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Student Research Conferences flourish

This summer saw two U21 research conferences for students – the fourth Undergraduate Research Conference, hosted by the National University of Singapore and the inaugural Graduate Research Conference, hosted by the University of Birmingham. Both events were great successes, judging from the enthusiastic reports from both students and faculty who took part in the conferences.

Full reports from both conferences will appear in the forthcoming newsletters (due out in early October) and will be available on the U21 website in the coming weeks.

The 2009 URC will be hosted by the University of Queensland (dates tbc) and there are also plans to hold a second Graduate Research Conference in 2009, although details are still to be confirmed.

Internationalisation of Higher Education – Festschrift for Sir Colin Campbell

A Festschrift conference for Professor Sir Colin Campbell is to be held at the University of Nottingham on 16 September to mark his retirement as Vice-Chancellor. The event, entitled *Global perspective: our international future* is held in recognition of the Vice-Chancellor's contribution to the internationalisation of higher education. It is open to delegates across UK higher education, business and government and from academic institutions overseas. Key speakers include: Lord Jones of Birmingham (Minister for Trade and Investment at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office), Professor Allan Jones (Managing Director of E.ON Engineering UK) and Mr Jeff Randall (Editor-at-Large of The Daily Telegraph).

There is no fee for registration but delegates are requested to register no later than 5 September 2008

Further information can be found at <https://my.nottingham.ac.uk/media/uk/ac/nottingham/compass/layout/public/>

Forthcoming U21 events

September is a busy month for U21. The U21 Conference on Energy Technologies and Policy begins on 7 September at the University of Birmingham, while on the same day, members of the Water Futures for Sustainable Cities group will be gathering in Vienna to play a leading role in the International Water Association's annual congress. Later in the month, on 17 September, the annual U21 Health Sciences Meeting begins, this year hosted by the University of Virginia and a week later Virginia also plays host to the first U21 Digital Humanities Workshop.

Details of all U21 events, including these ones, can be found at www.universitas21.com/events.html

U21Global e-conference

In an ongoing effort to enhance knowledge for aspiring knowledge leaders, U21Global is delighted to present the second part of a two-part series of online conferences. This online conference aims to share best practices and

research in e-learning to faculty, students and the U21 community. Every session within the online conference will run for 10 minutes each, with 5 minutes of Q&A at the end of each session.

The sessions include:

- *Factors Affecting Instructor and Course Evaluations in an Online Graduate Programme*, by Dr Jason Fitzsimmons
- *Impact of Quality eFeedback as an Element of Social Learning Theory Applied in the Context of eLearning Communities of Practice*, by Dr Evelyn Gullett
- *Impact of Faculty Interaction in Online Education*, by Dr Kanishka Bedi
- *Enriching eLearning Experience through Effective Feedback and Assessment*, by Dr Chinmoy Sahu
- *Customised Management Education and eLearning*, by Dr Kamna Malik
- *Use of Blogs in Online Management Education*, by Dr Mamata Bhandar

For more information, please contact U21Global at +65 6410 1333 or email them at studentcare@u21global.edu.sg

Auckland Business School scholarships

The University of Auckland Business School has a number of PhD Scholarships available for students who will commence their studies in 2009. Each scholarship is for three years. Each year the recipient will receive NZ\$25,000 plus tuition fees. Additionally, part-time teaching appointments are available for scholarship holders.

The scholarships will be awarded based on the applicant's potential to conduct PhD research at a world class level. Applications from any business discipline or economics are invited.

The application deadlines are 30 November 2008 for those who intend to commence their studies in semester one of 2009 and 31 March 2009 for those intending to begin in semester 2 of 2009.

Applications can be downloaded from the Business School's website at <http://www.business.auckland.ac.nz/comwebContent/index.cfm?fs=pgv&pageid=23193>

Integrating spirituality & Organisational Leadership

The Faculty of Management Studies at U21's newest member, the University of Delhi and the School of Global Leadership and Entrepreneurship, Regent University, USA invites participation in the 2nd International Conference on Integrating Spirituality and Organizational Leadership from 9 to 12 February 2009. The event will take place in Pondicherry in collaboration with Pondicherry University and The Auroville Foundation, Pondicherry in India.

The conference builds on the success of the 1st International Conference held in February 2007 and will again bring together leading scholars and practitioners from the USA, Europe and Asia to systematically explore the nature, determination and implications of the spiritual dimensions of organisational leadership. The conference strives to bring together different perspectives, disciplines and spiritual traditions. Some practical, action oriented suggestions are expected to be born for integrating spirituality into organisational activity.

Although not a U21 event, this conference may be of interest to many around the network. Further details can be found at www.isol2009.com

UVa appoints Gowher Rizvi as Vice Provost for International Programmes

Gowher Rizvi, an internationally renowned political scientist and current director of the Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, has been appointed Vice Provost for International Programmes at the University of Virginia

"We are pleased that Gowher Rizvi has accepted our invitation to direct the university's international programmes," said UVa's President John Casteen. "He has significant experience and a strong record of success in both academic and non-academic undertakings. We look forward to supporting Mr Rizvi as he co-operates with the provost and our school deans to develop a comprehensive plan for enhancing the university's global impact and implementing that plan."

In his role as Vice Provost, Rizvi will oversee the International Studies Office, including its programmes for study abroad, and will provide support for international students and scholars. In addition, Rizvi will have a central role in strengthening the university's connections with universities abroad, hosting international delegations, representing UVA in a variety of international settings and internationalizing student life on the Grounds, in both extracurricular and curricular offerings.

Further details about this appointment can be found at <http://www.virginia.edu/uvatoday/newsRelease.php?id=5951>

UQ announces reorganisation of its executive management for 2009

A top-level reorganisation at the University of Queensland will target better links with alumni, schools and industry, according to Vice-Chancellor, Professor Paul Greenfield. Planning for the 2009 departure of two long-serving senior executives added to the imperative for the first major senior management reorganisation since 1997.

"The new model will take effect early in 2009 when Mr Douglas Porter and Professor Trevor Grigg finish many years of exemplary service as Secretary and Registrar and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International and Development), respectively," Professor Greenfield said. "The reorganisation takes account of dramatic changes at UQ over the past decade. Our operating budget is now more than \$1 billion, we have almost 6000 staff and 38,000 students, and we have never been so involved with international networks. The new structure will enable me and my senior management colleagues to pay more attention to alumni and to other essential partners, such as schools, industry, non-government organisations and government."

UQ's Senate has endorsed the changes, and the University will shortly begin global searches to fill key senior positions.

Details of these changes can be found at <http://www.uq.edu.au/news/index.html?article=15543>

Education Abroad Development Manager, University of Melbourne

The University of Melbourne is seeking expressions of interest and accepting applications for the position of Manager, Education Abroad Development, a 12-month full time contract position in the Melbourne Global Mobility office.

The Manager, Education Abroad Development is a senior member of the Melbourne Global Mobility team, and plays a coordinating role in the development of the University of Melbourne Study Abroad program for incoming and outgoing students. The incumbent is responsible for undertaking program, policy and process development to deliver on marketing strategies and targets, and will identify opportunities for new partnerships and provide advice on these to the Manager, Melbourne Global Mobility.

For more details, including a position description, please contact Nigel Cossar, Manager, Melbourne Global Mobility - nwcossar@unimelb.edu.au

Any more news?

The next edition of the U21 Newsletter, issue 13, is due out at the start of October. Contributions would be welcome from around the network and the deadline for receiving ideas, articles or photos is Wednesday 24 September.

Past newsletters can be viewed at <http://www.universitas21.com/newsletters.html>