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CHEMP NEWS

University Consortium Recommends Australian Higher Education Graduation Statement (CHEMP, 15 May) – "A consortium of Australian universities that undertook the Australian Diploma Supplement Project for the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations has recommended the introduction of an Australian Higher Education Graduation Statement from 2009." [Press Release](#) [Project Website](#)

INTERNATIONAL ITEMS

JORDAN: Soaring enrolments create problems (University World News, 11 May) – "University enrolments in the Middle East are soaring as large youth cohorts try to find a better future through higher education." [more](#)

SOUTH AFRICA: Private higher education stabilises (University World News, 11 May) – "Today, 92 private higher education institutions operate legally in South Africa, according to the latest register of institutions just published by the Department of Education, including 81 fully registered and 11 with provisional status." [more](#)

Hefce backtracks to test post-RAE plans (THE, 8 May) – "The Higher Education Funding Council for England has returned almost to square one in the detailed design of the new system to replace the research assessment exercise." [more](#)

AUSTRALIAN ITEMS

\$11bn in unis cash bonanza (Australian, 14 May: 47) – "Universities are among the few winners in last night's budget, with Education Minister Julia Gillard announcing an immediate injection into the system of \$500million. The one-off Renewal Fund is intended to help universities 'rebuild their campus infrastructure after 11 years of Howard government neglect'." [more](#)

Full fee places: Labor refocuses its priorities (Campus Review, 13 May: 1, 9) – "The government is backing away from its commitment to address national priority areas through the 11, 000 Commonwealth supported places

(CSPs) which will replace full-fee domestic undergraduate places".

So much for Melbourne, here comes the Macquarie Model (Campus Review, 13 May: 1, 4) – "Early last week Macquarie released its green paper – the third in just six weeks – on the review of its academic programs and its plan to cut the university's undergraduate offerings from 142 degrees to between 25 and 30 by the beginning of 2010".

UWA to appeal epic IP case (Campus Review, 13 May: 3) – "The University of Western Australia will appeal against a Federal Court decision that found in favour of an academic, Dr Bruce Gray, effectively allowing him to retain ownership of intellectual property for inventions developed while he was an employee of the university".

Matters for consideration (Campus Review, 13 May: 7) – "The higher education review must consider some substantial and enduring issues".

New Publications

Proposal for an Australian Higher Education Graduation Statement, Final Report to the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, Development of a National Diploma Supplement Project, 02 May 2008 - The key recommendation from the Project is for the introduction of an Australian Higher Education Graduation Statement that will take the form of documentation provided to graduates by awarding institutions in addition to the degree or diploma certificate or testamur. Its purpose will be to make qualifications more portable and their value more transparent by providing descriptions of the nature, level, context and status of the studies that were pursued and completed by graduates, as well as information about the education system to which the qualification belongs. [link](#)

Implementing and Using Quality Assurance: Strategy and Practice – A selection of papers from the 2nd European Quality Assurance Forum, EUA Case Studies 2008 – "This publication gathers a representative sample of the contributions to the Forum. Some of the keynote presentations are included as well as a few of the many excellent papers that contributed to lively discussions in the parallel sessions. The keynotes discuss quality from a conceptual, historical and policy perspective. The papers are mostly focused on institutional case studies and show the variety of ways that higher education institutions and QA agencies ensure quality." [link](#)

Commission of the European Communities, Results of the Public Consultation on the Green Paper, The European Research Area: New Perspectives, Commission Staff Working Document – "This report synthesises the response to the consultation based on the 685 replies received by the 31 August 2007 deadline for the on-line questionnaire and the 145 free-format contributions received by the final closing date of 31 December 2007. One of the chapters summarises the contributions to the consultation received from EU Member States and Associated Countries and European bodies (European Parliament, European Economic and Social Committee, Committee of the Regions). Altogether, the response to the ERA Green Paper constitutes an essential part of the basis on which to take the next steps towards realising the European Research Area." [link](#)

New Conferences and Events

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Launch Conference for the EUA Council for Doctoral Education (EUA-CDE), University of Lausanne, Switzerland, 1-3 June 2008 – "The launch conference will be an open space to set up the EUA-CDE agenda, and for the exchange of good practice examples for all institutions - those at the beginning of the reform as well as those that are much further. Amongst the key questions for discussion will be: • Why do we need the reform of doctoral education and research training in the European knowledge society? • What is the institutional experience with implementing new practices and routes to research training (innovative organisational structures; skills training; improvement of supervision; emergence of new doctorates; joint doctoral programmes; internationalisation;

interdisciplinarity; career development of young researchers, collaboration with other stakeholders, etc.)?• How will EUA-CDE respond to these challenges?" To find out more, email andrew.miller@eua.be

Governance and Management Models in Higher Education: A Global Perspective, Coimbra, Portugal, 3 – 5 September 2008 – "The themes of the conference are:

- * governance and management in a context of change;
- * innovation and management models: the role of structures and human resources;
- * evaluation and quality assurance: perspectives and criteria."

To find out more, navigate to [http://www.eua.be/index.php?id=241&no_cache=1&tx_ttnews\[tt_news\]=543](http://www.eua.be/index.php?id=241&no_cache=1&tx_ttnews[tt_news]=543)

2008 National University Finance & Procurement Conference, Towards a Sustainable Future? Financial and Procurement Challenges for Australian Universities in securing Environmental Sustainability, Cairns, 21 - 23 July 2008 – "This conference provides a proactive forum for university management professionals to meet and discuss current issues impacting the higher education sector in the specific areas of financial management and strategic procurement." For further information, navigate to <http://www.hes.edu.au/>

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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