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COLLEGE NOTICE

NEW HEADS FOR THE DEPARTMENTS OF BIOENGINEERING AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

The College is pleased to announce the appointment of new Heads for the Department of Bioengineering and the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

Professor Ross Ethier will join the College on 1st August 2007 as Head of the Department of Bioengineering. He is currently Director of the Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering at the University of Toronto. His research interests include the biomechanics of molecules, cells and whole organs; numerical and experimental studies of blood flow in large arteries and the study of the haemodynamic basis of arterial disease; the outflow of aqueous humour within the eye, as related to the problem of glaucoma; and the mechanical and cellular response of optic nerve tissues to intraocular pressure in glaucoma. Professor Ethier has been recognised many times in his career for both his research and teaching achievements and in 2006 was elected a Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He will succeed Professor Chris Hankin, who has been Acting Head of Department since the death of Professor John Lever.

Professor Tony Kinloch FCGI, FREng, FRS will become Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering on 1st October 2007. He is Chair of the Mechanics of Materials research group in Mechanical Engineering and has published over two hundred patents and refereed papers in the areas of adhesion and adhesives, toughened polymers and the fracture of polymers and fibre-composites. In his time at the College some sixty-five students have completed their MSc and PhD theses under his supervision. Prior to joining the College, Professor Kinloch worked for twelve years at the Ministry of Defence as a research scientist, leading a group on advanced materials and energetic materials. In 1997 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering and earlier this year was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society. He succeeds Professor Nick Cumpsty FREng.

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