SuSESS is European Centre of Excellence

It has just been announced that the University has been chosen as a European University Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence.

The European Centres of Excellence project was launched by the European Commission for the first time this year. Its aim is to allow universities to concentrate their resources in the field of European Integration and to develop activities both within the universities and at a regional level.

The new achievement of designation as a Centre of Excellence is recognition of the growing strengths of the Sussex European Institute which is now clearly established among the leading research and postgraduate centres in Europe dealing with the study of contemporary Europe. According to Professor Helen Wallace, Director of the SEI, the EC funding that accompanies this prestigious status will be used to enable the Institute to expand its links with the world of practice and applied expertise. “In particular, the Institute will now develop activities with the media to enable academic insights to be fed into the public debate and the development of policy.”

In addition to the extra funding, the designation of Sussex as a European University Centre of Excellence brings the University into close contact with Europe’s policy-makers. The network of Jean Monnet Centres is increasingly involved in advising the European Commission on its strategy for enlargement of the EU and its institutional reforms.

Welcoming the announcement, Brendan Donnelly, the MEP for Sussex South and Crawley said, “There are only 25 such centres in the EU and the designation is a recognition of the excellent work done at Sussex in focusing on European issues. I would like to congratulate Professor Helen Wallace and all the staff at the University for this achievement. It is something of which we can all be proud.”

ACTIVE for LIFE

SEVEN women out of ten aged between 16 and 74 don’t do enough physical activity to benefit their health, according to a recent study. The Health Education Authority has launched an ‘Active for Life’ campaign which endorses the benefits of increased activity for better health. As part of the campaign it has provided the Sport Service with nearly £2500 for a dance and movement project for young women.

The dance and movement classes will be open to all students in Brighton, as the project is run in partnership with the University of Brighton, Lewes Tertiary College and Brighton College of Technology. Of the grant, £500 will be made available to final year undergraduates at Sussex or Brighton universities who wish to focus their project or dissertation on young women and exercise. A weekend dance festival is also planned to promote new activities and a dance directory will be circulated to 8,000 students in the autumn term.

The recommended amount of physical activity for general health is 30 minutes of moderate intensity activity for at least five days per week. ‘Moderate’ doesn’t mean tough sports, or taking up all your spare time; a brisk walk at lunch, or cycling to campus instead of taking the bus are ideal activities which can fit into the busiest of lifestyles. Even half an hour a day brings health benefits such as reducing stress, depression and blood pressure and developing muscle strength, controlling body weight and preventing disease.

Dr Peter Harris, of the Centre for the Study of Health-Related Behaviour (SOC) commented, “Even small changes can be beneficial and becoming more active can lead to even bigger changes in exercise patterns. This campaign gives exercising a positive image rather than the PE that it’s cool to avoid in school, and hopefully will encourage people to continue exercising beyond the duration of the project.”

Anyone wishing to apply for funding should contact Karen Dunster on (67)8228, or e-mail: K.Dunster@sussex.ac.uk for further details and an application form.
Self-regulation better than law?

Can self-regulation achieve more than law? This was the question posed by Lord Wakeham, Chairman of the Press Complaints Commission when he delivered the eighth annual Wynne Baxter Godfree Law Lecture, organised by the Centre for Legal Studies at the University last Friday. His answer, despite recent criticisms of the PCC over its response to the latest outburst of tabloid xenophobia, was a decided yes.

Acknowledging that sometimes people’s lives can be ruined by the media, Lord Wakeham argued that nonetheless, on balance self-regulation does produce effective self-restraint and that it does work in the vast majority of disputes between individuals and newspapers. Nine out of ten of which are resolved by the PCC. Self-regulation is also, he claimed, free, easy and quick and produces responsibility without imposing unduly on the freedom of the fourth estate.

Moreover, he believes, it will be a practical and flexible method of regulation in the new world of the Internet. On the basis of these factors, said Lord Wakeham, “I am content to argue that – while it may not be perfect – self-regulation can deliver more for ordinary people than a formal legal system of press restraint ever could.”

