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News Items & Articles

INTERNATIONAL ITEMS

Germany presents Presidency research priorities (CORDIS 22 Dec



2006) – “The German government, which takes over the EU Presidency on 1 January, has announced its priorities in the field of research. Topping the bill will be increasing participation in the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7), launching a charter on intellectual property rights (IPR), and promoting young research talent.”

CORDIS launches German Presidency R&D and Innovation Information Service priorities (CORDIS 02 Jan 2007) – “CORDIS has launched a new online service covering the research and innovation activities carried out under the German Presidency of the European Union, which runs until the end of June.”

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AUSTRALIAN NEWS ITEMS

Go8 gets edge in age stakes (Australian, 10 Jan: 25) – “University chiefs, education bureaucrats and political leaders should take a closer look at the ageing academic workforce following a sobering new statistical profile of the sector, commentators have said.”

Students snatched from the margins (Australian, 10 Jan: 25) – “Universities could face tough competition from private providers eager to grab a slice of the lucrative international student fee-paying market as the number of institutions offering degrees rises.”

Oxford reforms hit first-round hurdle (Australian, 10 Jan: 29) – “It is a brave man who tries to undo 900 years of history. That, to the chagrin of many academics, is what John Hood tried to do in the hallowed halls of Oxford. But his bravery has gone unrewarded and his future, according to those in the know, may now lie elsewhere.”

Getting better all the time (Australian, 10 Jan: 29) – “League tables and cachet in higher education are heavily weighted to research performance in Britain and Australia. In recent years, however, both countries have also invested in improving university teaching and the student experience.”

Generation HECS (Australian, 06 Jan: 17) – “Labor has opened a Pandora's box of troublesome issues by announcing it is looking at cuts in taxpayer-subsidised university fees across the board after years of rises, as well as sharper cuts in specific areas of skills shortages such as mathematics, science and engineering.”

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New Publications

Papers presented at the UNESCO Forum on Higher Education, Research and Knowledge available at http://portal.unesco.org/education/en/ev.php-URL_ID=51608&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

Papers presented to the 2006 China Annual Conference for International Education, Internationalization of Higher Education: New Directions, New Challenges, Beijing, China, 13-15 October 2006 are now available from <http://www.unesco.org/iau/conferences/china/presentations.html#IAU International Conference>

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New Conferences Listings

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CHEMP International Study Program on Research Commercialisation, Regional Engagement & Future University Directions, Visiting San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco, 25 Feb to 6 March 2007 -

Designed for senior university executives/managers, governing body members, and university commercialisation company executives, this program will focus particularly on:

- * Research commercialisation, technology licensing, start-ups and regional engagement
- * Research management, including relations with the NSF and industry, monitoring performance, and the use of metrics
- * Innovation and future directions for teaching, research and graduate research training
- * Private and 'for-profit' higher education providers

For further information please visit <http://www.une.edu.au/pdal/research/chemp/projects/tours/calif0207.php>

HERDSA 2007 International Conference, *Enhancing Higher Education Theory and Scholarship*, Adelaide ,

8-11 July 2007 - The conference provides an opportunity to explore:

- >> theoretical frameworks of learning and teaching in higher education
- >> the scholarship of learning and teaching and
- >> how the theory and scholarship translate into meaningful student experience.

Deadline for all submissions is March 23, 2007

website: <http://conference.herdsa.org.au/2007>

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