

News of Members

Vice Chancellor of Oxford Brookes

Congratulations to Professor Alistair Fitt FIMA, a co-opted member of Council, who became the Vice Chancellor of Oxford Brookes University on 1 February 2015.

Professor Fitt's prior role at Oxford Brookes was Pro Vice Chancellor for Research and Knowledge Exchange, and before that he worked at the University of Southampton for 22 years, latterly as the Head of the School of Mathematics and then Pro Vice Chancellor, International. In 2014, he was listed as a developer/translational scientist in the Science Council's 100 leading practising scientists.

Professor Alistair Fitt commented, 'It is a great honour to be appointed as the Vice Chancellor of Oxford Brookes University. I am extremely passionate about Brookes and what it stands for – it is no secret that this University is a very special place.'

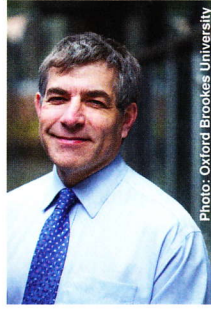


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Controversy in Science Film

The *Philosophical Transactions* of the Royal Society is the world's oldest science journal and was first published in March 1665. In order to commemorate its 350th birthday, the Royal Society asked Dr Paul Williams FIMA to present a short film about controversy in science.



Dr Paul Williams
Royal Society University Research Fellow
University of Reading

Dr Williams looks at why accurate data are critical for the scientific record with Professor Geoffrey Boulton FRS. The film can be seen at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=qR5pJHGxPDMe

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Branch Information

Members are allocated to a branch according to their correspondence address. There are seven active branches where members have formed a committee to organise meetings of various kinds. Branch meetings are open without charge to all members of the Institute, their guests and others. Where the publication dates for *Mathematics Today* permit, details of meetings are given here. Other information is sent to branch members by email and information also appears in the Activities section of the IMA website: www.ima.org.uk

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North West Branch

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Analysing Complex Systems: is Simulation Always the Only or Best Way? by Mike Tanner (Mitan Ltd) on Wednesday 15 April 2015, at 6pm, in Room E32, John Dalton Building, MMU.

AGM and Presidential Address: The Potential and Challenges for Mathematics: Teaching and Learning in the Digital Age by Professor Dame Celia Hoyles DBE on Thursday 21 May 2015, at 5.45pm, in Room E32, John Dalton Building, MMU.

Scottish Branch

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Presidential Address: The Potential and Challenges for Mathematics: Teaching and Learning in the Digital Age by Professor Dame Celia Hoyles DBE on Monday 16 March 2015, at 7pm, in the International Centre for Mathematical Sciences in Edinburgh.

Big data, networks and the Internet of things: a mathematician's perspective by Des Higham on Monday 2 November 2015, at 7pm, at Tron Theatre, 63 Trongate, Glasgow G1 5HB (further details tba). **Joint meeting with Café Scientifique.**

West Midlands Branch

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Powers of Two by Kirsty Wan (Cambridge) on Tuesday 28 April 2015, at 6pm, at University of Birmingham (Room tba).

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