Pictured above from I to r: the Mayor of Brighton and Hove, Martin Costin Senior Partner of WBG, the speaker Lord Wakeham, Acting VC Professor Alasdair Smith and Director of the Centre for Legal Studies Professor Harry Rajak

Deafness gene aids understanding

Mouse genes and hereditary deafness in two human families are helping BIOLS researchers, Guy Richardson and Kevin Legan, to understand the secrets of the human cochlea. This snail-shaped organ in the inner ear is responsible for detecting and analysing sound and is therefore an integral part of our pleasure in the limpid tones of the nightingale, the magical outpourings of Maria Callas and the ecstasies of the Saturday night disco.

How the cochlea does this is only partly resolved, so delicate are the tissues concerned and so difficult to get at. The basic story is that sound reception is carried out by sensory hair cells which are anchored to one membrane, the basilar membrane, and have fine cilia which make contact with another membrane, the tectorial membrane. Sound sets up waves in both membranes and the cilia detect relative movement between them. Until recently, attention has focused on the hair cells and basilar membrane. The tectorial membrane was regarded as a relatively unimportant piece of jelly but its effect seems to be much more important than had been realised. The Sussex team, working in collaboration with Guy Van Camp’s group at the University of Antwerp and David Hughes of the Institute of Hearing Research at Nottingham, have identified a gene in humans with effects which seem to be limited to the tectorial membrane. When mutated, this gene causes deafness.

Starting with a gene in mice (Tecta), which encodes a protein which is one of the major components of the tectorial membrane, the researchers located a matching region of human DNA. This region had already been linked with hereditary deafness in two families, one Austrian, one Belgian. They found that each family had distinct mutations in the normal sequence. The implication is that hereditary deafness in the two families is the result of changes in the tectorial membrane caused by the production of altered protein during the critical phase of development when the membrane is formed.

Hereditary impairment of hearing is surprisingly common in humans. There are at least forty types but so far it has proved possible in only a handful of cases to identify the genes concerned and the mutations which cause disease. The mutations in the human TECTA gene help to confirm that the tectorial membrane plays a vital part in the intricate mechanism which converts sound waves into electrical impulses in the auditory nerve. This work also raises the possibility that loss of hearing due to environmental factors, for example, loud noises or ‘disco damage’, could be due to damage to the tectorial membrane or its delicate connections with the hair cells.
Prinny writes . . .

One remains very much in the dark about how the 'chase' for a new Vice-Chancellor is proceeding. We are unaware of any visits to campus by possible candidates nor of how the Appointing Committee is managing with what one imagines to be a flood of eager applicants. Whispers have penetrated my inner chambers about the activities of the recruiting consultants - apparently, they have been casting around organisations which provide training for academics and administrators to see if they have met anyone suitable for the job. My fear is that the Vice-Chancellorship of an institution which has difficulties in finding internal office-holders is hardly a magnetic choice for someone with ideas.

One has, of course, been shown the new Undergraduate Prospectus for 1999 entrants - a servant flicked its pages in front of me. We are struck by its vivid design, its bright new photographs, and improved editorial layout. Of course, its authors must be prepared to be blamed for any continuing difficulties in recruiting students. Our prospectus could be written by Shakespeare with photographs by Richard Avedon and still be 'the reason' why we can't recruit in certain areas. To paraphrase Mrs Thatcher: it's not the content which is at fault, merely the presentation of the content.

A 'league table' has been published in The Times indicating that Sussex is 35th out of 96 universities. To save you the mental calculation, just outside the top third but in the top half. We are sandwiched between Cardiff (34) and Stirling (36). One, of course, despises league tables and the false sense of competition they suggest exists between institutions. The University of Brighton came 61st.

