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News Items & Articles

INTERNATIONAL ITEMS

Graduate Education, Post-Bologna (Inside Higher Ed, June 4) – “Much has been said stateside about how the standardization of three-year undergraduate degrees across Europe could impact graduate admissions policies in the United States and whether three years of European higher education can or should be viewed as equivalent to America’s four.” [link](#)

Research wrecked by 'bean counters' (THES, 01 June 2007) – “Academics' careers are being wrecked by crude performance targets, it was claimed this week as an analysis showed that a Nobel laureate would have failed to meet the minimum "productivity" targets at Imperial College London.” [link](#)

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AUSTRALIAN ITEMS

Sweeping reforms on Go8's agenda (Australian, 06 June: 29) – “The Group of Eight universities have moved to seize the higher education agenda with their first public pitch for full deregulation after a decade of tension between the nation's 39 vice-chancellors about how to tackle the thorny issue. In a move likely to spark unease among other vice-chancellors, the group will today unveil its first significant policy paper, promoting student vouchers and price deregulation.” [link](#) See *Publications* section of this issue of HEInfo for link to discussion paper.

Work so nice, they use it twice (Australian, 06 June: 29) – “Self-plagiarism, salami-slicing, textual re-use ... it comes with many names but means one thing: passing off your own old work as original material. And there's plenty of it going on, if one study is an accurate indicator.” [link](#)

Places filled by midyear entries (Australian, 06 June: 32) – “An increasing number of students are starting university in July as institutions struggle to fill places with older applicants. Some universities offer as many as 1500

commonwealth-supported places midyear as student deferrals rise and they struggle to fill their course quotas. Others are spruiking midyear entry as a more flexible option for applicants." [link](#)

Ignore Asia at our peril: Marginson (Campus Review, 5 June: 1, 4) – "Antiquated attitudes toward Asia-Pacific countries could see Australian universities left behind as radical economic and social transformations take place across the region, a leading analyst warns."

Elite courses could be fee-only degrees (Campus Review, 5 June: 1, 2) – "High demand courses such as dentistry and law could be offered solely to full fee-paying students under federal budget changes to higher education, a Senate committee was told last Thursday."

Anxieties over Bologna educational eurozone degrees (Campus Review, 5 June: 6-7) – "A growing number of European universities are embracing the Bologna Process but British MPs are questioning whether moves to create an educational "eurozone" are in the best interests of UK institutions."

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New Publications

Group of Eight 2007, Seizing the opportunities: Designing new policy architecture for higher education and university research - A Group of Eight Policy Discussion Paper, 6 June 2007 – "This paper sets out for discussion a new policy design for higher education and university research in Australia. We are issuing this paper now for three main reasons. First, there are fundamental problems with the current policy architecture that was designed many decades ago. ... Second, there are signs of unprecedented political bipartisanship on a number of fundamental policy issues, ... Third, there are great opportunities to be seized by designing a new policy framework that will unleash Australia's intellectual potential in the globalising knowledge society."

To access the discussion paper, navigate to <http://www.go8.edu.au/>

European University Association, 2007, EUA's contribution to the Bologna Ministerial Meeting, London 2007 - This document provides a summary of the main contributions of the EUA to the Bologna process 2005 – 2007 that [was] presented to European Ministers of Education meeting in London on 17/18 May 2007 to discuss next steps in the Bologna Process." This includes: 1. the Lisbon Declaration; 2. Trends V Report, which reports on the implementation of the Bologna Reforms; and 3. the conclusions of the EUA report on Doctoral Programmes.

To access this publication, navigate to <http://www.eua.be/>

FEAST Focus, Newsletter #25, May 2007 – This issue of the FEAST newsletter reports on the 2006 Conference, the Seventh Framework Programme and other issues of interest.

To access the newsletter navigate to <http://www.feast.org/?newsletters>

New Conference Listings

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AUQF2007 – Evolution and Renewal in Quality Assurance, Hobart, Tasmania, 11 to 13 July 2007 - Broad sub-themes are: Integration of Quality Assurance Systems: Converging Pathways?; Impact of Quality Audit; Changing Approaches and Attitudes; Benchmarking; International Collaboration in Quality Assurance; Qualitative Data and Quality Outcomes.

Register now for AUQF2007 at: <http://www.auqa.edu.au/auqf/2007/index.shtml>

4th Annual Australian Universities Community Engagement Alliance (AUCEA) Conference 'The scholarship of community engagement: Australia's way forward', Alice Springs, 2-4 July 2007 – "The conference theme, 'The Scholarship of Community Engagement', refers to engaged teaching, learning and research. It involves collaborative relationships that yield mutually beneficial outcomes for the university, its students and its communities." *Abstract Deadline 5 February 2007.*

To find out more, navigate to <http://www.aucea.net.au/conference>

iPED Conference 2007: Researching Academic Futures, Coventry, 10-11 September 2007 – “The conference will be of interest to practice-based scholars, education researchers, academic developers, as well as higher education managers and administrators. It will build on the First International iPED Conference 2006: Pedagogic Research and Academic Identities; and aims to provide further opportunities for networking, academic exchange and friendly discussion.”

To find out more, navigate to <http://www.corporate.coventry.ac.uk/cms/jsp/polopoly.jsp?d=3182&a=18618>

Websites of Interest

Australian Government Education Portal – “The Government Education Portal is the online entry point to a comprehensive array of government information and services concerning all aspects and levels of education in Australia. In particular, it focuses on Australian government policies, programmes, events, publications and resourcing. It also provides links to key education and training sites at the national, state and territory level.”

Take a look at <http://www.education.gov.au/>

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