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News Items & Articles

INTERNATIONAL ITEMS

Protests continue in Athens against education reform plans (THES, 24 Jan) – “A mass march of students, teachers and university academics is due to be staged in Athens today in the latest show of opposition to government-proposed educational reforms.”

Hood faces questions over rejection of Oxford reform plans (Guardian, 23 Jan) – “The vice-chancellor of Oxford University has been called upon by the government to explain why his plans to modernise the governance of

the ancient university were rejected by academics, it has emerged.”

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AUSTRALIAN NEWS ITEMS

Educators sceptical about Rudd revolution (Australian, 24 January: 6) – “Unions and educators are sceptical about Kevin Rudd's "education revolution", expressing concern about how a Labor government would fund the bold plan.”

ALP vows to boost university funding (Australian, 24 January: 19) – “Labor has pinned its economic credentials to education and put universities centre stage, pledging to increase funding if it wins government.” See *New Directions Paper in the Publications section of this issue of HEInfo*.

Bishop to bounce AVCC's cash plea (Australian, 24 January: 21) – “A Vice-chancellors’ pitch for a 15 per cent federal funding hike is likely to be rejected, with Education Minister Julie Bishop saying she is not convinced universities need more money.”

National system preferable to a notional one (Campus Review, 23 January: 1,6) – “A centralised system for allocating university places would help iron out state-based differences in university course offers, according to a top education consultant. PhillipsKPA director David Phillips told Campus Review last week a national university entry system would also help address confusion over differences in opportunities between the states.”

HECS spirals as unis look to fees for survival (Campus Review, 23 January: 3) – “The degree to which some universities depend on fees for survival is starkly outlined in a new report that also reveals the Federal Government does not expect to recoup at least \$2.5 billion of the HECS debt.”

Insights in engagement (Campus Review, 23 January: 6) – “Newer universities are freer to redefine how they work with their communities in promoting economic, social and cultural change, according to an international expert on community engagement.”

Uni entry system close to collapse (The Sydney Morning Herald, 19 January: 1) - “The universities admissions index system is in crisis, with many fee-paying students qualifying for places with HSC scores well below official cut-off marks.”

ARC and NHMRC encourage access to research findings (ARC, 18 January) – “The Australian Research Council (ARC) and the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) today called on researchers to make the results of research funded by the Australian Government publicly available, whenever possible and appropriate.”

Universities receive additional \$31 million for capital projects (DEST, 23 January) – “The Minister for Education, Science and Training, the Hon Julie Bishop MP, today announced Capital Development Pool (CDP) programme funding for Australia’s universities with allocations totalling \$31.67 million for projects commencing in 2007.”

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Meek, V. L. and Suwanwela, C. (eds.) 2006, *Higher Education, Research, and Knowledge in the Asia-Pacific Region*, Palgrave – This book critically analyses the policy differences between Asia-Pacific countries, particularly as it relates to “furthering a supportive environment for the promotion of research within universities”. To find out more, navigate to <http://www.palgrave-usa.com/catalog/product.aspx?isbn=1403970955>

Australian Labor Party 2007, 'The Australian economy needs an education revolution: New directions paper on the critical link between long term prosperity, productivity growth and human capital investment' – “In this paper, Labor argues that human capital investment is at the heart of a third wave of economic reform that will position Australia as a competitive, innovative, knowledge-based economy that can compete and win in global markets. We need to set for ourselves a new national vision – for Australia to become the most educated country, the most skilled economy and the best trained workforce in the world.” To access this paper, navigate to http://www.alp.org.au/download/070123_dp_education_revolution.pdf



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>

Call for Papers for the 3rd Meeting of the International Rankings Expert Group (IREG-3) Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai, China, 28-31 October 2007 - Themes of IREG-3 include:

- * Mapping and reviewing of recent developments in university rankings, including new rankings and changes within the rankings already in place;
- * Evaluation of ranking systems according to the Berlin Principles: purposes and goals, indicators and weights, data collection and processing, and presentation of results;
- * Advantages and shortcomings of ranking as compared with other types of evaluation, such as accreditation, classification, peer assessment, benchmarking, and positioning;
- * Application of rankings by and their impact on governments, agencies, institutions, students, parents and other stakeholders;
- * Discussion about the creation and operation of an international consortium on university rankings.

Abstract Submission by 1 April 2007. To find out more, navigate to <http://ed.sjtu.edu.cn/IREG-3/IREG-3.htm>

Call for Papers - 2nd International Conference on World-Class Universities (WCU-2) Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai, China, 31 October to 3 November 2007 - Themes of WCU-2 include:

- * Conceptual aspects of world-class universities, including functions, definition and evaluation criteria;
- * National strategies and measures on building world-class universities, both in developed and in developing countries;
- * Institutional strategies and practices for building world-class universities, especially on the internationalization of faculty, students, research, and management;
- * Successful cases of both cooperation and competition among research universities in the age of globalization.

Abstract Submission by 1 April 2007. To find out more, navigate to <http://ed.sjtu.edu.cn/wcu-2/wcu-2.htm>

International Conference on 'Education, Economy & Society', Paris on 17-19 July 2008 – “The Conference is intended to be a forum, discussion and networking place for academics, researchers, professionals, administrators, policy makers and industry representatives interested in Education. All areas of Education are invited. Proposals will be in the form of abstracts. Presentation formats will include individual and panel paper sessions, symposia, workshops and roundtables. The language of the conference is English. *The closing date for early bird registration is 1 July 2007. Deadline for abstracts submissions: 10 October 2007.*

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