

Welcome to the December ebulletin with the latest news and items of interest to staff and students across the Universitas 21 network!

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### **New U21 Student Mobility Co-ordinator appointed**

We are delighted to announce that Louise Kinnaird of the University of Melbourne has been appointed as U21 Student Mobility Co-ordinator to succeed Clare Harper. Today, Monday 1 December, is her first official day in the role and she will be contacting the Student Mobility Network shortly. Originally a graduate from Monash University in Australia, Louise also has an MA in Japanese from the University of Melbourne. She previously worked in the International Relations section at the University of Melbourne where she had oversight for the university's bilateral agreements and she has previously worked in student exchange at Melbourne, so she comes with a great track record and set of relevant skills.

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

### **National University of Singapore welcomes new President**

Professor Tan Chorh Chuan took office today, Monday 1 December, as the fourth President of the National University of Singapore (NUS). Professor Tan, who has been Acting President since 15 August 2008, said *"It is exhilarating to be part of a university that is on the move. To be entrusted with leading and serving NUS is a true honour and an exciting opportunity. I look forward to working with the rest of the NUS community to bring our University to the next level of excellence."*

A central figure in NUS's senior leadership team, Professor Tan has helped shape the university's strategies and goals, and played a vital role in their realisation. Professor Tan was previously Senior Deputy President following his appointment as Provost and Deputy President between 2004 and 2007. A renal physician by training and a graduate of the Class of '83, Professor Tan rose from the ranks to become Dean of the School of Medicine at 38, the youngest medical dean NUS has seen.

We welcome him to the network and look forward to working with him and his colleagues at NUS in the months and years ahead.

[http://newshub.nus.edu.sg/headlines/1108/tcc\\_01dec08.html](http://newshub.nus.edu.sg/headlines/1108/tcc_01dec08.html)

### **U21 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. Participants of the workshop are expected to cover all travel cost and accommodation expenses. Fudan University would like to offer meals during the workshop. Please refer to the forms on the U21 website for attendance registration, visa application and hotel reservation. Please indicate your interest in participation on the registration form by **1 March 2009**.

Meeting details and the necessary forms can be found at  
<http://www.universitas21.com/event/090422HeadsOfAdmin.html>

### Two December events

There are two Universitas 21 events taking place this month. This week the first U21 Confucius Centre meeting takes place at Fudan University, looking at ways to develop and sustain the work done by these Institutes around the network and beyond. Later in the month, the second U21 Diaspora workshop takes place, the focus of which will be 'cultural transfer,' and a special strand will be organised dealing specifically with cultural transfer between 'Asia and the West'.

Reports on both these events should appear on the U21 website in the coming weeks.

<http://www.universitas21.com/event/081206ConfuciusWorkshop.html>  
<http://www.universitas21.com/event/081211DisaporaConf.html>

### U21 Communications

This should be the last mailing from the U21 Secretariat this year! We hope you find the ebulletins and Newsletters a useful and informative way of receiving news about the network. Due to the Christmas holiday period, the next U21 ebulletin will be February 2008, with the next Newsletter published in March 2009. The deadline for articles for the March Newsletter is Wednesday 25 February 2009

The Annual Review, looking back on the U21 2007/08 year, is currently being compiled and should be available online towards the start of next year.

Unfortunately, a break-in and theft of computers at the U21 Secretariat office last week has meant that Clare Noakes has lost all her email files... Therefore, if you have already sent information for the next Newsletter or ebulletin, please resend it to Clare ([c.e.noakes@bham.ac.uk](mailto:c.e.noakes@bham.ac.uk)) to ensure it gets published! Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

### Happy New Year!

This may seem a little premature, being only the first day of December, but so as not to inundate you with email as many of you try to clear your inboxes before the Christmas break, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and successful 2009.

Any items for inclusion in the ebulletin should be sent to [c.e.noakes@bham.ac.uk](mailto:c.e.noakes@bham.ac.uk). Please refer to our website [www.universtias21.com](http://www.universtias21.com) for up-to-date information on all activities and events.

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