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Digital Humanities Workshop (15 – 17 September, Birmingham) – bursaries available!

The second *Universitas 21* Digital Humanities Conference will be held at the University of Birmingham from 15th to 17th September 2010. We are pleased to announce that the conference organisers are able to offer a number of bursaries to cover part or full travel and accommodation to participants from outside the United Kingdom. All arrangements for travel or accommodation will be made through the University of Birmingham. Preference may be given to participants agreeing to present papers at the conference, wishing to explore the opportunities for collaboration in the development of a digital heritage network or to engage in teaching or research development. Applicants seeking support should contact Ms Katharina Freise (k.freise@bham.ac.uk) at the University of Birmingham and applications should reach Birmingham by **13 June** using the form provided at: <http://www.international.bham.ac.uk/partnerships/u21/Bursaries.doc>.

Learning Environments Design Forum (4 – 8 October, Dublin)

The fourth U21 Learning Environments Design Forum will be hosted by the University College Dublin. The objective of the Forum is to further develop the skills of U21 colleagues who are involved in the design and enhancement of formal and informal learning/ teaching spaces. The event will take the form of an intensive five day workshop and aims to create an atmosphere in which colleagues actively participate in the development of new generation learning spaces. This event is likely to be of particular interest to those who face the challenges of creating new or remodelling existing teaching and learning spaces. Closing date for registration of interest is **9 July 2010**. For more information, visit <http://www.universitas21.com/event/101004LearnEnvir.html> .

WFSC Urban Streams Workshop (12 – 14 November, Delhi)

The Water Futures for Sustainable Cities project team are inviting those with specialist expertise relevant to sustainable urban stream restoration to express interest in a workshop to develop a co-ordinated international research programme on this theme. The workshop will be led by Professors Gary Brierley (Auckland) and Vikrant Jain (Delhi) and will include a 1-day trip in Delhi along the Yamuna River (a major tributary of the Ganges) and small urban streams.

Further details are available at:

<http://www.universitas21.com/Water/UrbanStreamWorkshopInvite.pdf> . Expressions of interest should be submitted to Graham Steed (gsteed@albury.net.au) by **15 July 2010**.

News from the U21 PVC Research Meeting

The latest meeting of senior academic leaders with university-wide research responsibilities (PVCs Research) was held in Nottingham on 1 – 3 June, and a report on the outcomes of the meeting will be appearing soon in The Newsletter. The next meeting is planned to take place at the University of Auckland in 2011, and will look at further benchmarking and at career development support for Early Career Researchers (ECRs), among other things.

PVCs for Research are planning a workshop for ECRs in the field of engineering and physical sciences, to be held at University of New South Wales in 2011. More details will be announced shortly.

Call for Papers Reminder - U21 Global 2nd Virtual Conference (VCOBAM 2010)

The second global virtual conference on Business and Management (VCOBAM-2010) organised by U21 Global is all set to broaden its scope and offerings for the global fraternity in the field of business and management. Themed *New Paradigms: Business and Management*, the conference invites original contributions from researchers in academia as well as industry to share their insights on how emerging trends like collaborative web tools affect existing business models, policies, strategies and operating procedures. Deadline for submission of paper is **15 July 2010** and the conference will be held online on October 26 – 27, 2010. For more information on the event, please visit www.u21global.edu.sg/vcobam.

Forthcoming Events

This year June and early July will see three U21 Events take place. Firstly, on 21 June, the U21 Marketing and PR Forum will meet at the University of Hong Kong. (For further information contact the organiser, John Cavani at Edinburgh via shireen.jawas@ed.ac.uk.)

Then the U21 Undergraduate Research Conference will be held at the University of Melbourne under the title *Faculty of Imagining* from 1 – 7 July 2010. For further information, visit their website: <http://www.urc2010.unimelb.edu.au/>.

Finally the U21 Summer School, hosted by The University of Nottingham, Ningbo campus in China, takes place between 4 and 15 July 2010. For further information visit <http://gus.nottingham.edu.cn/blogs/u21summerschool/about/>.

U21 Newsletter

The next edition of The Newsletter will be published in July. If you have news or articles which may be of interest to colleagues around the U21 network, reports from U21 scholarships or fellowships, pictures from U21 activities or items of general interest, please contact Sheila Raby (s.raby.1@bham.ac.uk). Deadline for receipt of articles is Wednesday 30 June.

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