Happening to step into the Falmer House undercroft, I am struck by the deliciously green tinge of the water in the moat. I'm told that the run-off of rainwater from the roof is bringing copper traces with it, thereby rendering the water deadly to all life. Could it have been Sir Basil Spence's intention that the quadrangle of Falmer House should be surrounded by brackish poisoned water? I strongly suspect the answer to the question is no but perhaps it is best to keep quiet and not to go paddling on hot days.

My sedan chair can, of course, take to the pavement in times of trouble, but oh my dears, what a sorry mess you've gotten yourselves into with your cars when you leave for home at 5pm. If only you'd take the advice of our green friends and bring your unicycles to work - then at least with two hands free you could learn to juggle as you wait to get off campus. Some bullish drivers are contending with the on-coming traffic in the right-hand lane in order to get home: a surefire recipe for orphanage food for little Johnny, I think. The new one-way system starts soon so all your problems are over. *

I understand the Guardian has recently referred to CCS as the "School of Cultural and Commodity Studies." For the life of me, I still can't see the error in this statement?

* See next week's Bulletin — Ed.

£2000? — no thanks

When is it rational to turn down £2000? ask Dr Stephanie Hoopes, Dr Paul Taggart, Professor Michael Nicholson (SOC) and Dr Ted Tapper (EAM).

Stephanie and her colleagues undertook a survey last July to investigate why members of the Nationwide Building Society voted overwhelmingly against converting into a bank, turning down a £2000 windfall each. The results of this survey are particularly surprising as members of five other building societies had a 95% majority support for conversion.

"Initially this case appears to suggest that Nationwide voters were largely irrational, with 80% of members having under £500 in their accounts. Others heralded this as an end to the greedy 'me first' Thatcher era," said Stephanie.

The findings go against the model of rational choice in voting. The group's interpretations suggest that decision-making involves much more than a simple cost-benefit analysis, but also social factors such as credibility and aversion to change. Changing from a building society to bank status would mean, in simple terms, that control would shift from members to shareholders, and become more market-driven.

Rational choice has never convincingly explained voting, as there is a tiny chance that any individual's vote will influence the decision, according to the researchers. How people vote is based on the assumption that everyone acts to maximise their interest. The probability of receiving greater benefits by sticking as a co-operative proved the decisive factor to voters' decision both to vote and how to vote.

This research was supported by Nationwide and presented at the Empirical Social Choice workshop in Warwick in March.

Public Lectures this week

Tuesday 26 May at 6.15 pm
Professorial Lecture
WHAT'S THE USE OF HISTORY?
by Patricia Thane,
Professor of Contemporary History
Chichester Lecture Theatre

Wednesday 27 May, 6 for 7 pm
South Downs NHS Trust
Annual Health Lecture
LESSONS IN LIVING
FROM THE DYING
Dame Cicily Saunders,
Founder of the Hospice Movement
Terrace Room, Refectory
News in brief

TV appearance
MATT CALLOW (Career Development Unit) will be appearing on the Channel 4 quiz show 15 to 1 on Monday 8 June. His colleagues report that "he didn't win, but didn't do too badly!"

Millennium exhibition
Curators from the Science Museum in London will be visiting COGS on 27 May, to select exhibits for their new year 2000 exhibition of the latest developments in science. Research in progress including evolutionary robotics and interactive educational software are among the possible work to be selected.

Drugs for the Dean?
Professor PHIL PARSONS (CPES) has collaborated with a colleague at Bradford to develop a new series of anti-anxiety drugs, called kefisoxazolinedines. Professor John Murrell reported that these drugs seem to act more quickly and have fewer side effects than existing treatments, and added that they should be available in time for the next Dean of CPES.

To the 178 people who attended the recent blood donor session in Falmer House, the National Blood Service would like to say thank you.

A petition for Robin Cook

A PETITION urging the Foreign Secretary to restore democracy and respect for human rights for people in Kosovo, is gaining support around campus. Dr Christien van den Anker, a lecturer in International Relations, Politics and Human Rights, has penned a letter to Robin Cook, asking him to encourage a peaceful solution to the problems in former Yugoslavia, as part of his commitment to an ethical foreign policy.

