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News Items & Articles

INTERNATIONAL ITEMS

Final-salary pension in peril (THES, 19 Oct) – “Academics may have to lose their final-salary pension schemes, according to a Universities UK report on the future of the sector’s pension arrangements.” [more](#)

Fears as review fails to meet full research cost (THES,19 Oct) – “The Government’s commitment to fund the full cost of academic research could be waning, university research managers have warned after last week’s Comprehensive Spending Review.” [more](#)

AUSTRALIAN ITEMS

Surplus can support sector (Australian, 24 Oct: 26) – “Australia’s resources boom and \$17billion budget surplus should be used to fund the nation’s universities, the Australian Democrats say in their federal election policy paper to be released tomorrow.” [more](#)

Academy holds the key to prosperity (Australian, 24 Oct: 31) – “Investment in education is essential if Australia is to regain its late 19th-century role as a nation that set the standard for world’s best practice”. [more](#)

An Aussie uni in the top 20? No chance (Campus Review, 23 Oct: 1, 7) – “Australia has little or no hope of getting a university into the Shanghai Jiao Tong University top 20 – nor should it spend all of its money trying to”.

Casuals suffer for their work (Campus Review, 23 Oct: 1, 13) – “Workforce casualisation is likely to become a central theme of the next industrial bargaining round after a survey found more than half of casual academics feel alienated, undervalued and underpaid”.

Management acumen on the rise Campus Review, 23 Oct: 3, 10) – “The workforce is increasingly au fait

with the direction in which their university is headed an happier with leadership and management practices ... But work-life balance, workload and the management of change are still sticking points”.

The changing role of academic boards (Campus Review, 23 Oct: 7) – “The role of academic boards in universities is changing, but they still play a crucial role as the “engine-room” in translating day-to-day practices into sound institutional policy”.

Sharpening our appetite for growth (Campus Review, 23 Oct: 8-9) - “New research from IDP paints a picture of growth in international education, but it will require new ideas and new providers to help meet demand”.

New Publications

OECD in Figures 2007 - “is an original, simple to use, pocket data book. It is a primary statistical source. As with all OECD data, it is compiled and checked by our experts, so that decision-makers in government, research and business know they can rely on it. The 2007 edition of OECD in Figures contains key data on OECD countries, ranging from economic growth and employment to inflation, trade and environment.”

To access this publication, navigate to

http://www.oecd.org/document/19/0,3343,en_2649_201185_39503891_1_1_1_1,00.html

Burgess Group 2007, Beyond the honours degree classification: Burgess Group Final Report, Universities UK – “Following consultations with the higher education sector and employers, the report recommends introducing a single document, to be known as a ‘Higher Education Achievement Report’ (HEAR), which would be the key vehicle for measuring and recording student achievement.”

To download the report navigate to <http://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/>

New Conference Listings

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IMHE 2008 General Conference, The quality, relevance and impact of higher education, Paris, 8-10 September 2008 – “The 2008 Conference will focus on the quality, relevance and impact of the outcomes of higher education. Special attention will be given to new approaches of evaluating and assessing higher education in terms of its outcomes, for example in learning or employment.”

To find out more, navigate to http://www.oecd.org/site/0,3407,en_21571361_38973579_1_1_1_1_1,00.html

ISANA: International Education Association 18th International Conference, Adelaide, 27-30 November 2007 – “This year’s theme ‘Student Success in International Education’ recognises that international education is a multi-faceted phenomenon that intersects with the interests of a range of stakeholders”.

To find out more, navigate to <http://www.cdesign.com.au/isana07>

The 11th UNESCO-APEID International Conference, Reinventing Higher Education: Toward Participatory and Sustainable Development, Bangkok, Thailand, 12-14 December 2007 – “The Conference is expected to facilitate a paradigm shift in a sector that is less commonly associated with participatory development by highlighting the role of universities and other higher education institutions in balancing social inequalities and in formulating sustainable solutions with, and for, people so that they can have equal access to the benefits of a globalizing world.” To find out more, navigate to <http://www.unescobkk.org/index.php?id=11apeidconf>

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