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Dear Sirs,

Publication dates of certain theses

My name is Louise Clarke and I am Deputy Superintendent of the Manuscripts Reading Room at Cambridge University Library (CUL). I have worked at CUL since 1988, and have been responsible for processing and cataloguing theses since September 2001.

I was recently contacted by David Nickless, a solicitor with King & Wood Mallesons LLP in London. I was asked whether I could verify the dates on which the following four theses specified below were added to the CUL catalogue. I understand that this is an issue in court proceedings in the United States.

- Tan, Kim Leong, Dynamic Holography Using Ferroelectric Liquid Crystal on Silicon Spatial Light Modulators (February 1999)
- Parker, Michael Charles, Dynamic Holograms for Wavelength Division Multiplexing (November 1996)
- Warr, Stephen Thomas, Free-Space Switching for Optical Fibre Networks (July 1996)
- Cohen, Adam David, Spatial Light Modulator Technologies for WDM (April 1998)

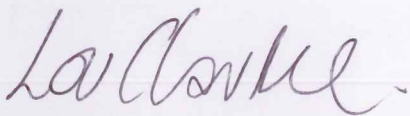
(together, "the Theses").

I reviewed the catalogue entries for each of the Theses and was able to see that the Theses were approved (by the Board of Graduate Studies) on the following dates:

- Tan, K.L. – 15 June 1999 (author/title published in the Cambridge University Reporter on Wednesday 30 June 1999)
- Parker, M.C. – 18 March 1997 (author/title published in the Cambridge University Reporter on Wednesday 23 April 1997)
- Warr, S.T. – 10 December 1996 (author/title published in the Cambridge University

However, in my experience working at CUL I can confirm that using the in-house database it was common practice for theses to be added to the catalogue approximately one month after the date on which they were approved by the Board of Graduate Studies. This was the practice at CUL until we started using the Voyager Library Management System in 2002. Therefore, although I cannot ascertain the exact dates on which the Theses were added to the catalogue, it is my true and reasonable belief that each would probably have been added to the catalogue approximately one month after the date on which they were approved by the Board of Graduate Studies.

Yours sincerely



Louise Clarke