Her letter states that: "The rights of ethnic Albanians to participate in the political decisions in Kosovo, the right to be educated in Albanian, the right to have access to basic health care and the right to be treated equally without discrimination have all been violated systematically over the past 16 years."

The petition has over 350 signatures to date, including those of students and senior members of faculty. Christien plans to hold a public meeting later this term to discuss the latest developments. If you are interested in signing the petition, please contact Christien on ext 2277, or e-mail: C.L.Van-Den-Anker@sussex.ac.uk.

THREE members of staff have recently completed a course in British Sign Language, stage 2 (intermediate). In the future, it is hoped that there will be at least one person per school of study able to communicate in sign language to hearing-impaired prospective of new students.

Dr GRAHAM HOLE (COGS), NANETTE ALDRED (CCE) and PAT BAXENDALE (CCS) have also passed the Council for the Advancement of Communication with Deaf People examination at grade 2. Nanette and Pat took the stage 1 course at the University, and all three wanted to progress to the higher level for many reasons, not least because deaf culture is an enormously complex culture, but also because BSL is a rich and fascinating language.

CCS currently has two students from Hamilton Lodge School for Deaf Children on work experience placements for one day a week, an enjoyable experience both for the students, Heather and Karen, as well as an opportunity to raise awareness of disabilities for students and staff in the school.

Pat, Graham, Nanette and the students can be found in the CCS Common Room every Wednesday lunchtime if anyone wants to get involved. The conversation is far from quiet, with gales of laughter erupting at the awful jokes or misinterpretation of signs!

Child protection laws in Bulgaria

HEATHER KEATING, senior lecturer in the Centre for Legal Studies, was invited to Bulgaria over the Easter vacation as part of a project, sponsored by the EU, to assist in the drafting of child protection legislation for Bulgaria. The visit to Sofia included meetings with the Bulgarian Association of Women in the Legal Profession as well as with the members of parliament who are responsible for guiding the reforms through. They have chosen as their model the Children Act 1989 although substantial modifications will be necessary to take account of the different social and legal framework. Heather found it a fascinating experience and is likely to return to Bulgaria later in the year to continue the work.
SKILLS SUCCESS FOR CENTRE FOR LEGAL STUDIES

CLS goes from strength to strength in national skills competitions.
In February CATHARINE BANCROFT-RIMMER and MARY LEE, final year law students, represented the University at the finals of the national client interviewing competition. The final took place over a weekend and, on the first day, they scored the highest marks ever seen in the national competition. From the original 30 universities competing, Catherine and Mary came close runners-up overall. HEATHER KEATING, who trained the team, commented that Sussex has been within the top five placings for the last five years.

Further success came when JAMES BEVERLEY and RAFAEL JOUENNE, also final year law students, represented Sussex at the negotiation competition national finals. This competition is sponsored by Allen and Overy, Solicitors, and also took place over two days. James and Raphael, trained by MELANIE ROBERTS, gained second place – which means they will represent England at the international finals in Malibu, California in July.

Pictured from l to r: Heather Keating, James Beverley, Raphael Jouenne, Catherine Bancroft-Rimmer Mary Lee and Melanie Roberts

Visit to India

Professor JOHN NIXON (CPES), was one of five invited Plenary lecturers at the International Symposium on “Metallo-Organic Chemistry at the dawn of the 21st Century” held at the University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, India. The meeting, which was part of the Golden Jubilee of the University of Rajasthan, co-incided with the 50th anniversary of Indian Independence. In the lecture, John highlighted new developments in the field originally pioneered at Sussex on organometallic compounds in which phosphorus replaces carbon. He has just recently published a book on this topic entitled, Phosphorus: The

Carbon Copy (with F. Mathey and K.B. Dillon; John Wiley, 1998). During his Royal Society sponsored trip, John also visited the Indian Institute of Science and Technology in Powai, Bombay where he has an ongoing research collaboration.

