



BRISTOL VISION INSTITUTE

BVI REFRESH – SUMMER 2010

Welcome to the BVI newsletter – keeping you up to date with the latest BVI news.

C-Dip funding success for BVI


Congratulations to the members of BVI who were successful in the internal competition for Cross-Disciplinary Feasibility Studies within EPSRC's remit. Only 8 out of 42 proposals were funded, and BVI scooped 50% of the awards - a testament to the novel, interdisciplinary research taking place within BVI. The following BVI projects received funding:

- *The Quantum Optics of Insect Eyes*. Nicholas Roberts, Ruth Oulton, Daniel Robert, John Rarity, Nicolas Brunner, Jeremy O'Brien
- *High Speed Video Polarimetry*. David Gibson, Julian Partridge
- *Novel Signal Processing Methods for Automated Analysis of Cellular Bioimages*. Alin Achim, Paul Verkade, David Bull, David Stephens
- *Equine Eye Tracking*. Iain Gilchrist, Jeremy Burn, Julian Partridge

BVI joins forces with IBST for workshop

 BVI has been awarded funding to jointly organize a workshop with the [Institute for Bio-Sensing Technology](#) at UWE. The workshop on *Biomedical Imaging: Challenges and Solutions for Automated Analysis and Interpretation* will be held at the UWE Conference and Exhibition Centre in mid-October 2010. It aims to attract a broad audience including clinicians and academics. For further information, please contact Alin Achim, Programme Co-Chair: alin.achim@bristol.ac.uk

BVI strengthens links with Cardiff

 Postgraduate students, postdoctoral researchers, and supervisors from the universities of Bristol and Cardiff, met in Cardiff in July 2010 for the [Bristol-Cardiff Young Vision Researchers' Colloquium](#).

Groups from UWE and Bath also presented at the meeting, which showcased vision research across all disciplines. Special thanks to the Cardiff School of Psychology for hosting the event.

A new time for the BVI Seminar Series

From October 2010, BVI Seminars will be held on alternate Wednesdays from 16:00-17:00, and will be followed by informal drinks. This move follows consultation within BVI to determine the most appropriate time. If you would like to give a seminar in the autumn term, or you would like to suggest an external speaker with broad appeal across BVI, please email the BVI Postdoctoral Representative, Sion Hannuna: hannuna@cs.bris.ac.uk

Important changes to the BVI management team

The current BVI Facilitator, Jane Hallett, will be taking a 6-month secondment into Research and Enterprise Development (RED), from September 2010 to February 2011. During this period, all correspondence should be directed to Dave Bull, Director of BVI: dave.bull@bristol.ac.uk

[Professor Richard Langton Gregory, 1923 – 2010](#)

Richard Gregory, CBE, DSc, FRSE, FRS and Emeritus Professor of Neuropsychology, died peacefully on 17 May 2010 after suffering a stroke. His family and close friends were with him. Richard formally retired when he reached his 65th birthday in 1988, and a 'Gregoryfest' was held in his honour. However, his retirement was purely notional and he remained at his desk in Experimental Psychology until a few days before his death. The [BVI Symposium](#) in December 2009 celebrated the failure of Richard to retire 21 years earlier (*see photos right*). Richard's achievements are too numerous to outline here – it is best to think of him as a unique interdisciplinary thinker before that word became trendy. Tom Troscianko



Please let us know what you think and forward your suggestions for future newsletters to: dave.bull@bristol.ac.uk