A robot walks into a bar...



The central photograph of a joke-telling robot that can tailor its repartee while performing a stand-up comedy routine was the overall winner in a national science photography competition organised by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) earlier this year.

The photograph, by Toby Harris, a PhD student at Queen Mary University of London's Cognitive Science Research Group, stole the show ahead of many other stunning pictures, featuring research in action, which were entered into EPSRC's inaugural 2013–2014 Science Photo Competition.

Open to all EPSRC-supported researchers and doctoral students, the competition attracted nearly 300 entries, and provided the opportunity for some of the UK's finest scientists and engineers to share their research through pictures. The results, we think you will agree, are truly impressive.

Not only are the 15 winning entries stunning images in their own right, they help to reflect the breadth of EPSRC's portfolio, which ranges from information technology to structural engineering, chemical biology to high performance computing, and mathematics to materials science.

All fifteen winning images will be exhibited in Room U, Portcullis House, 11.30–14.30, Wednesday 19 November 2014. Contact Sarah.Crew @epsrc.ac.uk if you would like to be sent further details.

They can also be found online along with details of the current competition at

http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/newsevents/events/photocomp2014/

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