Allaway Scholarship

JULIA STAKOL, an undergraduate in EAM, has won a place on the prestigious Allaway music scholarship. She will spend a year at the University of California studying modern American music, Romanticism and the work of female composers. Julia is an accomplished flautist in the Sussex Chamber Orchestra.

Equal opportunities in a wider Europe

BARBARA EINHORN, Convenor of Women's Studies, was an invited keynote speaker at an EU conference on 'Prospects for equal opportunities for women and men in a wider Europe' held in Sofia, Bulgaria. She presented an overview of developments in the field of equal opportunities in East and Central Europe since 1989.

It was one of a series of meetings between women elected representatives of local and regional authorities from Central and Eastern Europe and their counterparts from Western Europe. These meetings are designed to foster East-West dialogue and cooperation in the process of enhancing equal opportunities in all European countries. It was focused specifically on the changes following the transition to a democratic society after the fall of the Berlin Wall and the new challenges which this poses in the period of enlargement of the European Union.

A final-year undergraduate has had a poem published in the prestigious Poetry Review. SARAH WARDLE (CCS) wrote 'Housework Haiku' which got into the Poetry Society's magazine. Sarah is currently embroiled in finals for her English degree, and hopes to continue studying at Sussex for an MA in 20th century literature. Another of her poems is to be published in the summer edition of Poetry Review.

Housework Haiku

by Sarah Wardle

I
The mirror is blurred.
I polish till it reflects
A room undisturbed.

II
The washing machine
Is conditioned to begin
Its neurotic spin.

III
Handwashing cotton
Connects me with the women
Time has forgotten.

IV
Instead of tea leaves,
Clairvoyants could have a laugh
With hairs in the bath.

V
The bin liner bursts,
Vomiting ever thicker
Cold chicken tikka.

VI
I am hypnotised,
Ironing at massage speed
Yet another sleeve.

VII
The growling Hoover
Is very hungry to feed
It strains on its lead.

VIII
I shall take a poll
To see how many people
Replace the loo roll.
The university's involvement with the Isle of Thorns dates back to 1964 when it was owned by the Manor Charitable Trust. The Training Centre and its sports facilities were then used extensively in parallel with the campus at Falmer. In 1970 the University took up the option of a 21 year lease and eventually purchased the freehold of the estate in 1992.

Operating as a separate budgetary unit we are very much part of the Business Division. We also enjoy many close relationships with other parts of the University who use us on a regular basis.

We would like to see more University and student groups using us but realise that budgets etc are much tighter these days.

Our working week begins with a team meeting where we review the previous and coming week's bookings and discuss staff rotas, menus and any special customer requests or arrangements.

A large part of my job is organising, implementing and encouraging everyone to perform their jobs to the required high standards and also to the best of their abilities. Without such a good team working alongside me this would be impossible to achieve. Most staff have well-defined roles but as a group we rely on each others' flexibility to tackle any task when necessary.

Of our eleven staff, two are part-time, but we also employ casual staff at busy times. In quiet periods the team will take on tasks in other areas, for example the housekeepers often help out in the kitchen and dining room if we have no residential clients and therefore no beds to make. Everyone works extremely hard to maintain the high standards. As part of the close-knit team, I find the constant challenges of managing a conference centre very rewarding.

We're very fortunate to work in such a delightful setting and I especially appreciate it after commuting to London in my previous job. Our customers also value the seclusion that we offer for getting down to work. Combined with the informal, friendly atmosphere which we try to create it means that many of our clients get to know us well and tend to come back year after year. Our customer base is quite varied and includes local and blue chip companies along with other educational and academic groups. Theoretically all companies, especially those which organise staff development programmes and run team building events use the centre.

We have residential accommodation for up to 51 people in comfortable and tastefully furnished rooms (see picture) and we can accommodate up to 100 people here as day visitors. As mentioned previously, the pressures of funding and budgeting means that the balance of use has unfortunately moved more towards external business use. We are however always working to find ways for greater University use.

