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7. The University of Cambridge is one of the world's oldest universities and leading academic centres, and a self-governed community of scholars. Cambridge comprises 31 Colleges and over 150 departments, faculties, schools and other institutions. Its reputation for outstanding academic achievement is known world-wide and reflects the intellectual achievement of its students, as well as the world-class original research carried out by the staff of the University and the Colleges.

8. Cambridge University Centre for Photonic Systems is led by Professor Ian White, assisted by Professor Richard Penty, and is part of the Electrical Division. The aim of the group is to study components and sub-systems for a range of applications, primarily in communications and sensing. The work of the group is in the three main areas of data-communications and RF systems, optical networks and ultrafast photonics. The group has very strong links with Professor Elmighani's group at Leeds, co-operating with him on 3 projects (HIPNET, TINA, INSTANT), and collaborates with a wide range of EU research institutions and industry.

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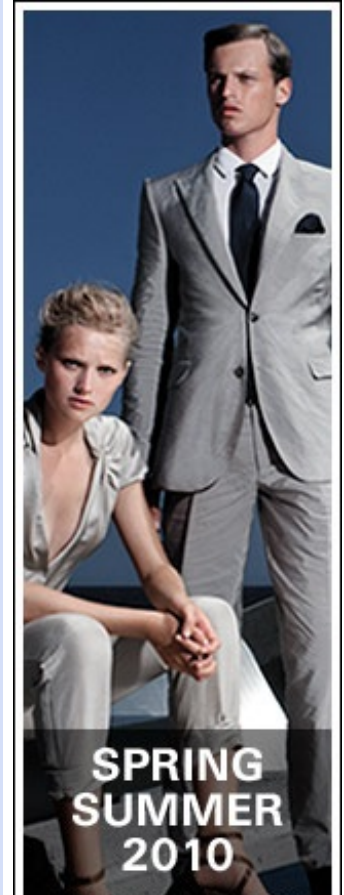
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9. Cambridge University Computer Lab: Led by Professor Andy Hopper, the Computer Laboratory is a department within the University of Cambridge that encompasses Computer Science, along with many aspects of Engineering, Technology and Mathematics. It consists of 38 full-time academic staff, 25 support staff, 40 post-doctoral research workers and 154 PhD students. The Networks and Operating Systems (Netos) group, headed by Professor Jon Crowcroft, has four main

areas on which the group researches: A Public Computing Platform, best exemplified by the Xenoserver research; Open Mobile Systems, where there are many small projects with particular activities being focussed on shared infrastructure; Understanding Networks through Measurement; and How Policy and Economics interact with Communication, which originated in the multi-disciplinary Cambridge MIT Institute Communications Innovations Institute.

10. The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) is the UK's main agency for funding research in engineering and the physical sciences. The EPSRC invests around £800 million a year in research and postgraduate training, to help the nation handle the next generation of technological change. The areas covered range from information technology to structural engineering, and mathematics to materials science. This research forms the basis for future economic development in the UK and improvements for everyone's health, lifestyle and culture. EPSRC also actively promotes public awareness of science and engineering. EPSRC works alongside other Research Councils with responsibility for other areas of research. The Research Councils work collectively on issues of common concern via Research Councils UK. www.epsrc.ac.uk/

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