Launching BlueCrystal Phase 4, and
Celebrating 10 years of BlueCrystal at Bristol

The Advanced Computing Research Centre (ACRC) will soon be celebrating the launch of BlueCrystal Phase 4, which coincides with 10 years of BlueCrystal at the University of Bristol. To mark this occasion, we will be hosting a launch event on the 24th May that will celebrate the range of research that BlueCrystal has supported over the years.

In the spirit of this occasion, we will be presenting prizes that will recognise the most innovative and exciting research and teaching that has been undertaken using BlueCrystal. We now invite submissions to be considered for these prizes. The winners will be announced and prizes presented by the Vice-Chancellor Hugh Brady at the finale of the launch event. In addition, winners will be featured in promotional material that will be produced after the launch of Phase 4. A number of prizes, including computer tablets provided by OCF/Lenovo (Phase 4's supplier), will be awarded to celebrate individuals or groups from across the full range of research areas supported by BlueCrystal. In particular, the judges will be looking;

- to recognise particularly efficient or novel use of BlueCrystal,
- to highlight impact and innovation, i.e. new lines of research, new software, important papers, new industrial collaboration, or spin-out companies, that were particularly facilitated by BlueCrystal,
- to reward excellent use of BlueCrystal to support teaching and improving the student experience,
- and to promote members of the BlueCrystal community who have been particularly visionary with respect to the adoption of high performance computing in their research field, or who have used the novel technologies available in BlueCrystal to become a thought-leader at a national or international level.

The competition is open to any student, researcher or staff member at Bristol who uses BlueCrystal, both now or at any time in the past, and applications can be made by either individuals, or collectively as a research group. We are equally keen to reward work conducted using BlueCrystal Phases 1 and 2, as to reward work on Phase 3, and to ensure the winners reflect the full diversity of the research fields and career stages of the user community. If you would like to be considered, please send a short (2-page) application to Caroline Gardiner (Caroline.Gardiner@bristol.ac.uk) before 6pm, Thursday 13th April. You are free to format your application as you desire, but you should ensure that you describe your work, which phase(s) of BlueCrystal you used, cite outputs that demonstrate impact, innovation and collaboration, and explain how you feel you and/or your research group satisfy one or more of the judges' criteria. In addition, you should include at least one eye-catching picture that summarises your application.

If you have any questions, then please get in touch by contacting Christopher Woods (Christopher.Woods@bristol.ac.uk).