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The eagle-eyed among you will have noticed that there was no July 2008 e-bulletin sent by email but it was available online at [www.iopwales.org](http://www.iopwales.org)! For the July e-bulletin and to find out more about what was going on at the National Eisteddfod, click [here](#).

Thank you very much to those kind volunteers that helped out at our stand at the National Eisteddfod of Wales in Cardiff at the beginning of August. We received very positive feedback regarding our stand and hopefully a lot more people are now aware of the fun of physics!

23 September 2008 is a date for your diary – the launch of the IOP Member's Network – [myIOP](#).

If you have anything that you think you would like covered in these e-bulletins, or anything you feel the Institute should be doing this year then please drop me an e-mail [Angharad.Thomas@iop.org](mailto:Angharad.Thomas@iop.org).

Best wishes – Dymuniadau gorau

*Angharad*

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## News in brief

## Newyddion yn fyr

NASA's newest telescope is ready to start its hard work. The [Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope](#) (formerly known as GLAST) has mapped the sky and produced an image of the full sky including the Milky Way, pulsars and much more.

A-level grades and the UCAS point-scoring system, which treats all subjects as equally difficult, have been tarnished by new research. Durham University published a report commissioned by the Institute and the Royal Society which compared the relative difficulty of A-levels and GCSEs. For further information click [here](#).

[A computer virus is in orbit around the Earth!](#) NASA has confirmed that laptops taken onboard the International Space Station were infected by a computer virus known as Gammima.AG.

The Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) has completed and published the results of its [Programmatic Review](#). Three months of consultation resulted in more than 1400 submissions being made to STFC from members of the research community.

[Ice may disappear from the North Pole this year](#). A report in [The Independent](#) discusses research by polar scientists.

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## Institute of Physics in Wales

## Sefydliad Ffiseg yng Nghymru

We have a new branch chair, secretary and treasurer here in Wales, but I'll let Roger tell you all about it in the next newsletter! I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Zbig, Mike and Iestyn (the outgoing members of the committee) for all their hard work.

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## Institute of Physics

## Sefydliad Ffiseg

Did you know we have a presence on [YouTube](#)! For videos relating to the IOP and for links to other interesting physics videos click [here](#).

For current information about the Wakeham review click [here](#).

[Forthcoming Institute conferences](#)

[What's on in physics](#)

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

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## Events in Wales    Digwyddiadau yng Nghymru

The [IET Wales North Prestige Lecture](#) is being held on 24 September 2008 at Venue Cymru, Llandudno. The speakers are Prof. Nigel W. John and Dr. Jonathan C. Roberts Of, Bangor University and their presentations are "Virtual Reality In Medicine – How close are we to Star Trek?" and "Can You Touch Your Data" respectively.

This event isn't in Wales but it is within a stone's throw! [The BA Festival of Science](#) is on in Liverpool from 6-11 September 2008. With around 200 events and exhibitions taking place at the University of Liverpool and across the city, there's something for everyone to enjoy – from unique street theatre and family activities to the latest research news. Click [here](#) for more information.

For information on what's going on in Wales – have a look at "[What's on Wales](#)" or "[Golwg ar Gymru](#)".

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## Useful Links

## Cysylltiadau Defnyddiol

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

[STFC](#) – Science and Technology Facilities Council

[HEFCW](#) – Higher Education Funding Council for Wales / Cyngor Cyllido Addysg Uwch Cymru

[bbc.co.uk/wales](http://bbc.co.uk/wales) / [bbc.co.uk/cymru](http://bbc.co.uk/cymru) – BBC Wales / BBC Cymru website

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

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

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