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INTERNATIONAL ITEMS

Arts experts fear metrics will skew REF (THE, 24 Jul) - "Researchers are anxious that quality indicators could become benchmark". [more](#) 


Scholars urged to widen agenda (THE, 24 Jul) - "The number of academics involved in the study of higher education needs to expand beyond a parochial "specialist tribe" that is currently helping to shape the future of the sector, a new report warns." [more](#)  See *New Publications* section of this issue of HEInfo for details on report


EUROPE: First Mediterranean university launched (University World News, 20 Jul) - "A new Euro-Mediterranean University based in Slovenia has been launched ... Creation of the new institution was part of a joint declaration issued by heads of state and government from 43 countries at a Paris summit establishing a Mediterranean Union organisation." [more](#) 

AUSTRALIAN ITEMS

Uni squeeze 'will hit' Aussie students (Australian, 23 July) – "Corporate heavyweight Peter Yates has attacked the Rudd Government's move to ban domestic full-fee-paying students as unfair and ideologically driven and warned it would cost \$150 million a year." [more](#) 

Union push for academic freedoms (Australian, 23 July) – "The Bradley review is lazy policy, a recycling of the 1980s' Dawkins reform agenda and a testament to the inexperience of the Government, according to the leader of the academic union." [more](#) 

Call for research to be judged by effect on real life (Australian, 23 July)- "The technology universities have called for the Rudd Government's research performance exercise to adopt indicators that measure researchers' impact on reducing death and disease, and improving safety, trade, gross domestic product and quality of life." [more](#) 


New ERA to focus on aiding top hubs (Australian, 23 July) – "The Rudd Government's planned university research performance exercise could be used to identify new research hubs and make them accountable". [more](#) 

Unis offer a headstart – but mostly to keep heads above water (Campus Review, 22 Jul: 1, 4) – "At least

eleven public universities will offer accelerated study arrangements next year, as stretched student budgets and burgeoning skill shortages force higher education administrators to rethink the way they offer undergraduate education."

Class-based assumptions hamper social inclusion (Campus Review, 22 Jul: 3) – "University engagement with communities and a focus on demystifying the university experience for students in their earliest years of learning were the big themes at a ... forum on higher education and social inclusion."


Its not plain English (Campus Review, 22 Jul: 6) – "If Australian higher education is to survive and thrive within a more competitive international market, the role of English language in higher education must be taken seriously."

AUSTRALIA: International quality assurance (University World News, 20 Jul) - "As universities around the world internationalise their curricula and their research links, or offer courses abroad or enrol foreign students, these activities should be subject to internal quality assurance." [more](#) 

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New Publications

John Brennan, Jürgen Enders, Christine Musselin, Ulrich Teichler, and Jussi Välimaa, Jul 2008, Higher Education Looking Forward: A Agenda for Future Research, European Science Foundation – "The rationale for the European Science Foundation's Forward Look on higher education has been to examine higher education and research within a wider context of social science research by relating it to more general conceptual frameworks of, for example, human capital theories; theories of power, inequality and social exclusion; theories of organisations; new public management etc. By so doing, it was hoped to begin to address some of the larger questions concerning the changing relationship between higher education and society and to develop research agendas that would be relevant both to researchers and to policy makers and practitioners." <http://www.esf.org/publications/forward-looks.html> 


European Commission 2008, Progress towards the Lisbon objectives in education and training - Indicators and benchmarks - "The report sets out progress towards the objectives agreed by the Council. The Progress Reports for 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 were able to give more and more detailed analysis of performance and progress as data and research material became available." http://ec.europa.eu/education/policies/2010/progressreport_en.html 


HEFCE, July 2008, A new 'University Challenge': consultation on proposals for new higher education centres - This consultation invites a debate on the approach we are taking to support the development of new higher education centres in the light of the Government's policy framework set out in the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills publication 'A new 'University Challenge'. http://www.hefce.ac.uk/pubs/hefce/2008/08_27/ 

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New Conferences and Events


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48th session of the International Conference on Education, Geneva, 25-28 November 2008 – "The International Conference on Education is a major international forum for education policy dialogue among ministers of education and other stakeholders (researchers, practitioners, representatives of intergovernmental organisations and civil society). The theme of the 48th session of the ICE is inclusive education: the way of the future." <http://www.ibe.unesco.org/en/ice/48th-session-2008.html> 

10th Australasian Research Management Society Annual Conference, Tastes of Research Management, Hobart, 3-5 September 2008 – "The annual conference creates a quality forum to learn about the latest concepts and strategies in research management as well as providing an opportunity to exchange ideas with fellow professionals." <http://www.arms2008.com.au/> 

WACE Asia Pacific Conference, Work Integrated Learning (WIL): Transforming Futures, Practice ...

Pedagogy ... Partnerships, Sydney, September 20 to 3 October 2008 – "The conference will focus on excellence in Work Integrated Learning (WIL) through:


- creating high quality work integrated learning experiences
- enhancing teaching and learning outcomes, and
- developing employability skills in the context of the global skills shortage." <http://www.abcon.biz/acen.html> 

What should be the political economy of tertiary education in the next decade and beyond, Investing in the Future: Renewing Australian Tertiary Education, Public Seminar Series, Melbourne, 28 July - "The seminar will focus on funding and economic policy issues facing Australian tertiary education in the future." <http://www.cshe.unimelb.edu.au/investinginthefuture/index.html> 

22nd Annual Australian and New Zealand Academy of Management (ANZAM) Conference 2008, Managing in the Pacific Century, Auckland, New Zealand, 2-5 December 2008 - "The pattern and pace of economic transformation in the Pacific Rim is unprecedented and presents new challenges and new opportunities for organisations throughout the world. The role of managers, management and leadership will be fundamental to this transformation. Irrespective of the sector, the industry or the form of the organisation, the ability to respond and adapt in a world increasingly dominated by Asia-Pacific alliances, innovations and enterprise will be essential to an organisation's competitive success." <http://www.promaco.com.au/2008/anzam/> 

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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