



Newsletter

Dear Exciton Enthusiasts,

News

Yi-Bing's departure:

[Yi-Bing Cheng](#), Chief Investigator, has departed from our Centre following his resignation from Monash University. He was farewelled by a gathering of 160 people at Monash on 26 April. Yi-Bing has been a great asset to our Centre, forging and developing relationships with labs in China, being part of the successful Centre proposal to the Australian Research Council and being a powerhouse for publications.

We wish Yi-Bing the best in his future endeavours and look forward to working with him.

Centre Advisory Board changes

Professor [Margaret Sheil](#) resigned as Provost at the University of Melbourne, which has meant stepping down from our Centre Advisory Board (CAB). We wish her all the best in her new position as Vice Chancellor of QUT and welcome [Mark Considine](#) as the new chair of the CAB.

International Science Advisory Board changes

[Alan Heeger](#) has resigned from his position on the ISAC. We are delighted to have Professor [Elsa Reichmanis](#) from Georgia Institute of Technology in the USA on board to replace him.

New Outreach and Education Manager

We are looking forward to [Emma Donnelly](#) commencing as the Centre's new Outreach & Education Manager on 25 May 2018. Emma will be based at UNSW. Please make her feel welcome.

Chemistry Dulux prize

Congratulations to [Dingchen Wen](#) (University of Melbourne) who has won the 2018 Chemistry Dulux prize.

Fame Lab

All hope is riding on Dr [Pegah Maasoumi](#) (University of Melbourne), who is a finalist in "Fame Lab", the leading national science communication competition, which takes place this weekend in Perth.

Events

11 May 2018 - Physics in the Pub

Physicists will be presenting their science at [The Undertaker, Hawthorn](#). Exciton Science is a sponsor.

16 & 17 May 2018 - International Day of Light

Professor [Kylie Catchpole](#) is in Melbourne and will talk about “The Bright Future of Solar Energy” at the University of Melbourne (16 May at 5.15pm) and Monash University (17 May, time tba).

1 June 2018 - UniMelb NanoScience Lab Opening

If you are in Melbourne join us for food and drink to get together and celebrate the opening of the new NanoScience Laboratory at the Chemistry Building, Masson Drive, University of Melbourne. Invitation attached.

Contact [Johanna Monk](#) by email – monkj@unimelb.edu.au for catering numbers.

17 & 18 June 2018 - Exciton Science Research Meeting Sydney

Chief Investigators and post docs are to get together to discuss the research happening across the centre.

6, 7, 8 & 9 August 2018 Island Physics – Advancing Quantum technologies in Australia

Magnetic Island, Queensland

Exciton Science is a sponsor of this event.

21, 22 & 23 September 2018 - Entrepreneurial Bootcamp

Annual Workshop Training

The Wade Institute and Exciton Science will join forces to provide Exciton researchers with entrepreneurial education that is hands-on and experiential, and gives researchers the tools, skills and know-how they need to gain greater confidence in commercialising their research expertise.

Do you need more detail? Talk to your Ops team member and let them know that you'd like to participate because places are limited.

24, 25, 26 September 2018 Exciton Science Annual Workshop

The Arts Centre, Melbourne

Chief Investigators have identified who is to be invited from their group and the ops staff will be in contact shortly to let you know how to register.

Jobs

New positions – please let your colleagues know

1. [Post Doctoral Fellowship](#)
There is a 2-year post-doctoral position in Machine Learning and Computational Materials Discovery of Photovoltaic Materials at RMIT. [Insert link]
2. [PhD – Upconverter spectroscopy](#)
3. [PhD – Atomic Force Spectroscopy](#)
4. [Work Experience Program](#)
The Centre and CSIRO are offering a paid, “work experience” program.

Have a great weekend.