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U21 Symposium Speakers announced

The fourth U21 Presidential Symposium will take place at Korea University on 21 May 2009 as part of the AGM series of meetings. Vice-Chancellors, Presidents and other senior academics and staff will be gathering to discuss *The Role of the University in Influencing Public Policy*. Among the speakers are U21 Chair and President of the University of Virginia, Professor John Casteen; Vice-Chancellor of the University of Melbourne, Professor Glyn Davis; Vice-Chancellor Elect of the University of Birmingham, Professor David Eastwood; Dr Kazuo Kuroda of Waseda University and invited guests Dr Andrew Rich from City University of New York; Dr John Haldane from St Andrew's University, and Dr Deepak Nayyar from Jawaharlal Nehru University and former Chancellor of the University of Delhi

The Symposium is open to invited guests only, but proceedings and outcomes will be widely reported on in future ebulletins and U21 newsletters.

Further details can be found at <http://www.universitas21.com/event/symposium2009.html>

D/PVC Research meeting 2009

The 2009 D/PVC Research meeting will take place at the University of Queensland from 29 to 31 March 2009. It is open to all D/PVCs Research (or equivalent) at U21 institutions and is hosted by the recently-appointed group convenor, Professor David Siddle, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research) at UQ.

Further details can be found at <http://www.universitas21.com/event/090329PVCResearch.html>

Heads of Administration Meeting

Fudan University will host the fifth Heads of Administration Meeting in Shanghai, China from 22 to 24 April 2009. The Heads of Administration group is an informal group which enables colleagues to share and exchange ideas and experiences and to improve practices in university management and administration. Previously, each member of Universitas 21 was invited to send one person to the Heads of Administration meetings. On this occasion, members are invited to send up to three senior staff members.

The agenda is still to be set, but possible topics for discussion include:

- Sustainability in our universities
- Fundraising and alumni organization
- Planning in times of uncertainty
- Developments and trends in institutional governance and risk management
- Staffing issues
- Increasing the efficiency of support services

Further details can be found at <http://www.universitas21.com/event/090422HeadsOfAdmin.html>

Learning Spaces Workshop

The U21 Design Forum on Learning Environments will hold its third workshop at the University of Virginia from 5 to 9 October 2009. At this year's meeting, an international team of academic and non-academic staff (educators, facility planners and designers) are invited to work with graduate students from several U21 institutions in small, inter-disciplinary teams on a real-world campus design project to improve student learning.

The focus will be on developing external informal, yet didactic, learning environments manifested as urban infrastructure. Additional workshop details and registration information will be available in the coming weeks. Please watch <http://www.universitas21.com/events.html> for information.

Student Events – Undergraduate Summer School & Graduate Research Conference

Further details about the 2009 Summer School have just been published on the U21 website. This year's theme is Climate Change Adaptation, a theme which unites people all over the world as we strive to answer a plethora of associated challenges, and it calls for the ingenuity and collaborative spirit of researchers and scholars to come to the fore.

Member universities are invited to send up to six undergraduate students with an active interest in climate change to the summer school. Each U21 university will have its own way of selecting students to attend the summer school and anyone interested should speak to their university's International Office (or equivalent).

Further details can be found at <http://www.universitas21.com/event/090714SummerSchool.html>

Meanwhile, plans for the second Graduate Research Conference to be held in Australia in December this year are progressing well. Further details will be available on the U21 website in the coming months.

Wanted: host for the next U21 Marketing Forum

In May last year the University of Edinburgh hosted the first U21 Marketing and Public Relations Forum, bringing together PR and Marketing Directors from U21 institutions to share best practice and identify areas for closer collaboration. The Forum was a great success - not only was it informative, with great insight into the marketing practices of our U21 counterparts, but it was also an excellent opportunity to meet fellow colleagues and build valuable professional networks. It also provided us with a chance to showcase our own institution, and the beautiful city of Edinburgh.

This year we would like to extend this same opportunity to another member of U21. In particular we are hoping to hear from any institution that was unable to participate in our meeting last May - this is an excellent opportunity to get involved in an active U21 collaborative group, as well as to tap into an expansive pool of valuable marketing resources. If you would like to host this year's event, or if you wish to get involved in the U21 Marketing Forum, please contact John Cavani at the University of Edinburgh at john.cavani@ed.ac.uk

For a brief overview of the 2008 meeting, please go to <http://www.universitas21.com/pastevent/MarketingForum2008.html>

FINE reminder!

For the third year running, there will be a Forum for International Networking in Education (FINE) at AERA to bring together doctoral students from U21 universities, providing opportunities for networking and collaboration. This year's AERA meeting is in San Diego and all are welcome to take this opportunity to meet fellow graduate students in education.

Further details can be found at <http://www.universitas21.com/event/090412FINE.html>

New Managers for Queensland and Korea

Two new U21 Managers have been appointed in the last month.

Mr Andrew Everett, Director of the University of Queensland's International Education Directorate has been appointed U21 Manager for UQ, while Professor Heung-Suk Choi has recently taken over the position of Vice President International at Korea University and becomes KU's U21 Manager.

Biographies of both new Managers will appear in the forthcoming U21 Newsletter, due out in mid-March and we look forward to welcoming them to the network at the AGM in May.

Shanghai Forum

Fudan University will host a student conference centred on the theme of New Thinking and Alternatives Facing the Financial Turmoil within the framework of Shanghai Forum 2009 from 11 to 12 May 2009.

The aim is to gather excellent students from around the world and to inspire their thinking on the role and responsibility they will have with regard to globalisation. As the Shanghai Forum also invites world-famous contributors from the academic, political and business world every year, students will also have the opportunity to exchange ideas with them.

Below is a link for the call for papers. Although not a U21 event, U21 members are especially welcome. Students whose papers are accepted will receive financial support from Fudan University for their airfare and cover the transportation, meal and accommodation in Shanghai for non-local delegates

<http://www.universitas21.com/studentopportunities.html>