

Now is the month of maying

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This is an exciting month for Physics:

- 1) [Institute of Physics in Wales AGM](#) on 22 May – this is the first time the Chief Executive of the Institute of Physics has addressed the Welsh Branch and therefore the Welsh Branch and I are hoping for a large turnout. This is your chance to influence the Institute of Physics in Wales. For more details see below or click on the above link.
- 2) The Assembly Elections were on 3 May – the [Campaign for Science & Engineering in the UK](#) asked the Party Leaders in Wales three questions about their science policies. Their responses can be read by clicking [here](#).

Best wishes – Dymuniadau gorau

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News in Brief

Newyddion yn Fyr

Astronomers have found the most [Earth-like planet](#) outside our Solar System to date, a world which could have water running on its surface.

[Proposed changes to the National Curriculum](#) for science for pupils aged 11–14 are happening too fast to be successfully implemented warned SCORE – a partnership of scientific learned societies, science teachers and other key science organisations.

The [brightest supernova ever seen](#) has been observed by Nasa's orbiting Chandra X-ray telescope. The enormous star explosion released about 100 times more energy than a typical supernova and at its peak was 100 000 million times brighter than the sun.

[Bats fly in a completely different way from birds](#), according to new research that modelled the aerodynamics of their flight. The research team now intends to model bat flight more precisely. This could provide insights that could be useful for designing artificial bat wings for aircraft, to improve their aerodynamic performance.

MPs have warned against the European Commission trying to wrestle control of higher education from member states. The education select committee has [urged the government to safeguard the interests of UK universities](#).

Institute of Physics in Wales

Sefydliad Ffiseg yng Nghymru

The [Annual General Meeting of the Institute of Physics in Wales](#) will take place on Tuesday 22 May in the David Morgan room, [Wales Millennium Centre](#), Cardiff. The meeting will start promptly at 4.45pm with a presentation from the Chief Executive of the Institute of Physics, Dr Robert Kirby-Harris.

The Institute of Physics in Wales is at the [National Eisteddfod of Wales](#) this year! We will have some exhibits from *Lab in a Lorry* and an Institute stand with some small demos (<http://www.physics.org/hostedpages/physicstogo/tricks.asp>). If any members would like to help out during the week (4-11 August), anything from half a day to the whole week, then I'd be very grateful.

[Mobile Careers 2007](#) – members of the Institute are entitled to use the careers service regardless of their employment status. A careers adviser can provide advice on a range of topics including: changing careers; redundancy; taking a career break; retiring and updating your CV. The careers advisor will be at Swansea on 10 October and in Cardiff on 11 October. For more details and to register click [here](#).

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Sefydliad Ffiseg

[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](#)

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