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News Items & Articles

INTERNATIONAL ITEMS

Rethinking the role of higher education (GUNI, 29 Apr) – "Entitled "Higher Education: New Challenges and Emerging Roles for Human and Social Development", GUNI held its 4th International Barcelona Conference on Higher Education. More than 450 people from nearly 80 countries participated in this event, which fostered a reflection on the role of higher education to meet the challenges set by the society of the new millennium." [more](#)

More pupils than ever considering university (EducationGuardian, 28 Apr) – "More school students than ever before are considering going to university, according to a survey published today, in spite of the potential burden of loans and recently increased interest payments." [more](#)

Science research funding decision delayed (EducationGuardian, 24 Apr) – "Ministers have backed away from moves to judge the quality of research done by UK academics in the sciences separately from those in arts and humanities." [more](#)

AUSTRALIAN ITEMS

CAPA ends research (Australian, 30 April) – "The Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations, strapped for cash in a fee income drought since the introduction of voluntary student unionism, has closed its research office and for the first time will tender for contract research work." [more](#)

Call to increase capacity (Australian, 30 April) – "Widening professional skills shortages and evidence Australia's mass university system has reached full capacity - that is, the number of eligible applicants missing out has touched new lows - have sparked calls for a student recruitment drive and better targeting of places to students' first choices." [more](#)

Postgrads need money infusion (Australian, 30 April) – "Scholarships for humanities and social science doctoral students should increase by at least one-quarter to make the degree more attractive, a peak body has urged." [more](#)

Migrant graduates failing to get jobs (Australian, 29 April) – "Fewer than a quarter of young, degree-educated migrants are finding skilled or professional jobs in their areas of study, and graduates are leaving university with poor academic standards and minimal English." [more](#)

Epic case changes IP landscape (Campus Review, 29 Apr: 1, 4) – "A judgement against UWA in an intellectual property case involving a former academic has weakened the position of the entire sector in negotiating benefits derived from IP."

Education costs help spark record inflation (Campus Review, 29 Apr: 1, 3) – "The price of education in Australia jumped more than 5 per cent in the first three months of the year, according to Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) figures released last week, helping drive inflation to its highest point in almost 17 years."

Media Release - University offers and acceptances up in 2008 – (DEEWR, 28 Apr) – "The 2008 Undergraduate Applications, Offers and Acceptances report has found that fewer students are being turned away from universities, with nearly 80 per cent of applicants being offered a place." [more](#)

AUSTRALIA: First university YouTube channel (University World News, 27 Apr) – "Among the first three universities in the world to link with YouTube, the UNSW channel has become one of the most watched local online sites, scoring more hits than television competitors such as Channel Ten, Beat TV and SkyNewsShowbiz." [more](#)

Diversity and Structural Adjustment Fund (DEEWR, 24 Apr) – "On Thursday 24 April 2008 the Hon Julia Gillard MP, Minister for Education, invited universities to submit Expressions of Interest for the first round of funding under the new Diversity and Structural Adjustment Fund (The Diversity Fund)." [more](#)

New Publications

Group of Eight, April 2008, *Adding to Australia's Capacity: The role of research universities in innovation, A submission from the Group of eight to the Review of the National Innovation System* – "A contemporary approach to innovation policy that suits Australia's circumstances will involve less programmatic intervention by government and greater attention to the coherence of policy, regulatory and financing frameworks." To access the submission, navigate to <http://www.go8.edu.au/>

Group of Eight, April 2008, *In the Interests of Innovation: Time for a new approach to negotiating research agreements between the Commonwealth and Australian universities, A supplementary submission from the Group of Eight to the the Review of the National Innovation System* – "Concerns are held across the Group of Eight (Go8) that the standard terms sought by the Commonwealth when entering into research agreements with universities misunderstand the role and nature of universities; are unnecessarily onerous and impractical; often cause delay and uncertainty due to their complexity; and serve to stifle knowledge transfer and innovation by restricting the capacity of universities to disseminate the results of the sponsored research for public benefit." To access the supplementary submission, navigate to <http://www.go8.edu.au/>

Universities Australia, April 2008, *Universities Australia Submission to the Review for the National Innovation System* – "In this submission, Universities Australia outlines the strong linkages between the higher education sector and innovation, the role of innovation in sustaining a vibrant economy and the need for funding and support mechanisms that ensure the sector can fulfil its important role in the broader innovation system." to access the submission, navigate to <http://www.universitiesaustralia.edu.au/>

Interview with Gemma Rauret: European Higher Education Area, Quality and Accreditation (GUNI, 29 Apr) – "The arrival of the European Higher Education Area will have very significant implications for the measures and practices of quality assessment and accreditation in Spain and in Europe" says Gemma Rauret, director of the

Spanish National Agency for Quality Assurance and Accreditation (ANECA), spoke to us of the challenges that must be faced in the years ahead by the Spanish higher education system within the European Higher Education Area. She also spoke of the role that ANECA will play in this context and the strategy it will employ." To access the interview, navigate to <http://web.guni2005.upc.es/interviews/detail.php?id=1186>

Sutton Trust, April 2008, Ipsos MORI Young People Omnibus Survey – "Ipsos MORI survey of young people's higher education intentions, showing highest level of aspirations for five years." To access this publication, navigate to <http://www.suttontrust.com/annualreports.asp>

New Conferences and Events

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LH Martin Institute Executive Seminar to be presented by Professor Emeritus William F. Massy, on Institutional Resourcing, 14 May 2008 in Christchurch, 19 & 20 May 2008 in Adelaide and 22 & 23 May 2008 in Sydney. To find out more, navigate to <http://www.mihelm.unimelb.edu.au/news/seminars.html>

Beyond the Academy: Engaging Pubic Life, Washington, 10 - 11 June, 2008 - "Meeting just outside the nation's capital in the midst of a presidential campaign year, public scholars from across the country will discuss the ways in which their work is more than "academic," how it helps strengthen democratic institutions and public life and can bring about civic change." For more information go to: <http://beyondtheacademy.wordpress.com/>

Australian International Education Conference 2008, Global Citizens, Global Impact, Brisbane, 7-10 October 2008 – "This year's Conference theme, Global Citizens, Global Impact, will focus on outcomes of international education, including: future growth and future directions of international education as an industry and an export; graduate outcomes and the implications for labour markets and skilled migration; community impacts – local, national and global; alumni global citizens including where are they now, brain drain/brain gain, the global workforce and diasporic networks; and the academic performance outcomes of international education for domestic and international students." To find out more, navigate to <http://www.aiec.idp.com/program.aspx>

XII North American Higher Education Conference, Higher Education Collaboration: Local Responses in a Global Context, Monterrey, Mexico, 8-10 October 2008 – "Together, we will revitalize the North American higher education collaborative agenda for the new political, economic and educational context in which we live today. We will focus on:

1. Further improving mechanisms to promote quality assurance and mutual recognition of courses and degrees in North America and beyond
2. Identifying current challenges and opportunities in North American higher education
3. Sharing best practices in efforts to internationalize institutions and their curricula, while maintaining and strengthening local institutional connections
4. Comparing experiences in developing, implementing and promoting student exchange programs in other regions
5. Fostering a more active participation between institutions, governments and the business sector in international education and collaboration." To find our more, navigate to http://www.conahec.org/conahec/Conferences/Monterrey2008/english/EN_Description.html

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. To find out more about our study tour, navigate to <http://www.une.edu.au/chemp/activity/tours/2008tour.php>

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