Update on Institute initiatives

IOP Business forum
14 June 2012
Summer work placements scheme

- Work placements are recognised as beneficial to both students and companies.
- IOP funds 40 physics undergraduates
- £2000 for 8-week placements with companies in all regions and sectors
- Launched in 2012; 400 applicants in first year
- Placements at Astrium, Unilever, Williams F1
Physics Connect

- A guide to goods and services for physics based organisations
- Lists both traditional “buyers guide” products and facilities and capabilities of universities and other institutions.
- Due late 2012
Lab in a Lorry

- By July:
  - visited 31 schools
  - hosted over 5,300 11-14 yr olds
  - benefitted from over 200 volunteer ‘days’
  - hosted visits by six local MPs including Esther McVey MP and Stephen Mosley MP
  - secured 15 pieces of local and regional media coverage for the project and sponsors
Lab in a Lorry – back in the autumn!

- In the autumn term:
  - Visit 20 schools
  - Host 3000 students
  - Benefit from over 100 volunteer days
  - Continue hosting local MPs and generating media coverage
Lab in a Lorry

- Thanks to STFC for making the current tour of NW England possible
- Actively looking for new funding partners.
- Seeking volunteers for autumn term
- www.labinalorry.org.uk