

## Images of Research 2017-18

### Winners chosen by our judge David Stevens (Marketing)

#### *First place*

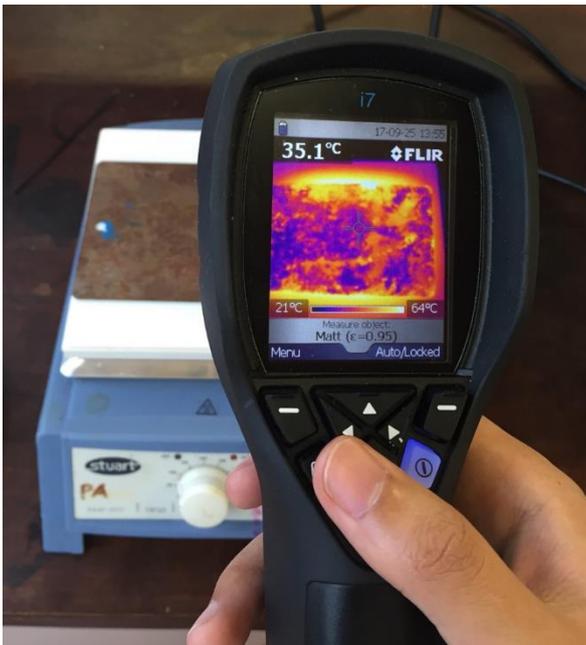
*Lucy Skinner - Historic leather tanning in Old Islamic Cairo. Researcher, Institute for Creative Leather Technologies (ICLT). Research, Impact and Enterprise*



Lucy's photo takes us into an unfamiliar world, but immediately provides a real sense of the traditional, labour intensive working practices she is researching. The cramped, windowless conditions, the well-worn machinery, piles of camel skins, and lack of safety precautions are very much at odds with our image of modern, efficient industrial practices. In addition, the text underlines the urgency to understand these soon to be replaced tanning processes, some of whose origins go back thousands of years.

#### *Runners up*

*Tianyang Lan – IR camera examining a heated rusty carbon steel panel. Faculty of Arts, Science and Technology*



This photo is a great example of how technology can allow us to see into the hidden; in the background a slightly mottled steel plate whose real shortcomings are only truly revealed via the infrared camera in the foreground. The photo is a striking demonstration of just how much the useful properties of a structure can change in the face of what appears to (our eyes) be only minor damage. The text does a nice job of explaining the work in simple terms and how it might be usefully applied in the real world.

**Dr Simon Sneddon – Sex, drugs and Orang-utans. Faculty of Business and Law**



It's very hard to ignore this image, and that its tongue in cheek nature contrasts with the serious subject matter, only adds to the provocation. It's a great example of how to grab attention and explain a concept that isn't immediately visual. By bringing together representations of all the contraband (wildlife, humans, guns and drugs) into one photo, Simon reinforces the underlying message that smugglers are opportunistic criminals and that these seemingly unrelated crimes, are in fact, very much connected.

**Nicola Smithers – Parent's experiences of decisions to withhold or withdraw treatment from their critically ill baby. Faculty of Business and Law**



Recent high profile court battles have brought the difficult moral, legal, medical - and emotional - arguments around continuing treatment for critically ill babies to the fore. Nicola's research, which asks how these cases could be better resolved, poses dilemmas many of us will have asked ourselves at one time or another. A nappy so tiny it fits into the palm of a mother's hand movingly illustrates what is both a gut wrenching and very topical subject - and that it belonged to a real son, from a real court case, makes it all the more heart-breaking.