



Sent on behalf of Professor Perumal Nithiarasu, Associate Dean for Research, Innovation and Impact

Dear Colleagues,

Please read below about some of the Faculty's most recent success stories. We would particularly like to see more from our Professional Services staff for the next email!

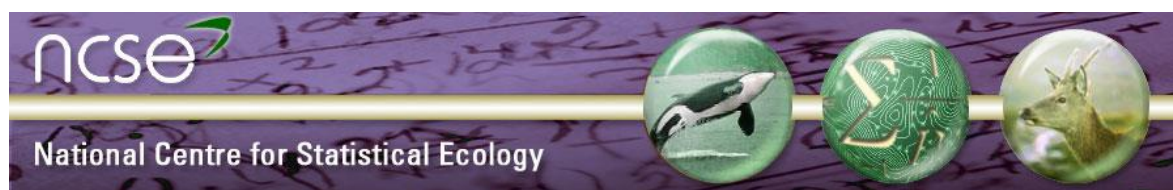
Staff News

Active Healthy Kids (V5.0) Global Active Play Quality Indicator Group

[Professor Gareth Stratton](#) has been appointed to chair the Active Healthy Kids (V5.0) Global Active Play Quality Indicator Group, a key leadership role in shaping the International Active Healthy Kids Report Card to be launched in Mexico in October 2026.

Active Healthy Kids (AHK) is a global alliance of 71 countries committed to advancing children's health through evidence-based physical activity promotion. As an inaugural member of the Global Alliance, AHK-Wales, led by [Professor Stratton](#) and [Dr Amie Richards](#), plays a pivotal role in contributing Welsh expertise, research, and innovation to this influential international initiative.

New Director of the National Centre for Statistical Analysis (NCSE)



[Luca Borger](#), Professor of Ecology and Biodiversity at the Department of Biosciences and co-Director of the Centre for Biomathematics, has been recently elected as Director of the National Centre for Statistical Analysis (NCSE), through an online vote among all members. The NCSE (<https://ncse.uk/>), founded in 2005, is a prestigious interdisciplinary research centre for statistical ecology, with membership comprising key institutions and researchers in statistics, mathematics and ecology in the UK and internationally.

CISM Semiconductor Research Institute Highlights



Since January 2025, The CISM Semiconductor Research Institute has engaged in site visits, tours, conferences and outreach activities. The CISM RI has hosted guests from both academia and industry from all over the world, and curated multiple outreach days and events both on and offsite. Below is a snapshot of activities between January and August 2025.

Highlights 2025

65 onsite meetings/visits/tours

27 outreach events (including involvement in 8 conferences/symposiums both onsite and online)

4 onsite lectures

17 outreach events (including 7 school visits)

Notable events

Royce Cleanroom Course (21-27 January): Twenty participants from Universities and Industry attended this bespoke course and built devices in CISM's cleanroom with guidance from the CISM and Royce Process Teams.

Kieran Richards Python Course (5 March to 2 April): Kieran ran a series of Python Workshops available to all CISM/SPECIFIC/ESRI PGR's, running from 5th March to 2nd of April.

PVSAT (2-4 April): This 2.5 day event took place in the Great Hall on Bay Campus. The conference included invited talks (including several by Swansea University researchers) and an industry exhibition. There were over 100 attendees.

IOP Physics World Podcast (April 2025): [Paul Meredith](#) was a guest on IOP's *Physics World* Podcast covering key messages for our university and regional semiconductor community.

EESW School Outreach (March to July 2025): Organized by [Professor Owen Guy](#), students from local junior and secondary schools visited CISM for tours, VR engagement, and talks from staff.

Physics Society Outreach/Work Experience (3 July): Swansea University Physics students learned about cleanroom process and participated in a cleanroom visit.

Space Symposium (17 June): This symposium was comprised of talks from Swansea University researchers and leading UK space companies.

REF2029 Canvas Hub

A reminder that a new Canvas hub has been published. Developed by the REF Officers team, this is a central repository for the REF2029 documentation, guidance, resources and news.

The joining link is <https://canvas.swansea.ac.uk/enroll/BDY36G>. Please enable notifications as this site will be updated with guidance, news, consultations etc as they are received.

Keep in Touch!

If you are aware of any recent achievements to share, either for yourself or for any members of your team, we would love to hear about them! We're interested in stories from academic and professional services communities. Please email any news to **FSE Research** (fse-research@swansea.ac.uk). **Deadline for submissions: 20th of each month.**

If you would like to promote a research event on the FSE Events webpage, please contact fse-research@swansea.ac.uk

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