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INTERNATIONAL ITEMS

Press release: Conference outlines future for university leadership (EUA, 31 Mar) – "The nature of university leadership in Europe will have to change as institutions respond to the developments of a competitive knowledge economy whilst meeting the demand for greater social cohesion. This is one of the conclusions to come out of the EUA Spring Conference, hosted by the University of Barcelona, which ended this weekend." [more](#)

New Africa Edition (University World News, 30 Mar) – "The Africa Edition aims to generate greater coverage of universities in Africa and to improve communication between people working or interested in higher education on the continent. It will feature reporting on higher education news, issues, analysis and developments across Africa and will also include many of the stories published in the global edition." [more](#)

Business to benefit from university research (University World News, 30 Mar) – "Universities and colleges are constantly working with business and industry to undertake commercially valuable research. University World News will regularly feature a selection of these cutting edge developments in its business pages, which we hope will inspire businesses to contact researchers carrying out this beneficial work." [more](#)

CHINA: Moves to develop higher education (University World News, 30 Mar) – "China will invest 10 billion yuan (US\$1.4 billion) on creating around 1,000 key subjects between now and 2011 in the country's universities." [more](#)

Press release: universities urged to develop clear strategies to advance open-access of research results (EUA, 28 Mar) – "Universities need to do more to develop institutional policies and strategies that increase access to their peer-reviewed research results to the widest range of users, to maximise the impact and visibility of university research." [more](#)

Staff give sector managers low marks (THE, 28 Mar) – "University staff have the worst perceptions of their managers of any employment sector, seeing them as secretive, uncaring and controlling, according to new research."

The Work-Life Balance 2007 survey carried out by Coventry University asked 2,300 employees across ten sectors for their opinions on the leadership styles of senior managers in their organisations." [more](#)

Scottish super-university mooted (THE, 27 Mar) – "Reforms aimed at creating one Scottish university that ranks among the world's top 20 institutions, and mergers in the rest of the sector, are up for discussion by the task force looking at higher education north of the border." [more](#)

AUSTRALIAN ITEMS

Go8 offers first principles to underpin university compacts (Go8, 3 Apr) – "Universities should be funded for what they do and how well they do it, and different funding streams must attach to different functions, according to the Chair of the Group of Eight universities, Professor Alan Robson, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Western Australia." [more](#)

Australia 'falling behind in research' (Australian, 2 Apr) – "Australia is slipping behind the UK, Canada and other countries in doing basic research and must boost investment in R&D to retain international competitiveness, one of the country's most senior university leaders has warned." [more](#)

Dual the success (Campus Review, 1 Apr: 6) – "Dual sector universities are likely to figure prominently in the upcoming review of higher education".

Media release: New classification to assist ERA development (DIISR, 31 Mar) – "The Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Senator Kim Carr, has announced that the new Australian and New Zealand Standard Research Classification (ANZSRC) will be a primary tool for defining disciplines and the make-up of discipline clusters in the Government's Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) initiative." [more](#) [ABS site for new Classification](#)

Confronting brain-drain migration (University World News, 30 Mar) – "The trend for students to study abroad looks set to continue and with it the strong likelihood that many will remain in the country in which they study. Success in the knowledge economy rests on the availability of highly skilled and qualified people, and the loss of the highly educated can have a deleterious effect on the social and economic development of sending countries." [more](#)

New Publications

Salazar-Clemeña, R. M. and Meek, V.L. (Eds.) 2008, *Competition, Collaboration and Change in the Academic Profession: Shaping higher education's contribution to knowledge and research*, Libro Amigo Publishers for UNESCO Forum on Higher Education, Research and Knowledge, Philippines – "This volume emanates from a regional research seminar of the Forum's Asia and the Pacific Scientific Committee on the subject, hosted by Zhejiang University."

EUA Bologna Handbook, 7th Supplement – "The seventh supplement of the EUA Bologna Handbook – released on 14 March – looks in detail at the ongoing implementation of key aspects of the Bologna process across Europe, at institutional and national levels." [more](#)

Coates, H., Goedegebuure, L., van der Lee, J. and Meek, V.L. March 2008, *The Academic Profession in 2007: A first analysis of results* – This paper presents the first analysis of the Australian Changing Academic Profession survey results. To access the paper, navigate to <http://www.une.edu.au/chemp/projects/cap>

Marginson, S. March 2008, *Sustainability and Risks of Internationalisation*, paper to the Australian Financial Review conference on Higher Education, 13-14 March – To access the slides from this presentation, navigate to <http://www.cshe.unimelb.edu.au/>

New Conferences and Events

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CHEMP International Study Tour, US and Canada (visiting San Francisco Bay Area, Seattle, Vancouver and Victoria), 6-15 August 2008 Designed for university executives/managers, governing body members, and university commercialisation company executives, this program will focus particularly on:

- Research commercialisation and industry partnerships
- Leadership, governance and strategic direction setting
- Funding issues and private higher education
- Graduate studies and research management
- Building new 'on-campus' integrated urban communities

Scheduled immediately before the International Meeting of University Administrators (IMUA) to be held in Vancouver from 17-21 August 2008.

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