I have to say, one of the frustrating things for those of us who work here is that we have some great recreational facilities available but because we have to stagger our working periods and lunch breaks we seem to have neither the time nor a partner to play with. We have tennis courts, a croquet lawn, a pitch and putt golf course, sports pitches and indoor areas for volleyball, badminton and five-a-side football. It may not be common knowledge but all University staff members and their families, along with current students, are able to use the sports facilities in the grounds at weekends and it would be nice to see more people take advantage of our facilities.

Paul Knight can be contacted on: 01825 740283 or by e-mail: paulk@iot.u-net.com or you can browse the IOT website at:- http://www.susx.ac.uk/Units/conference/Sussex
Cancer: Life and Cell Death

Cancer affects about one person in three, in the developed world, but is surprisingly rare when you consider how many cells there are in the human body, said Professor Gerard Evan of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, London, presenting the annual Konner lecture last Friday. He was addressing an audience in the Biology Lecture Theatre which was packed despite the alternative attractions of a sun-drenched beach.

Professor Evan’s theme was the balancing act which prevents cells in the body from multiplying out of control, while still retaining the ability to divide safely when the need arises. By unravelling the normal processes of cell division and programmed cell death, we may be able to identify targets for cancer prevention and treatment.

Living cells are delicately balanced between division and death. Some self-destruct, making way for newly dividing cells, and numbers are balanced by a network of genetic factors which is only partly understood. To become cancerous, a cell must acquire a whole array of cumulative mutations, which cause the cell to produce offspring and ignore ‘stop dividing’ signals or ‘die’ signals. Once any healthy cell starts to divide it is immediately primed to commit suicide should anything not go to plan. It is likely that cancerous cells are also ‘booby-trapped’ in this way. The trick, said Professor Evan, is knowing how to trigger the suicide sequence.

Development Opportunities

Funding may be available from Staff Development for faculty to attend the following events. Please contact the Staff Development Officer, ext 7188, for details of these and other events:

Part-time students in higher education: needs, wants and necessities. Oxford Centre for Staff and Learning Development at University of Leeds 4 June 1998

Barriers to Academic Success: Learning from the experience of international students. (A Training Day for Counsellors, Advisers, Lecturers and other staff working with international students) The British Council, at London 8 June 1998

Changing assessment to improve learning Oxford Centre for Staff and Learning Development at London 18 June 1998

Graduation Photographs

In addition to the normal photographic service offered to graduates and their families at the Summer Graduation Ceremonies, the University Photographic Unit is offering a high quality graduation portrait service in its studio in Arts C109. This service, available during the summer (but not in Graduation week itself) will offer packages of colour prints taken with appropriate background, gowns, etc.

Please contact either Keith Wilson (ext 2233) or Keith Hunt (ext 8188) who will be pleased to discuss your requirements, show you examples of their work and fix a time for your portrait session.

National Volunteers Week 1–7 June

The Students’ Union Volunteer Bureau wants to recognise the work of University staff and students who undertake voluntary work. They have 50 official Volunteers Week certificates to award to people who show dedication and commitment as volunteers or who have made an outstanding contribution. If you would like your work recognised and also get a useful addition to your CV then send a note, or email, detailing the volunteering you do, or have done this year. Certificates will be awarded during Volunteers Week. Please send details to: Andrea M. Baldwin, Volunteer Bureau, Falmer House, or email A.M.Baldwin@sussex.ac.uk.

If you don’t volunteer at the moment and would like to start, call in to the Bureau, Falmer House between 2–4 pm on Wednesdays or phone 8149.

Research Opportunities

This is a selection of Research Opportunities. More details of these and other opportunities are available from Mylène Powell in the Research Grants and Contracts Office, ext 3812 or email: M.Powell@sussex.ac.uk. For an extensive listing of funding opportunities see REFUND linked to the Research web site: http://www.sussex.ac.uk/Units/research or USIS Home Page, select ‘Teaching & Research’, ‘Research Funding at Sussex’.

