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News Items & Articles

INTERNATIONAL ITEMS

Johnson criticised over university funding (Guardian, 16 Jan) – “New universities have accused the government of favouring research over teaching in the latest round of funding allocations, prompting warnings that the much touted drive to widen participation will fail.”

FP7 Takes Off (FEAST, 2 Jan) – “The EU’s largest ever funding programme for research and technological development, the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7), was launched on 1 January.”

For these and other stories navigate directly to [Guardian](#) | [FEAST](#)

AUSTRALIAN NEWS ITEMS

20 years to fix science (Australian, 17 Jan: 2) - "Australia has already lost its scientific knowledge base, creating a problem that will take two decades for the education system to redress."

Senate rep plans an intellectual revolution (Australian, 17 Jan: 19) - "Academic titles must go. Exams? Get rid of them ... they are the enemy of intellectual development."

Enough student places, say VCs (Australian 17 Jan: 19) - "After a decade of fighting for more university places, the peak higher education lobby says Australian universities have enough domestic student places."

CRC pushes for time to produce (Australian, 17 Jan: 21) - "The life span of co-operative research centres should be extended from seven years to 10 or 12, the leaders of one research body have urged."

Poor cousins in a runaway fee circus (Australian, 17 Jan: 24) - "TAFE once was considered an option that offered lower fees than universities plus a good potential of obtaining employment. Rising levels of fees and charges provide cause for second thoughts."

Federal Review skirts the central issue, say VCs (Campus Review, 16 Jan: 3) - "Universities have welcomed the Federal Government's review of education reforms, announced by Education Minister Julie Bishop on December 19. But higher education groups say the review doesn't address the central issue : the overall level of Commonwealth funding." See *DEST Discussion Paper in New Publications section in this issue of HEInfo*.

HIGHER EDUCATION – Report (Financial Review, 13 Jan: 6) – "Australia's universities are asking for an extra \$500 million a year from the federal government to avoid a reduction in quality at those universities that cannot attract full fee-paying students."

For these and other stories access newspapers directly at [Australian](#) | [Campus Review](#) | [Financial Review](#)



New Publications

J. Baird, *Quality Assurance and Audit for Transnational Higher Education, AUQA* – "This publication aims to contribute to the international dialogue on quality assurance of transnational higher education, with an emphasis on quality audit. Although it reflects Australian experience and lessons learned, it includes consideration of the wider comparative context in which Australian practices and approaches should be viewed. Findings from quality audits and the advice from experienced auditors will be of particular interest to those in higher education institutions who coordinate, deliver and approve transnational programs."

To access this publication, navigate to:

<http://www.auga.edu.au/qualityenhancement/publications/occasional/publications/index.shtml>

DEST, *Review of the impact of the Higher Education Support Act 2003: Funding Cluster Mechanism (including Funding of Clinical Disciplines) Pipeline Arrangements for funding of new Commonwealth supported places Discussion paper, December 2006* – "The purpose of this discussion paper is to seek views from higher education providers, peak bodies, professional organisations and other interested parties on the impact and the effectiveness of the current discipline groupings and relativities within the cluster funding mechanism and pipeline arrangements." *Submissions Close 26 February 2007*.

To access the discussion paper, navigate to

http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/higher_education/policy_issues_reviews/reviews/HESA_review/

DEST, Higher Education Report 2005, "2005 represented the first year in which the majority of the Australian Government's higher education reforms were introduced. Funding allocations for 2005 are set out in the various tables and figures throughout this report. This Report also provides:

- * an overview of the higher education sector and its achievements in 2005, including ongoing implementation of the Our Universities: Backing Australia's Future package of higher education reforms, new Australian Government policies and recent sector developments;
- * details of funding under the Higher Education Support Act 2003;
- * a review of the performance of higher education providers in delivering student places and other Australian Government funded outcomes in 2005; and
- * information on funding allocations in 2005."

To access the report navigate to

http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/higher_education/publications_resources/profiles/highered_annual_report_2005.htm



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>

