

RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Summary of meeting

June 15th, 2015

Attendees:

Prof. Yan Fyodorov, Director of Research (*Chair*)
Maria Dlugosch, Research & Enterprise Manager (*Secretary*)
Jo Young, School Manager
Prof. T. Prellberg (representing Prof. B. Khoruzhenko)
Prof. Bill Jackson
Prof. Cho-Ho Chu
Prof. Christian Beck (Head of Dynamical Systems and Statistical Physics Group)
Prof. Alexander Gnedin (Head of Group, Probability and Applications)
Dr. Heiko Grossman (Head of Group, Statistics and Data Analysis)
Dr. Rainer Klages (Director of Postgraduate Research Studies)
Dr. Wolfram Just (Impact Champion)
Dr. Alessandro Fiasconaro (Postdoc Representative)

ITEM 1: Apologies

Prof. Boris Khoruzhenko, Prof. Vito Latora

ITEM 2: MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- Minutes agreed for accuracy
- Layperson summaries of research activities: will be resumed (YF/JY)

ITEM 3: OPEN ACCESS POLICY

- Short presentation given by Sarah Malloy
- Presentation is attached to minutes

ITEM 4: EU FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- Presentation given by Vicky Byers, EU Grants office
- Horizon2020: key opportunity – different calls depending on career situation. EU puts key emphasis on scientific excellence
- Sept 10th: deadline for Marie-Curie Fellowships (MSCA), all those who are interested in submitting an application should contact Vicky Byers or Greg Dow as soon as possible to discuss the process

ITEM 5: PIPELINE

- Maria Dlugosch presented new research spreadsheets
- MD will be leaving QMUL at the end of the month, for any grant-related inquiries please contact Jo Young until a successor for the post is being announced

ITEM 6: GROUP HIGHLIGHTS

- Short descriptions of groups research highlights have been submitted by all Heads of Group

- YF reiterated that an emphasis should be put on future plans to apply for research funding.

ITEM 7: RESEARCH STRATEGY DOCUMENT

- New version of the strategy document has been distributed to all Heads of Group
- The document was re-iterated after the REF results were being made public
- YF compared the results of the School to the median of the Russell Group Universities
- Main concern: only 17% of our research publications is rated as 4*
- Wolfgang Just insisted that the analysis of REF results should include a look at the resources as well (eg. Number of support staff)
- In both impact and PhDs awarded, SMS is lagging behind the other Russell Group Universities
- R. Klages brought up that the distribution of postgrad funding within the College needs to be addressed