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AUSTRALIAN ITEMS

21 Australian Universities to take part in Global Survey on the Academic Profession, CHEMP PRESS RELEASE, 13 September 2007 - "Is this what you expected academia to be?" This is one of the questions academics across the nation, and the world, will be answering as part of the largest survey ever conducted regarding the academic profession and its ability to contribute to knowledge societies." [more](#)

Private uni bonanza (Australian, 12 Sept: 25) - "The latest round of higher education place allocations cements a plan by John Howard for private providers to be as important in tertiary education as they are in school education." [more](#)

Unis question Rudd's HECS plan (Australian, 12 Sept: online) - "Kevin Rudd's plan to rein in the "out of control" Higher Education Contribution Scheme has been questioned by universities, who say providing more income and living support to students could be a much better option." [more](#)

Developing balance is key (Australian, 12 Sept: 32) - "Universities with regional campuses are advancing a good general principle but a bad specific policy in proposing a tenfold increase in the federal Government's regional loading to \$280 million annually." [more](#)

Eight options for revamping UWA (Campus Review, 11 Sept: 1, 3) - "The University of Western Australia will soon canvas options far more radical than the Melbourne Model as it determines the shape of future academic directions".

New Go8 head will stir policy debate (Campus Review, 11 Sept: 3) - "The message from the new Group of Eight head Professor Alan Robson is absolutely clear - robust policy debate will be a hallmark of his term leading the elite faction of universities".

Students cautiously welcome visa changes (Campus Review, 11 Sept: 5) – “The peak body for international students in Australia has welcomed “long-awaited” changes to the skilled migration regime especially the move to reward people with high levels of English proficiency”.

Beyond private concerns (Campus Review, 11 Sept: 7, 8) – “Australia is not alone in witnessing a massive growth in private expenditure in its higher education sector”.

Governance plan (Australian Financial Review, 10 Sept: 35) – “Education Minister has highlighted the importance of good university governance as the fifth pillar of higher education policy, and suggested possible changes to governance arrangements, ahead of this month's University Governance and Regulations Forum at Sydney's Radisson Plaza Hotel.”

New Publications

Philip G. Altbach and Patti McGill Peterson (Eds), 2007, *Higher Education in the New Century: Global Challenges and Innovative*, CIHE and Sense Publishers – “This book is a summary of the work of the Fulbright New Century Scholars program for 2006-2007. Among the themes discussed are the academic profession, access and equity, higher education and social cohesion, private higher education, international student mobility, and the research university. Copies are available without cost to readers in developing countries from the CIHE. Others may purchase the book from Sense Publishers at <http://www.sensepublishers.com>

European University Association 2007, *Doctoral Programmes in Europe's Universities: Achievements and Challenges*, Report prepared for European Universities and Ministers of Higher Education – “It highlights the latest trends in this key sector of higher education, such as, the introduction of new organisational structures to manage doctoral education, the increasing focus on learning ‘transferable skills’ and the growth in new types of doctoral programmes such as “professional doctorates”. To access the report, navigate to <http://www.eua.be>

AUQF2007 Proceedings: Evolution and Renewal in Quality Assurance, Hobart, Australia, 11-13 July 2007, is now available. See the Publications section of the AUQA website.
<http://www.auqa.com.au/qualityenhancement/publications/occasional/publications/index.shtml>

New Conference Listings

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Dubrovnik Conference on Higher Education, 29-31 October, 2007 - The Conference will provide a platform for exchange of relevant experience in selected topics including:

1. Professionalisation of higher education public management
2. Diversification of university legal status
3. Acceleration of Higher Education institutional reforms
4. Standardisation of student experience across the EHEA concerning students' representation and principles of organising

to find out more, navigate to

http://www.ond.vlaanderen.be/hogeronderwijs/bologna/calender/Dubrovnik_Conference.htm

Asia-Pacific Quality Network 2008, Conference and Annual General Meeting, *Future of Quality Assurance in Asia Pacific, Cooperation Amidst Diversity*, Tokyo, 19-22 February 2008 – Deadline of Call for Contributions is 28 September, 2007. The sub-themes of this conference are:

- * Mutual recognition and standards;
- * Quality assurance of QA agencies; and

* Respect of diversity and network activity.

To find out more, navigate to <http://www.the-convention.co.jp/apqn2008/aboutconference/index.html>

Universities Australia International Education Conference – *Looking forward: the future of international education and our place in the landscape*, Brisbane, 25-26 October 2007 – “The conference will consider the future of international education and the changing role of and expectations for staff in universities.”

To find out more, navigate to

http://www.universitiesaustralia.edu.au/content.asp?page=/policies_programs/staff_dev/index.htm

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