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THE ESRF USERS' MEETING FOCUSES ON THE UPGRADE



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The ESRF annual Users' Meeting and its satellite workshops brought together more than 400 users on 5-7 February at the European Light Source. The meeting focused on the latest developments and challenges of the Upgrade Programme and it included two workshops on time-resolved and in-situ catalyst research with X-rays and on structural and molecular biology of host-pathogen interactions.

"Nano" was one of the main topics at the ESRF 18th Users' Meeting. Science at the nanometre scale was the main theme of the plenary session. Ian Robinson, from the London Centre for Nanotechnology, gave a keynote lecture on the use of "Coherent X-ray diffraction for materials research in nanoscience". Before that, the management of the ESRF presented the latest news from the facility and its plans for the developments of beamlines and accelerator and source in view of the Upgrade Programme. The meeting also included parallel discussion sessions about the future directions of the institute in the different fields and a joint poster session.

YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD

The Brookhaven National Lab physicist Stuart Wilkins, formerly a scientist at the beamline ID20 at the ESRF, is the 2008 winner of the Young Scientist Award. This prize recognises "his work on x-ray scattering studies of strongly correlated systems, and in particular transition metal oxides". Since 2003 Stuart Wilkins has published 25 papers in which it appears that at least some data has been collected at the ESRF, and he was either first or second author on more than half of these publications.

NEW HEAD OF USERS' OFFICE

The head of the ESRF Users' Office, Roselyn Mason, will retire in spring. Her successor is Joanne McCarthy, who knows well the ESRF since she comes from a position as beamline operation manager at the ESRF MX beamlines.

THEORY GROUP GETS NEW HEAD

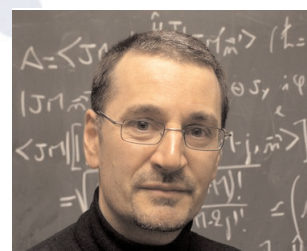
Patrick Bruno has just joined the ESRF as the Head of the Theory group.

Before coming to Grenoble, Bruno was Director at the Max-Planck Institute for Microstructure Physics in Halle (Germany) since 1998,

where, when time allowed him, he also carried out his research on magnetism in solid state systems.

Now Bruno has the challenge of building up the theory group at the ESRF, both in terms of staff and fields of study.

Magnetism, dynamics in nanostructures and condensed matter physics will be important research lines. In 2007 Bruno received the Leibniz Prize of the German Research Foundation (DFG).



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