The day finally arrived. It was the day when we celebrate the success and hard work of our students. Graduation day! The Cathedral of Guildford was well attended, with parents, friends and close ones, taking pictures and watching the academic procession. The Pro-Chancellor Baroness Bottomley of Nettlestone presented the awards and conferment of Honorary and First Degrees.

In this year’s cohort, there were 53 graduates on the programme of BSc in Computer Science, one graduate in BSc in Computer Science and Engineering, 20 graduates for the programme of BSc in Computing and Information Technology, and 35 for the joint 2+2 programme with Dongbei University of Finance and Economics (DUFE) in China. The ceremony also provided the perfect opportunity to announce those who have excelled in their studies. Here is the list of prize winners of the Department of Computing:

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| The Department of Energy and Climate Change Prize             | • Alexander James Robert Greenland  
| Best performance on any of the BSc Computing programmes in the final year | • Natasha Jane Morgan |
| The Fivium Prize                                             | • Alexander James Robert Greenland |
| Best overall performance by a final year Computing student on the FHEQ6 module, Enterprise Systems Development. | |
| The IBM Prize                                                | • Theo Max Grimshaw  
| Best final year first semester performance on the BSc Computer Science programme. | • James Rumble |
| The IBM Prize                                                | • William Hughes  
| Excellent placement year performance on a BSc programme in the Department of Computing. | • Andrew Smith  
| • Daniel Charles Taylor |
| The Thoughtified Prize                                       | • Natasha Jane Morgan |
| Best demonstration of web innovation in a final year project of any undergraduate programme in the Department of Computing. | |
| The Department of Computing Prize                             | • William Hughes  
| Best project.                                                | • Nikola Loncar |
| The Department of Computing Prize                             | • Thomas David Arthey |
| Best all round performance.                                  | |

This memorable day was concluded by a “tea and cake” reception hosted at the Department of Computing to have one last opportunity to catch up with lecturers. The well attended tea party was a success, given that it was run for the first time and lasted much longer than it was intended for! For some students, it all ended where it all started: in our seminar room, which traditionally hosts our applicant/open days. We hope that you will leave Surrey with happy memories. Keep in touch via our Facebook. Special thanks to those who attended and to the Alumni team for the Department of Computing, under the leadership of Dr Lilian Tang.
Dr Helen Treharne awarded Fellowship

Dr Helen Treharne has recently been awarded a Royal Academy of Engineering/The Leverhulme Trust Senior Research Fellowship during 2013-2014. The fellowship is for seven months and will enable Dr Helen Treharne to focus on research on the topic of formal modelling technology for the analysis of European Rail Traffic Management Systems. A full list of all current and completed Royal Academy of Engineering/The Leverhulme Trust Senior Research Fellowships can be found at http://www.raeng.org.uk/research/researcher/leverhulme/current.htm.

Prof Alan Woodward commented for BBC on NSA Prism program

Alan Woodward, a cyber security expert and a visiting professor of the Department, commented for BBC on Prism, a software program allegedly used by US National Security Agency to collect private information from many internet firms including Google, Apple and Facebook. Alan told BBC that it’s not new that the authorities routinely snoop on internet traffic but he thinks the authorities are normally more interested in collecting information about foreigners.

Baroness Onora O’Neill at University of Surrey

Baroness Onora O’Neill gave a keynote lecture entitled “Trustworthiness before Trust” at the University of Surrey on July 18th 2013. This talk was also the keynote lecture of the VoteID 2013 conference, the 4th International Conference on e-Voting and Identity organised by Professor Steve Schneider and Dr. James Heather from the Department of Computing. Baroness O’Neill, a distinguished philosopher and politician, gave the 2002 BBC Reith Lectures “A Question of Trust”, and is working on accountability and trust among her many interests. She currently chairs the Equality and Human Rights Commission, and has been a member of the House of Lords since 1999.

Prof Anthony TS Ho presented invited talk at ACM IH & MMSEC 2013

Prof Anthony TS Ho was invited to give one of the three keynote talks at the 1st ACM Workshop on Information Hiding and Multimedia Security (IH & MMSEC 2013). This workshop was a merger of two well established events in the field of multimedia security (IH and ACM MM&Sec) and was held in Montpellier, France from 17th to 19th June, 2013. The title of Prof Ho’s talk was “On the Inter-twining of Information Hiding and Multimedia Security: A Personal Perspective” and an abstract of his talk can be found at http://ihmmsec.org/index.php/invitedspeakers.

Prof Jin elected VP of IEEE Computational Intelligence Society

Professor Yaochu Jin was elected Vice President for Technical Activities of the IEEE Computational Intelligence Society (IEEE CIS) at the Annual Administrative Committee meeting of IEEE CIS held in June 2013 in Cancun, Mexico. According to the IEEE CIS Bylaws, Vice President for Technical Activities is responsible for organizing, promoting, and monitoring the technical activities of the Society. His term starts in January 2014 for a duration of two years.

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