Australian Studies: The Menzies Centre for Australian Studies offers awards to UK postgraduates. Bicentennial scholarships are open to students at UK HEIs. Fellowships are for those who wish to expand their experience but do not want to take a further degree. Deadline: 5 June 1998.

EPSRC Electronic Product Design and Manufacture: EPSRC call for proposals that either (1) enhance links between electronic product design, development and manufacturing activities, or (2) improve the inspection, testing and monitoring of electronic assemblies and products during or following their manufacture. Deadline: 30 June 1998.

BBMF Competition ‘BIOFUTURES’ The Federal Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Technology (BBMF) invites proposals for the BBMF competition. BBMF intends to give younger scientists from Germany and abroad the opportunity to work on new, basic research-oriented approaches in the biosciences in Germany. Deadline: July 15 1998 (second call), January 15 1999 (third call).

Canon Foundation Visiting Research Fellowships: offered to highly qualified researchers (aged 30-45) who are European or Japanese nationals and permanent residents, to go to Japan or Europe respectively, for periods normally of 12 months.

Sir Halley Stewart Trust: The Trust aims to promote and assist new experimental research in medical, social, educational and religious fields, which will ultimately help to prevent, rather than alleviate, human suffering. Grants are in the form of a salary, usually for a young researcher. They are generally limited to two or three years, but are sometimes extended. Full Trustees’ meetings are held three times a year, in February, June and October.

Cancer Technology Transfer: The International Union Against Cancer invites applications for Cancer Technology Transfer fellowships. Awards aid transfer of: research and clinical technology; knowledge in basic, clinical, behavioural, epidemiology cancer research; cancer control and therapy.
Lectures, Seminars, Colloquia

Tuesday 26 May
12.30 pm Sussex Life History Research Seminar: Linda Lamont & Chris Murphy, Issues in conducting group interviews. Room D340

2.15 pm Sussex European Institute Seminar: Judith Shapiro (Goldsmiths College) The European east-west health gap: a fresh look. Room A7

4.00 pm COGSSeminar: Murali Ramachandran, Indeterministic backwards causation, and other problems. Room COGS SC11

4.15 pm Biochemistry and Genetics and Development Seminar: Jane Davies, Direct cell-cell communication in Drosohila: gap junctions and the shaking-B gene family. Biology Lecture Room (EP 3.9)

4.30 pm Social and Political Thought Seminar: Julian Sartuin, The right to food. Room D630

5.15 pm German Research Colloquium: Tim Jackson (Trinity College Dublin) Christians and heathens, Protestants and Catholics: territoriality and temporality in the crusades and in contemporary Northern Ireland. Room A155

6.15 pm Professorial Lecture: Patricia Thane, Professor of Contemporary History, What's the use of history? Chichester Lecture Theatre

Wednesday 27 May
1.00 pm IDS (Poverty Research Programme) Seminar: Naomi Hossain, Elites and poverty in Bangladesh. Room IDS 221

3.00 pm Centre for Mathematical Analysis and its Applications Seminar: R Hall (Montreal) Geometric spectral inversion. Room Pevensey 2A2

5.00 pm English Graduate Colloquium: Essaka Joshua (Birmingham) The mythographic content of Show's Pymatogamus. Room D640

6.00 for 7.00 pm South Downs NHS Trust Annual Health Lecture: Dame Cicely Saunders (Founder of the Hospice Movement) Lessons in living from the dying. Terrace Room, Refectory

Thursday 28 May
11.30 am Economics Seminar: Giota Panopoulou, The demand for health care and private health insurance. Room D340

1.00 pm IDS (Participation Group) Seminar: John Gaventa, Participatory monitoring of an empowerment programme: lessons and challenges from a US case. Room IDS 221

