Welcome to the fourth MIGSAA Newsletter, keeping you informed about our students, research and all the other things that happen at MIGSAA.

MIGSAA Recruitment Events
Two successful Recruitment Days resulted in the twelve MIGSAA places being filled by end of April 2016. Of the 12; 3 are female, 9 male; 4 are EU/Overseas and 8 UK.

MIGSAA’s 2nd Advisory Board
On 23 and 24 February, the MIGSAA Advisory Board took place. Current students gave magnificent presentations to the Board Members, who commented at the meeting that they were particularly impressed and suggested MIGSAA using students to present to Undergraduate courses to inspire academic career progression, and as a webcast recruitment tool. The meeting was a valuable forum to discuss overseas and European academic experiences in funding and recruitment, as well as MIGSAA specific matters.

Selex ES Site Visit
Highlight of the month was the visit to Selex ES for a site excursion to one of our industry collaborators. Students were shown around the premises and got a greater insight into the practicalities of an industrial setting. They were thoroughly excited by this experience, even though some of them have an academic career in mind, it was a very useful event.
Residential Symposium

The first Residential Symposium at The Burn in Edzell, Glenesk, was a delightful event. First year students gave excellent presentations on their extended projects, showing practical and theoretical mathematical impacts. There were interesting results appearing in the presentations given by the second year students on their research findings, and are proving themselves to be professional, dedicated researchers. Staff reported that all students had done exceptionally well. Everyone enjoyed walks in the beautiful countryside and games in the gardens, luckily the sun shone for the stay making it a refreshing experience.

Industrial placement news!

One of the second year students started his Industrial Placement with Moody's Analytics UK Ltd., on a three month contract in Edinburgh. MIGSAA plans to expand and develop its industrial and business base for further interdisciplinary collaborations.

Looking forward

The 2015 Cohort are immersed in their extended projects and will give final presentations on Wednesday 20th July in Lecture Theatre 2.13, The Old Infirmary, 12.30 pm – 5 pm. Hand in of projects will be 31st July 2016.

Second year students are enjoying various academic and generic skills courses, conferences and colloquia, gathering a wide range of useful skills. They will use their practical knowledge to guide the 1st year students in the organisation of MIGSAA’s second Colloquium, scheduled for 23 September 2017 in the Newhaven Lecture Theatre, 15 South College Street. Watch this space!

Forthcoming MIGSAA sponsored events/dates for the diary:

- Fluid Mechanics course, 13 – 15 September, ICMS, 15 South College Street
- Random Graphs and Their Theories, 17 – 22 April 2017, venue to be confirmed
- 3rd MIGSAA Evolution Equations course, April 2017, date and venue to be determined.

Thanks for reading,
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