration form at: http://www.uq.edu.au/graduations/?page=32380&s=5ade9b9aab70cc75cfcfde5ecc55781.

The School will be hosting a pre-graduation function from 4pm at St Leo’s College on the deck. Please RSVP to enquiries@mechmining.uq.edu.au for catering purposes.

**Employee Self Service (ESS) to be replaced by MyAurion**

From Tuesday, July 26, 2011, Aurion will be upgraded to version 10 which will replace ESS with the new look and feel "MyAurion". This will change the self-service web interface staff use to view and update Human Resources information, including applying for leave, entering casual timesheets, and viewing payslips. Visit http://www.hr.uq.edu.au/index.html?page=143159 for details of the changes and training options.

**Absence of the Head of School**

The Head of School, Professor David Mee, will be away from the Uni from 14 – 24 July, inclusive. Professor Peter Knights will be Acting Head of School during that time. Please note that if you need to submit a travel form or request leave during that time, select Professor Knights as the approving authority. Items requiring the signature of the Head of School should be sent or given to Rose Clements.
Scholarships & Schemes

UQ Collaboration and Industry Engagement Fund (UQ CIEF)
Applications for UQ CIEF are open. UQ CIEF is a scheme that has been established as a mechanism to support the development of highly competitive ARC Linkage Projects, NHMRC Development Grants, or NHMRC Partnerships for Better Health Grants, by funding pilot research that will facilitate the establishment of new or emerging linkages with Partner Organisations. Applications should be submitted to R&ID by the closing date, Monday 25 July 2011. Further information and scheme documentation is available on the R&ID web page at http://www.uq.edu.au/research/rid/grants

Australian Postgraduate Award Industry (APAI) scholarships
Please be advised that there have been changes to the Linkage Project Funding rules from 2011 onwards. APAI scholarships in successfully funded projects will now provide a living stipend only. The scheme no longer funds extensions, relocation or thesis production costs. If required, funding of these items will be the responsibility of the enrolling unit. APAI scholarships awarded prior to 2011 will still have funds for additional expenses as per the project conditions. Details of these conditions are available at the Linkage Project Funding Rules. From 2012, APAI scholarships will no longer be offered however provisions for PhD stipend funding can be made in the grant application.

2012 Fulbright Scholarships now open
Applications for the 2012 Fulbright Scholarships are now open. Valued between USD$30,000 and USD$64,000, the Fulbright scholarships are open to Australian citizens to undertake research or study in the United States for 3 - 12 months. Successful applicants may commence between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013. Applications close on 31 August 2011. Further information regarding the Fulbright Scholarships can be found at http://www.uq.edu.au/grad-school/new-scholarships.

FirstLink Fund 2011 - Round 2 Open
The FirstLink Fund provides development funds to assist applicants in the preparation of high quality applications to the ARC Linkage Projects, NHMRC Development Grant and NHMRC Partnerships for Better Health Grant schemes. Applicants should clearly demonstrate how the provision of FirstLink funding will make an external grant application more competitive. Funding of up to $4,500 per application may be provided to successful applicants. Further information and the Application Form are available on the R&ID website: http://www.uq.edu.au/research/rid/grants-internal-firstlink Applications are due 15 August 2011 for Round 2.

Awards

2011 EAIT Faculty Research, Innovation and Supervision Awards (RIS)
Applications are now open. The awards are designed to recognise and reward outstanding achievement in research, innovation and supervision within the Faculty. The Research, Innovation and Supervision Awards (RIS) categories are: Early Career Researchers, RHD Supervision Excellence, Internationalisation, Commercialisation and Impact. Winners will receive $2,000 each, whether as an individual recipient or as part of a team. Details about each of the awards categories can be found on the following link: http://www.eait.uq.edu.au/index.html?page=131802&id=115415 This year, applications will close on Friday, 29 July 2011. The award winners will be announced at a special awards ceremony in the First Year Engineering Learning Centre on Monday 12th September 3:30-5:00pm. This event is part of UQ Research Week (20-24 September)

SoMME Teaching Awards
The two awards focus on exceptional teaching and sustainable enrichment and support of student learning. Evidence of the nominee’s contribution to teaching, development of quality teaching practices and resources, and impact upon the learning experience or environment, should be included in the submission. The selection of award winners will take into account the extent to which nominees show evidence that their contribution has met the selection criteria in the awards set out below. For detailed selection criteria, please click below:
3.10.12 Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning and/or
3.10.3 Awards for Teaching Excellence

Completed applications should be submitted to Kim Lamb on or before 30 August 2011. Successful applicants, as recommended to the Head of School by the Teaching and Learning Committee, will be invited to apply for Faculty and University awards.