4.00 pm Geography Research Seminar: David Nash (University of Brighton) Kalahari silcrete development: an analogue for Larsen stone formation? Room D610

5.00 pm Centre for Modern French Thought Seminar: A. Andrew Benjamin (Warwick University) Subjectivity and differential ontology: Bataille and Hegel. Room A71

5.00 pm History Work in Progress Seminar: Beryl Williams, From Paris to Petrograd: French influence on early Bolshevik iconography. Room A155

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Lectures, Seminars, Colloquia

Friday 29 May
4.00 pm Astronomy Centre Seminar: Jim Emerson (UCL) Accretion and magnetic fields in low-mass pre-main sequence stars. Room Arundel 401

4.00 pm Applied Mathematics and Numerical Analysis Seminar: Peter Jimack (Leeds University) The adaptive numerical simulation of the remediation of soil contamination by in-situ gas venting. Room Pevensey 1A1

4.30 pm Philosophy Seminar: Stephen Houlgate (Warwick University) Substance

Miscellaneous

- Lunchtime recital at the Meeting House - Richard Fox (piano) 26 May at 1.20 pm in the chapel
- LGBTT meetings for mature and post-graduate students, every Thursday at 2 pm in the LGBTT room. All welcome.
- Eat, drink and be paid! Volunteers required for appetite experiments this term and during the summer. Earn £20 to £25 for eating free breakfast or lunch - contact Martin Yeomans or Anne Jackson (EP) ext 8617 or 7031, or e-mail: martín@biols.sussex.ac.uk, jackson@biols.sussex.ac.uk
- Women's issues: Britain and China - a one-day workshop on 15 June. Please contact Dr E Yeo, Essex House, for details.
- Graduation ceremony, Tuesday 28 July - if any members of staff would like to help on the day, please call Phyllis Hicks on ext 7015. All offers gratefully received!
- Charity ceilidh/barn dance - at Uckfield Horse Rescue Centre, 30 May at 8 pm. Tickets £4. For further details, contact Martin Stemning on ext 2758 or 01825 762893

Small Ads

ACCOMMODATION WANTED: lecturer seeks flat for June in Brighton/Hove, and again from October for entire year. Contact Darrow on ext 2070 or 724385

FOR SALE: three-bedroom terraced house near University, ch/dg, new boiler and kitchen, contact 705866

FEELING STRESSED? Treat yourself to a reflexology session, £17.50, contact Ella on 700452

FOR SALE: Vauxhall Astra Estate, 1.3i, 1989 (F-reg), new MOT, good condition, £950. Contact Steve on ext 3461 or 551211

FOR SALE: complete satellite system, receivers Sky from Astra and other channels, Cambridge stereo receiver, 60 cm offset dish, all docs, boxed, £80 o.n.o. Contact George on ext 8518 or 507601, e-mail: G.Kemenes@sussex.ac.uk

TO LET: spacious, peaceful three-bedroom house, from July 1 to September 15. Pleasant garden and all mod.con.s., suitable for visiting faculty, families or PG couple, £450/month, contact 505171

WANTED: VW Passat Estate, reg. between E and M, low mileage. Contact Lida on 326319

Small Ads

PAINTING & DECORATING: exterior, interior and floor sanding by experienced mature student seeking holiday employment. For more information and estimates, contact Annamari Frank on 389968

FOR SALE: Megadrive 2 with six games, £40 o.n.o.; Gameboy plus Tetris and adapter, £25 o.n.o.; both boxed, contact Fran on ext 2143

AT A LOOSE END Sunday and Wednesday evenings? Come and try line dancing with Alan Robinson and Fran Duffield from 7.30 pm at Middle Street School, Brighton. All levels welcome, £3 per session, just turn up! Contact Fran on ext 2143

FOR SALE: top specification Pentium multimedia notebook, 32 RAM, 2gb HD, 11.5" colour screen, CD-ROM, 3 PCMCIA slots, as new, guaranteed, £1,300. Contact 271933

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