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## PERKINS Seminar Series Special Perkins Seminar

## FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER



## Dr Irina Kabakova

Physics Department, Imperial College London "Brillouin imaging for micromechanical characterisation of biomaterials"

Dr Irina Kabakova is a Junior Research Fellow working at the Physics Department, Imperial College London. Irina obtained her PhD from the University of Sydney for her work in nonlinear alloptical signal processing. Then she joined Nonlinear Phononics group at Sydney University and worked on the development of novel light sources using the process of stimulated Brillouin

scattering. Later she worked at AMOLF Institute in Amsterdam on a project related to near-field imaging of plasmonic nanostructures. Her current research interests are focused on the development of endoscopic Brillouin imaging technique and its applications to stiffness measurements of tissues and biomaterial.

"Brillouin imaging has recently emerged as a powerful technique for characterisation of mechanical properties in tissues, cells and biomaterial. It exploits inelastic scattering of light by acoustic vibrations and maps the tissue stiffness point by point with micron resolution. In this presentation I will introduce the idea of Brillouin endoscopy that is a route for in vivo and in situ micromechanical characterisation of biomaterial. I also discuss applications of Brillouin imaging to biophysics, bioengineering and material science applications."

12:00noon till 1:00pm For more information please contact Dr Brendan Kennedy E: <u>brendan.kennedy@uwa.edu.au</u> McCUSKER AUDITORIUM, HARRY PERKINS INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL RESEARCH, NORTH CAMPUS

