

Happy St. David's Day Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Hapus

[National Science and Engineering Week 2007](#) is on between 9 and 18 March. To celebrate the start of NSEW in Wales, there is an [official launch at the Wales Millennium Centre](#) in Cardiff Bay, on Friday 9 March.

If you have taken part or organised any event as part of NSEW then please let me know any details of how it went so that I can include it in the April e-bulletin (Angharad.Thomas@iop.org).

Thank you and best wishes – Diolch a dymuniadau gorau

Angharad

News in Brief

Newyddion yn Fyr

The heads of the agencies responsible for funding British science have told BBC News [that ring-fenced money for research should not be diverted to pay for failures at the Department of Trade and Industry](#).

Experience first hand how science is reported by spending 3-8 weeks on a summer placement gaining experience of working within a media organisation. Come away better equipped to communicate your research and expertise to the public and your colleagues. The [BA Media Fellowships](#) are intended to create a greater awareness and understanding of the workings of the media among practising scientists, clinicians, social scientists and engineers.

Do you know someone who just can't stop talking about science or technology? Why not encourage them to enter [NESTA FameLab](#)? NESTA FameLab is an exciting national competition to find the new voices of UK science and engineering. They are looking for talented people who have the ability to share both their enthusiasm and knowledge with the public. The 2007 winner will win £2000, a two-week internship with Channel 4 and a host of speaking engagements.

The Government has launched a website, telephone helpline and network of National Contact Points for the [EU's Seventh R&D Framework Programme \(FP7\)](#). The aim is to

raise awareness of the programme, highlight potential opportunities for UK organisations and provide information and advice, in order to maintain the UK's strong position in the face of increasing international competition for the best researchers and research investments. UK organisations have traditionally done well in the programme and secured significant levels of funding. In the previous programme, FP6, the UK received 15% of the overall funding, second only to Germany. FP7 will run 2007-2013, with a budget of 53.2b euros, which represents the third largest item in the overall EU budget.

Britain gets [nuclear waste warning](#) from energy chiefs.

A line of 13 towers in the Andes mountains has been revealed as a [2300-year-old solar observatory](#).

[Stephen Hawking](#) is to experience weightlessness for 25 seconds on 26 April in a space flight paid for by Richard Branson.

[University funding to rise by 6%](#).

[There is a rise in UK students gaining first degrees in SET](#).

Institute of Physics in Wales

Sefydliad Ffiseg yng Nghymru

Dr Mark Lewney's physics show, "Rock Guitar in 11 Dimensions", is on in Techniquet at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13 March. £3 reserved tickets, £4 on the door.

Mobile Careers 2007 - Do you want to re-evaluate your skills and position in the job market? Are you uncertain about your career path? Are you returning to work? This autumn there will be an opportunity to have one-to-one appointments with a qualified careers adviser. If you wish to pre-register your interest then please e-mail Vishanti.Lall@iop.org. More information about dates and location will be available in the next e-bulletin. To see what the careers service at the Institute can offer visit the [website](#).

Institute of Physics

Sefydliad Ffiseg

Key Insight Business Briefing: "[Science challenges and priorities across Government – insight from chief scientific advisers](#)" – 15 May 2007. This KIBB event will be held from 4.30-9.30pm on 15 May 2007 at the Institute of Physics, London. The speakers are three Chief Scientific Advisors: Sir Gordon Conway (DfID), Professor Brian Collins (DfT) and Sir Howard Dalton (Defra) who will be exploring challenges and opportunities for science. Professor Michael Kelly (DCLG) will join the panel for a discussion session and the evening will conclude with a private dinner.

[Forthcoming Institute Conferences](#)

[What's on in Physics](#)

physicsweb events listing which lists [all physics related events](#).

Useful Links

Cysylltiadau Defnyddiol

[EPSRC](#) – Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council

[PPARC](#) – Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council

[HEFCW](#) – Higher Education Funding Council for Wales

[DTI](#) – Department of Trade and Industry

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[The National Assembly for Wales](#) / [Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru](#)

[The Welsh Assembly Government](#) / [Llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru](#)

[European Commission – Research](#)