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In September Macquarie researchers working on laser written waveguides for use in all-optical data networks took home a Highly Commended award in the Innovations and Inventions category of the national Engineering Excellence Awards 2007. Pictured (left to right) are Tony Smeeton of Davies Collison Cave intellectual property firm, Associate Professor Michael Withford and Martin Ams. Other members of the team are Dr Alexander Fuerbach, Dr Graham Marshall and Dr Peter Dekker.

Private sector marketing executive Caroline Trotman commenced in the role of Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development and External Relations) at the end of October and was soon joined by Executive Director of Institutional Advancement, Peter Leunig who comes to Macquarie from the University of Western Australia.

Venkata Gutta of the Department of Electronics explains his work at the annual Lucid Research Expo for Information and Communication Sciences postgraduate students in September, which once again drew a large audience of staff, students and industry representatives.

In October Emma Hopkins (pictured, with Managing Director of Sony Australia, Mr Carl Rose, left, and Dr Craig Freedman, Director of the Centre for Japanese Economic Studies at Macquarie), was announced as a finalist in the 2007 Sony Foundation Scholarship competition.

Available to students completing the Bachelor of Business Administration/Japanese Studies degree, the Scholarship was established by the Sony Foundation to encourage academic excellence amongst Australian students and to provide them with an early assist in their careers.

Emma’s research, which will examine how successful Japanese corporations have been in adopting new approaches to corporate governance which assist productivity and growth, earned her $1000 and put her in the running for the first prize $10,000 one-year scholarship.