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News Items & Articles

INTERNATIONAL ITEMS

£21.2m merger to create super-university (THES, 7 Mar) – “A new super-university is to be created following the announcement yesterday of a £21.2 million merger between two higher education institutions.”

Universities UK comments on the importance of international students to UK higher education (Universities UK, 07 Mar) – “In response to an announcement made the Home Office on changes to the cost of a visa, Diana Warwick, Chief Executive, Universities UK, said: “We welcome today's announcement of special initial

Get clever with land, unis told (Australian, 07 Mar: 33) – “Universities are embarking on a new generation of property deals to deliver capital for expansion and long-term income at a time of government austerity.”

Quality drives defections (Australian, 07 Mar: 35) – “The rush to recruit research stars before the end of the month is driving bidding wars and rapid staff turnover, with one prominent scientist resigning just two days before the March 31 census date for the research quality framework.”

Casualisation to worsen under RQF (Campus Review, 06 Mar: 1, 3) – “Casualisation of the university workforce is likely to intensify under the RQF, academics and union representatives warned as the NTEU announced a nationwide campaign to rein in the practice.”

Head of the table (Campus Review, 06 Mar: 10, 11) – “There are growing similarities - and fundamental differences -- between corporate boards and university councils.”

Go8 Credit Transfer Agreement (Go8 Update, 5 Mar: 2) – “Group of Eight vice-chancellors have approved a credit transfer agreement which will guarantee students credit for an equivalent degree when transferring between Group of Eight universities.”

Slow demand makes unis smarten up (Financial Review, 02 Mar: 24) – “Universities are finding more creative ways to tap into the \$10 billion international education export market as overseas demand for higher education programs slows.”

Call to revamp tertiary funding (Financial Review, 28 Feb: 8) – “Universities have urged the federal government to overhaul the higher education funding framework so they can meet student demand for places and cover rising course costs.”

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New Publications

UNESCO Forum on Higher Education, Research and Knowledge Newsletter, No. 4, June – December 2006 – This issue outlines the priorities for UNESCO’s Programme Planning 2008-13, provides a progress report on the special initiative on National Research Systems and reports on the UNESCO Forum Global Colloquium.

To access the newsletter, navigate to

http://portal.unesco.org/education/en/ev.php-URL_ID=20605&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

The Association of Commonwealth Universities, 2006, *The World is One: Mobilising the capacity of tertiary education in the Commonwealth for the good of all*, 16th Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers, Cape Town, South Africa, 11-14 December 2006 – This document sets out strategies to develop a new strategic approach to tertiary education if it is to fulfil its enduring vocation as a voluntary international partnership committed to development, peace and a more just global order.”

To download the document, navigate to http://www.acu.ac.uk/pdf/the_world_is_one.pdf

B-HERT, 2006, Increasing Private Support for Australian Universities, B-HERT Position Paper No. 13 –

Process – “This statement presents the views of the League of European Research Universities (LERU) with regard to doctoral training in Europe, and represents, together with a forthcoming position paper, LERU’s contribution to the debate in preparation for the next biennial meeting of the European Ministers responsible for Higher Education in May 2007 in the context of the Bologna Process.”

To access the statement, navigate to <http://kampela-leru.it.helsinki.fi/?bmlkPQ==>

Centre for European Reform, February 2007, *The Lisbon Scorecard VII: Will globalisation leave Europe Stranded?* – “The CER’s seventh Lisbon scorecard paints a mixed picture of the EU’s prospects. While some member states are well-placed, others are not and must invest much more in human capital and research and development.”

To find out more, navigate to http://www.cer.org.uk/publications_new/714.html

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G8-UNESCO World Forum on 'Education, Research and Innovation: New Partnership for Sustainable Development', Trieste, Italy, 10-12 May 2007 – “The Forum builds on the discussion launched at the St. Petersburg summit on the interconnections between the three components of the triangle of knowledge—education, scientific research and technological innovation—from the perspective of sustainable development, and seeks to identify risks and opportunities for industrialized countries as well as developing and low-income countries. The discussion will be presented by speakers of the highest level from the educational, scientific and entrepreneurial worlds, drawn from G8 countries as well as developing countries. Attention to developing countries will augment the Italian initiative with respect to discussions within the G8 framework. The Forum is intended as an opportunity for discussion and no final document is foreseen.”

To find out more, navigate to <http://g8forum.ictp.it/>

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