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News Items & Articles

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

Graduate pay gap between top universities and ex-polys (Education Guardian, 21 May) – "A person's earning power is tightly linked to the university they attended, with graduates from the "top" institutions four times more likely to be among the highest earners than those from former polytechnics, according to research." [more](#)

Should the golden triangle get all the research cash? (Education Guardian, 20 May) – "Scientists in the north-west are angry at losing out on funding to southern universities." [more](#)

SPECIAL REPORT: Changing student tastes (University World News, 18 May) – "Fashion, fads and the harsh world of work are among the many factors that influence students to choose a particular course at university. As our special report shows, in Ireland and Australia students have been turning away from IT although jobs are now plentiful." [more](#)

Poor data may put teaching cash at risk (THE, 15 May) – "Universities have been warned that they are putting the future funding of the sector at risk if they underestimate the full costs of teaching." [more](#)

Teaching quality under 'grave threat' (THE, 15 May) – "Mass higher education and the long-term underfunding of universities are putting the quality of undergraduate education "in serious jeopardy". [more](#)

AUSTRALIAN ITEMS

Big bucks bypass vocational performers (Australian, 21 May) – "In Budget Statement 4, Boosting Australia's Productive Capacity: The Role of Infrastructure and Skills, Treasury says: 'Some universities could be better off specialising as research-oriented institutions while others would have a more vocational focus and specialise in

teaching. Other institutions might have a more regional specialisation and focus on serving their particular local community." [more](#)

Departing don leaves oldest brownstone in good shape (Australian, 21 May) - "Our unis need more money and less government interference." [more](#)

Unis get full dibs on investment fund –for now (Campus Review, 20 May: 1, 6) – "Universities will share all of the \$304 million they were anticipating from the Higher Education endowment Fund (HEEF) in mid-2009, despite last week's announcement that the HEEF would be replaced by the broader Education Investment Fund (EIF)".

Passing time (Campus Review, 20 May 1, 6) – "The budget fails to pass the excitement test by treading water until various reviews are complete".

What price generosity: a third of a billion dollars (Campus Review, 20 May: 3) – "The Australian Government needs to invest \$330 million to fully reap the potential benefit of philanthropy in the higher education sector."

Bradley's challenge (Campus Review, 20 May: 9) – "The greatest challenge facing the Higher Education Review is to argue for adequate and sustainable funding and proper income support for students."

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New Publications

DEEWR, Higher Education 2020 Newsletter, May Issue – This issue includes article about the Budget 2008-09, The Indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council and Undergraduate Applications, Offers and Acceptances. [more](#)

The Allen Consulting Group, Philanthropy in Australia's Higher Education System, Final Report to Universities Australia on behalf of the Business, Industry and Higher Education Collaboration Council – "This report analyses international best practice, identifies challenges within Australia and develops options and measures to assist Australian universities become more strategic fundraisers." [link](#)

Universities UK, Universities planning guidance - "There are real opportunities to ensure that our universities connect fully with the positive planning of the places they are a part of. At the same time, they must raise their game in terms of the quality and efficient use of their buildings and surroundings. There are real benefits for all parties in finding better ways of working together to deliver positive change, based on mutual understandings." [link](#)

European Commission, Entrepreneurship in higher education, especially within non-business studies: Final Report of the Expert Group - "If it is to make a success of the Lisbon strategy for growth and employment, Europe needs to stimulate the entrepreneurial mindsets of young people, encourage innovative business start-ups, and foster a culture that is friendlier to entrepreneurship and to the growth of small and medium-sized businesses. The important role of education in promoting more entrepreneurial attitudes and behaviours, starting even at primary school, is now widely recognised." [link](#)

CEDAM, Promoting Teaching and Learning Communities: Institutional Leadership Project – "The Promoting Teaching & Learning Communities: Institutional Leadership Project, funded by the Carrick Institute for Learning and Teaching in Higher Education proved a challenging and transforming initiative for the Centre for Educational Development and Academic Methods (CEDAM). The ANU project used communities of practice to build distributed leadership (in this context meaning shared by the group) capacity in staff committed to enhancing learning and teaching at ANU." [link](#)

Universities UK, Research report: International research collaboration - "This report presents the findings arising from a study of international research collaboration, exploring trends, competitor countries' policies and UK universities' management of this function." [link](#)

New Conferences and Events

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30th Annual EAIR Forum, *Polishing the silver: Are we really improving higher education?*, Copenhagen, Denmark, 24-27 August 2008 – "At the 30th EAIR Forum, will examine the ways in which external quality assurance systems have improved the internal quality work supporting the development of a quality culture at higher education institutions. ... We should like to examine how institutions of higher education can handle the challenges of internationalisation and globalisation." [more](#)

The Guardian 2nd Annual Further Education and Skills Summit, London, United Kingdom, 17-18 June 2008 – "Following the hugely successful inaugural summit in 2007, this 2nd annual FE and Skills summit will look at the new challenges facing the sector and what strategies it will need in order to thrive. The summit brings together principals, chief executives, sector leaders and experts in FE and skills to debate which approaches and models will unlock the potential of the FE and skills sector to become the engine room of the UK economy." [more](#)

2008 Tertiary Education Management Conference, *Investing for Success*, Christchurch, New Zealand, 28 September to 1 October 2008 – "Investing for Success", the theme for the 2008 conference, highlights the undoubted connection between articulating a vision for success in Tertiary Education and the deliberate strategies around investing in the achievement of that vision. This conference provides the opportunity for delegates from all levels and sectors of tertiary education to consider how strategic investment decisions impact on the ability of their organisation to deliver quality outcomes and goals for the stakeholders." [more](#)

European Quality Assurance Forum, Budapest, Hungary, 20 - 22 November 2008 – "The 3rd European Quality Assurance Forum, the premier conference for quality discussions in Europe, will explore European and international trends in quality assurance. It will examine the implications of various developments for quality assurance in European higher education and internationally and ask, specifically, if these developments increase quality levels in higher education." [more](#)

UNESCO, Global Research Seminar: Sharing Research Agendas on Knowledge Systems, Paris, France, 28 – 30 November 2008 – "The objective is to provide an arena for researchers to discuss new and ongoing research, identify research gaps and suggest new research agendas on systems of higher education, research and knowledge, with a view to forge closer links between the research communities and UNESCO in these fields." [more](#)

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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