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What is going on so far...

Miss Judith Ray has left QMUL to go on secondment to Polyintell for 12 months.

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Dr Paolo Bonomi is working as ER at QMUL on a 24 months contract.

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Miss Pinar Cakir from CNRS is working closely with Polyintell on her project.

Forthcoming events

16-20 May 2011

1st IRMED School
Project design
and management
Ile D'Oléron, France

The School will see students and researchers from IRMED joined by colleagues from Cranfield University and Dortmund University for a week of internal training on a variety of topics.

29 June 2011

1st IRMED Meeting
Existing MIPs to market
Paris, France

All IRMED researchers and Principal Investigators will meet in Paris to present their results and discuss progression of the project deliverables. It will be a wonderful opportunity for all teams to engage and exchange views.

The best decision I ever made

Judith ray



try! My first thought was not in a million years! However after some discussions (and encouragement) with my work colleagues I agreed to go - on one condition, that Buster (My dog) came with me!

Two (and a bit!) years later the scary thought began to become a very scary reality! Two months before leaving the country My father and I took a three day trip to Rouen to find

Two and a half years ago, just after I had applied, been interviewed and accepted a PhD With Dr Resmini, she rang me to ask if I would be interested in taking a year out of my Phd to work for a company in France. At this point I had never travelled abroad alone, let alone lived on my own in another coun-



me a home for the next year. We looked at seven different apartments in total but the second apartment I walked into I knew was the one for me and it was next door to the train station! The city itself was beautiful, not like any I have seen in England! After a small melt down over dinner (very embarrassing!) in a restaurant in Place du

Marché, we signed the tenancy agreement and returned to the UK.

On the 3rd of January we packed the entire contents of 'my life' (including the dog!) into two cars...don't ask me how! Buster was sat very high up in the passenger seat of my car on his beanbag, a duvet, two dog beds and several towels – which he loved as he could see out of the window, I however had problems being able to see out of my side mirror as he kept putting his head in the way which became a bigger issue in France when I was on the wrong side of the car/road! We crossed on the Euro-tunnel and made it all the way to Rouen in a little more than five hours. I picked up the keys to my apartment on the 4th of January and did a shopping trip to Ikea to get some furniture. That was the easy bit, I had my flat all set up...now I had to reregister my car and get a phone line/internet so that I had some contact with 'the outside world!' or my family!

My father had been in contact with many people in France before I left (he is fluent in French which turned out to be invaluable!) and had managed to get me step by step instruction to reregistering my car which involved getting a tax redemption certificate from the 'cite administrative' and then stand-

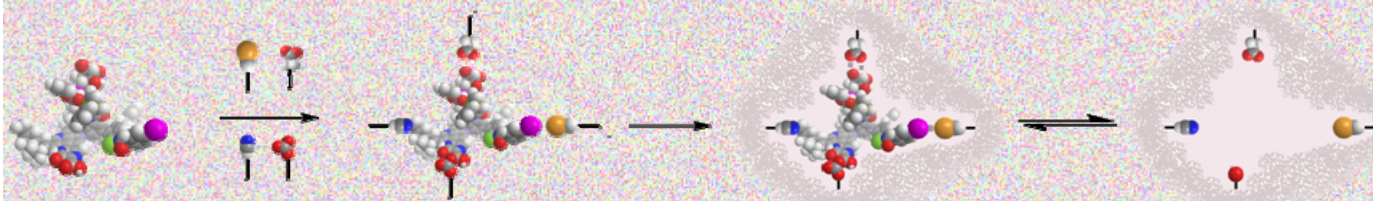
ing in an enormously long queue at the 'Préfecture' to reregister my car and then a trip to a car shop to get some new number plates! All in all I had to communicate with 6 different people, none of which spoke English and I spoke very little French!! But we made ourselves understood and my car is now a proper little 'frenchy!'

After a week of sorting the car/flat I started at POLYINTELL which was a little daunting

at first but all the employees made me feel very welcome and I can't thank Céline enough for all the help she has given me with everything from sorting my train and bus travel to work, to my electricity bills to my car insurance to even taking me swimming every Tuesday! And that is all before she tells me what I need to do work wise! I am now feeling very settled here I have some friends who I have met through Florent at work and often socialise with

at evenings and weekends. My French is improving, albeit slowly, I can say a few phrases, the one I use most is 'Il fait froid' - It is cold (as those who know me, know I am cold most of the time!) Thankfully all my work colleagues and new found friends speak good English, so communication is not so difficult! Time is passing by far too quickly and I will be back in the UK all too soon!





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