Conferences

1st World Copper Congress, held 24-26 October 2011 in Iran, Tehran. Invitation to participate – papers due 6 August. Visit www.nicicocongress.com for details.

5th International Conference on Electroceramics, held 12-16 December 2011 in Sydney, Australia. Abstract submission closes 15 July. For more information, visit http://www.ice2011.net/index.html

Computer Labs

EAIT IT will close the following labs for the semester break. Please note they will be upgrading the facilities (including swipe card access) in many of these labs including 44-250 which will be mostly left open - 44-260; 47-104; 47-210; 50-C403; 50-C404; 50-N301; 50-S104; 50-S105; 50-S106; 50-S202; 74-203; 74-207; 74-208; 78-108; 78-109; 78-110; 78-122; 78-208; 78-209; 78-336.

The following labs will be left open for Winter Research Students and pre-arranged thesis students - 44-250; 45-203; 47-304; 47-405; 50-S501; 78-116; 78-207; 78-210.

All labs will be open for scheduled sessions in Semester 2.

UQ Wellness

- **Weight Watchers At Work program** The cost of the 13 week program is $233.35 per person, and includes: Weekly on-site meeting; Confidential weigh-in; Delivery of all program material; Group support; One-to-one support when required; Experienced and fully-trained leader. This will be the third Weight Watchers At Work program for 2011, and is commencing on Tuesday 19 July (St. Lucia campus). The meetings will be conducted at lunchtime, and we are hoping to continue to run 2 groups: 12pm - 1pm and 1pm - 2pm. However, this will depend on numbers. Contact Kate McMahon for more details.

- **UQ Wellness** and **St Lucia Bowling Club** are happy to offer University staff an opportunity to enjoy the Bowling Club’s amenities each Tuesday afternoon from 3.30 – 6.00pm, commencing Tuesday 2 August. The Club has kindly offered to provide coaching, game-time (at the very reasonable rate of $10 per game!), and a relaxing atmosphere to unwind in at the end of the day. Please email Vicki – v.mcnabb@uq.edu.au – if you are interested in this offer, and you will be provided with additional information about the Club and this opportunity.

- **UQ Wellness** is happy to offer staff an opportunity to attend a range of **psychological wellbeing lunchbox seminars** around the central theme “Healthy You”.
  - Wednesday 13 July, Coping with and managing stress
  - Thursday 4 August, Understanding and managing depression and anxiety

The seminars will be from 12.00pm – 1.00pm at no cost to staff. Seminar 1 is being held in Room T103, Building 50, and Seminar 2 is being held in the Duhig Conference Room, SS&H Library.

OH&S

- Guidelines for purchasing electrical equipment

- A Biological Safety training course covering requirements for working with biological material will be held 26 July 2011, 9-10am in the QBI Auditorium # 79- Level 7. For detailed course descriptions and registration, please enrol online via the following Staff Development Website: [http://www.uq.edu.au/staffdev/index.asp](http://www.uq.edu.au/staffdev/index.asp), or Email: staffdev@uq.edu.au for enquiries.

UQResearchers

It would be good if everyone could review their profile and get these up to date and also include projects. This will help us with student recruitment and with PGCW and thesis students to find a supervisor. If you need any help, contact Kim or Katie.

Visa Fees - Updated

New visa charges effective 1st July 2011:

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2011 Staff Hours Survey

The 2011 Staff Hours Survey required under the Federal Government’s Sustainable Research Excellence (SRE) initiative will commence on 18th July. All T&R and Research Only academic staff (Level A – E) and Professional Research Only staff that are currently undertaking research will be required to record their work related activities for a two week period from Monday 18th July to Sunday 31st July. As in 2010, Kim Lamb has been appointed to oversee this activity within the school. Please refer to the email sent by the Head of School on 6 July 2011 for further details.