

## **School of Business, Economics and Public Policy**

### **October 2008**

- Professor Brian Gibson attended the “Rencontre de St-Gall” in St Gallen, Switzerland. This is the world’s longest running conference on small firm issues and is restricted to 50 invited participants.
- Professor Brian Gibson and Ms Kathy Terdpaopong attended and presented papers at the Small Enterprise Association of Australia and New Zealand Conference in Sydney.
- Professor Brian Gibson is organizing two research symposia in the coming months. The first to be held in Armidale in February is the Community Engagement in Enterprise Activity (CommEnt) Research Symposium. The event is intended to be a discussion symposium focused on common concepts that arise in the exploration of community enterprise involving ethnic, indigenous rural, regional, urban etc. communities. The second is an initial International Symposium on Privately Held Firm Governance Issues that will be held at the Australian Technology Park in April in conjunction with the TOP Education group (UNE International Academy). This will focus on international comparisons (especially involving China and Australia) of governance issues in small firms. More details on both events will be available shortly.
- The BEPP Equity Committee has commenced a strategic planning process to identify important equity issues for the School to address in 2009 and beyond.
- After a superb effort, Robyn Marshall is moving aside for Jo Vickery to take over SIFE Faculty Advisory role. Robyn inspired the team so magnificently in the National competition in Brisbane mid-year to UNE’s best ever performance.
- Associate Professor Taro Fukui from Kinki University in Japan arrived at BEPP on 2<sup>nd</sup> October as a UNE Visiting Research Scholar for a period of one year. His main research interests include international trade policy, international factor mobility and labour migration, and strategic environmental policies. Taro is working with Mahinda Siriwardana and he is located in Room 203, W39.
- Associate Professor Mahinda Siriwardana (jointly with Dr Judy McNeill and Professor David Brunckhorst) received an ARC Discovery grant (\$115,000) in the current round for a period of three years (2009-2011). The project is entitled ‘Improving our understanding of the effects of low carbon policies on the Australian economy and regions’.
- Two new PhD applicants in economics (Disna Sajeewani and Sumudu Perera) have been awarded UNE International Scholarships for three years (2009-2011). They will arrive at BEPP to commence their studies in February 2009 and will work with Mahinda Siriwardana as their principal supervisor.
- Sam Meng who commenced his PhD studies in economics from July this year has been awarded one UNE Strategic Scholarship for a period of three years (2009-2011). Sam is supervised by Mahinda Siriwardana and Brian Dollery.
- Professor Amarjit Kaut has been invited from the World Bank/UNDP team to a two-day roundtable discussion on migration-related development issues in the Australia-NZ region in Sydney. The theme of the 2009 UNDP Human Development Report is migration and human development. A broad approach is being followed at this early stage, including consideration of both economically-motivated and forced migration

within and across countries. This high level roundtable discussion with the UNDP team from New York and selected stakeholders in this region is an opportunity to contribute to the shaping of the report so that it is a useful tool for practitioners and policy makers alike.

- Professor Amarjit Kaut also received an invitation from the Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine, University College London, to attend The World Health Organization and the Social Determinants of Health: Assessing theory, policy and practice conference in London. The conference will be dedicated to discussing the Final Report of the Commission on the Social Determinants of Health established by the World Health Organization, with Professor Michael Marmot as the Chair of the Commission. Invited participants' ideas and findings will help advance the important goal of health equity, whilst also being a landmark in collaboration between academics and those responsible for implementing health policy.

- **DEST Publications**

- *Journal Articles*

- Cassar, G. and Gibson, B., "Budgets, Internal Reports and Manager Forecast Accuracy", *Contemporary Accounting Research*, 25, 3, 707-737.

## CHEMP UPDATE

### CHEMP PROJECT WORK:

- On 4 September 2008 the Minister for Education the Hon Julia Gillard MP announced that the Australian Higher Education Graduation Statement would be introduced. We have now presented DEEWR with guidelines for the presentation of Graduation Statements to be used by implementing institutions in their preparation.

### CHEMP OUT AND ABOUT:

- Leo Goedegebuure made a presentation to the RMIT University Council on 24 October on *The Australian Academic Profession in the International Context*, which presented further results from the CAP study.
- Leo Goedegebuure, Lynn Meek and Peter Quddington travelled to Macau to attend the *Asia-Pacific Sub-regional Preparatory Conference for the 2009 World Conference on Higher Education* where they presented the Keynote address, *Overview of Higher Education in Asia-Pacific Facing Global and Local Challenges: the New Dynamics for Higher Education*. Lynn and Leo also presented a paper *Australian Higher Education Country Report*.

### NEW CHEMP PUBLICATIONS:

- Goedegebuure, L., Santiago, P., Fitznor, L., Stensaker, B. and van der Steen, M. 2008, *OECD Reviews of Tertiary Education - New Zealand*, OECD. ISBN 978-92-64-03927-8.
- G. Hallam, W. Harper, C. McCowan, K. Hauville, L. McAllister, Creagh, T, J. van der Lee, S. Lambert, C. Brooks. *Australian ePortfolio Project: ePortfolio use by university students in Australia: Informing excellence in policy and practice*, Final Project Report August 2008, QUT. ISBN978-1-74107-256-3.
- Coates, H., Goedegebuure, L., van der Lee, J.J. and Meek, V.L. 2008, 'The Australian Academic Profession; A first overview', in *The Changing Academic Profession in International Comparative and Quantitative Perspectives*, Report of the International Conference on the Changing Academic Profession Project, 2008, RIHE International Seminar Reports, No. 12, Research Institute for Higher Education, Hiroshima University, pp.179-202. ISBN978-4-902808-45-2.
- Leo Goedegebuure, Lynn Meek and Peter Quddington, *Keynote Address - Overview of Higher Education in Asia-Pacific Facing Global and Local Challenges: the New Dynamics for Higher Education*, Asia-Pacific Sub-regional Preparatory Conference for the 2009 World Conference on Higher Education, Macau, PR China, 24-26 September 2008.
- Leo Goedegebuure and Lynn Meek, *Australian Higher Education Country Report*, Asia-Pacific Sub-regional Preparatory Conference for the 2009 World Conference on Higher Education, Macau, PR China, 24-26 September 2008.

### CHEMP IN THE MEDIA:

- Goedegebuure, L. 2008, The Gordian knot, *Campus Review*, vol. 19, no. 32, p. 10.