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**Asperger's Syndrome and Autism  
&&  
Engineering and Computing  
Facts – Theories – Realities**

*"There thus seems to be **a small but statistically significant link between autism and engineering**. We wish to stress however that the majority of engineers have no connection with autism, and the majority of parents of autism have no connection with engineering. Nevertheless, this link between the two phenomena merits further research." (Baron-Cohen, 1997)*

**Abstract:**

Research into Asperger's Syndrome and Autism has shown a correlation between these conditions and the fields of engineering and computing. This seminar will explain the various forms of autism and the research that is exploring this link. We will also hear a personal account of the reality of Asperger's Syndrome, from one of our local IEEE members.

Come, be informed, and discuss the issues that may affect our families and those of our friends.

**Speakers:**

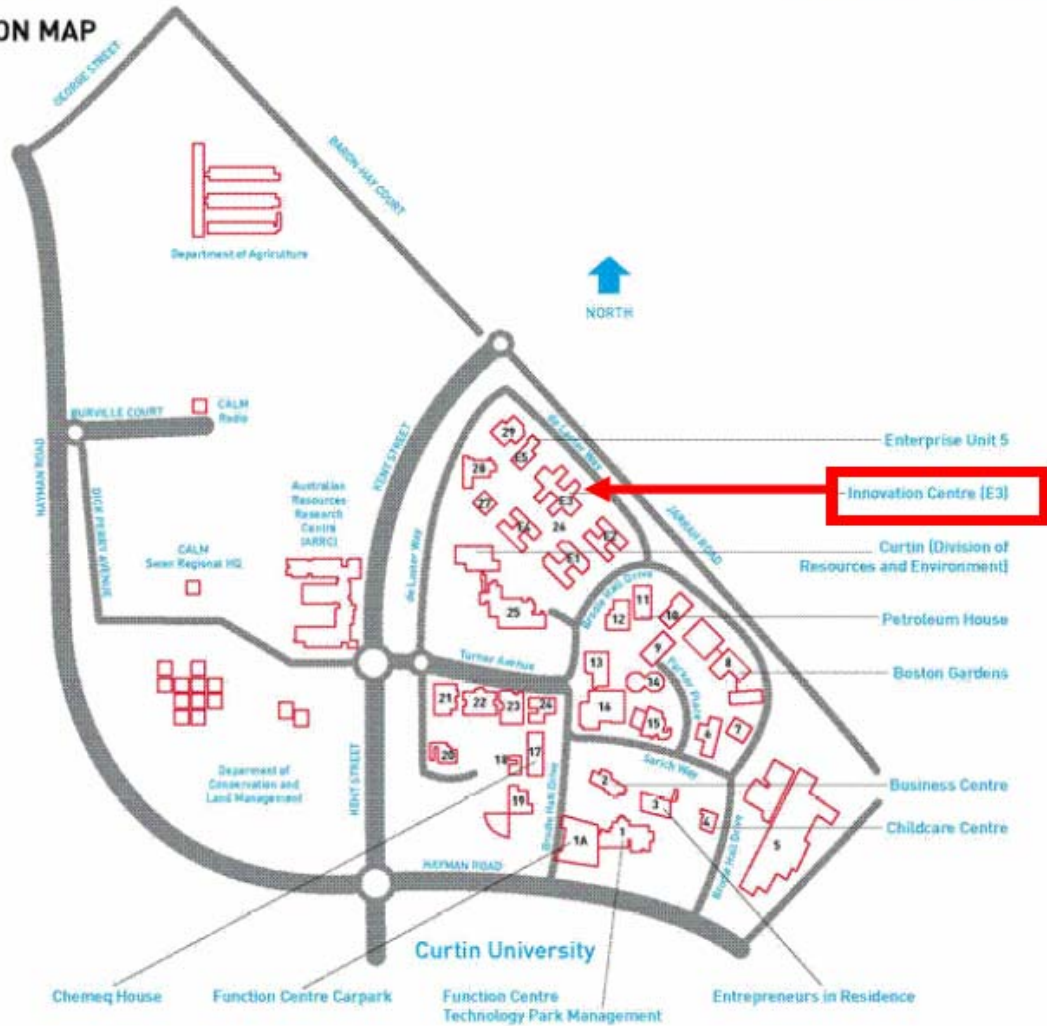
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Date: **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> of September, 2006**  
Time: **6:30 – 8pm**  
Venue: **Innovation Centre Function Room**  
Enterprise Unit 3  
11 Brodie Hall Drive  
Technology Park, Bentley

**Note:** This seminar is open to the public and admission is free.  
Please **RSVP** to Valerie Maxville ([Maxville@ieee.org](mailto:Maxville@ieee.org))  
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**INFORMATION MAP**



**Reference**

Baron-Cohen, S., et. al. (1997) **Is there a link between engineering and autism?**  
*Autism*, 1997, 1, 153-163,  
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