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News Items & Articles

INTERNATIONAL ITEMS

Academics fight RAE 'lock-in' (THES, 06 Jul) – “Universities are enforcing contracts to the letter to stop staff taking up new jobs before the submission cut-off date”. [more](#)

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AUSTRALIAN ITEMS

Victoria rejects federal data pool (Australian, 11 Jul: 21) - A move towards consistent, national data on demand for higher education places has been dismissed by Victoria as a grab for power. Centralised data would reduce confusion and enable closer study of the changing market.” [more](#) See *publications section of this issue of HEInfo for details of the Discussion Paper.*

Analyst attacks neglect of knowledge economy (Australian, 11 Jul: 21) – “TAFE and vocational education and training institutions should be able to offer degree programs in their own right to help Australia compete in the global knowledge economy, higher education analyst Simon Marginson says.” [more](#)

Emergence of the great divide economy (Australian, 11 Jul: 26) – “A new divide is emerging between Australian universities. It overlaps with, but is different from, the familiar divide between research-intensive and teaching-intensive universities. The divide is based on domestic undergraduate student demand and selection patterns. [more](#)

Overseas enrolments mask local decline (Australian Financial Review, 11 Jul: 6) – “The focus by Australian universities on full-fee-paying foreign students has seen the number of Australians enrolled stagnate in the last decade” according to Bob Birrell from Monash University.

RQF rules of engagement revealed (Campus Review, 10 Jul: 1, 3) – “The Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) has invited comment on the rules that will govern how public money is spent on research in the

future. The specifications cover eligibility, research groupings, submission requirements and information about how impact and quality will be assessed." *The Draft Specifications will be made available on the DEST website after initial comments from university RQF contact officers have been considered.*

Harvard copycats bound to fail (Campus Review, 10 Jul: 6) – "Universities will get richer, attract better staff and earn international recognition if they stop trying to copy Ivy League institutions and develop their own authentic identities".

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New Publications

DEST July, 2007, National data collection on university applications and offers – The new data collection will make standardised, comprehensive, timely data on applications and offers for university places available to all. This discussion paper is the first stage in a consultation process to develop a national data collection on university applications and offers, submissions are invited. To access the Discussion Paper, navigate to http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/higher_education/policy_issues_reviews/key_issues/national_data_collection/

Australian Bureau of Statistics, 1136.0 - Directory of Education and Training Statistics, 2007 - "A directory of statistics, related directly or indirectly to education and training in Australia. ... It includes information about education costs and expenditures, childcare and preschool education, primary and secondary school education, vocational education and training, higher education, indigenous education and training, other statistical or research reports on education and training, and on classifications and manuals for Australian education and training statistics." To find out more navigate to <http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/ProductsbyReleaseDate/02E69097ADCB6A79CA25730F00198CDD?OpenDoc>

IMHE Info July 2007 – "This issue presents Giving Knowledge for free – the Emergence of Open Educational Resources, with a supplement of selected reproduced items from the Higher Education Digest which is published by CHERI three times a year on: Impact of variable tuition fees; The value of a degree; attainment of minority ethnic students." To access the newsletter, navigate to http://www.oecd.org/department/0,2688,en_2649_35961291_1_1_1_1_1,00.html

New Conference Listings

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7th National University Finance & Procurement Conference: Innovation and Productivity in Higher Education, Gold Coast, 23-25 July 2007 – "This year the conference will explore the advantages of collaboration amongst universities in advancing management practices to promote innovation and productivity". To find out more, navigate to <http://www.hes.edu.au>

16th Annual New Zealand International Education Conference, Christchurch, 8-10 August – "For International education Marketers, Student Recruiters, Policy Makers and Senior Management. Sessions cover marketing practice, comparative costings, rankings offshore diversification, e-marketing, market research, competitor profiles and more". To find out more, navigate to <http://www.educationnz.org.nz/conference>

ANZCIES 2007, International Co-operation Through Education, The University of Auckland, New Zealand 30 November - 2 December 2007 – CALL FOR PAPERS CLOSE 16 JULY 2007 - The theme for the conference, International Co-operation through Education, is designed to showcase various educational approaches that foster international co-operation through education while promoting an understanding of the complexities and sensitivities of less developed countries. The challenge is to identify, explore, and analyse the plethora of human agency involved in transforming comparative perspectives of and about the world. Emphasis will be placed on bridging gaps between policy and practice as well as identifying distinctions in how countries and cultures approach international co-operation through education. To find out more, navigate to <http://www.anzcies.org/>

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