



## **President's Report (AGM 2005)**

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Emerging from a recent period of inactivity, STAMP has been regaining momentum since the start of semester two 2004. The appointment of a new organising committee has seen a number of new initiatives aimed at enhancing the postgraduate experience in the Department. Regular meetings of postgrads have become a mainstay, forming the basis for a stronger social network and a forum to discuss STAMP events. Additionally, with a more cohesive postgraduate student body, responsibilities such as participating in information sessions and departmental committees have been shared across the group.

During semester two 2004, STAMP held student seminars, information sessions on IT skills and post-doctoral academic possibilities, as well as several social events. Positive feedback encouraged plans to continue and expand STAMP's activities in 2005.

This year so far:

- STAMP has actively participated in the induction of new students, both postgraduate and honours.
- Regular meetings of postgraduates have continued, being expanded to include honours students.
- Planning is underway for a significant careers event highlighting the post-doctoral possibilities in industry.
- STAMP has continued to build its contribution to the undergraduate community; participating in Departmental course advice sessions and the Honours Mentoring Scheme. Through these efforts, STAMP members are helping to encourage and retain current undergraduates in the Department.

Ideas for future STAMP events will continue to be discussed and implemented throughout the year.

The contribution of committee members to the running of STAMP in my absence is gratefully acknowledged.