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INTERNATIONAL ITEMS

Almost 200 academic staff fight against RAE exclusion (THE, 7 Aug) - "At least 190 academics who were told their work would not be submitted to the research assessment exercise mounted a formal challenge against their exclusion ... And about one in three of those who appealed was successful in overturning the decision." <http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/story.asp?sectioncode=26&storycode=403112&c=1> 


New universities could struggle to survive (Guardian, 4 Aug) - "Newer British universities may disappear because of global competition forcing them to spend more, a leading ratings agency has warned." <http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2008/aug/04/universityfunding.highereducation> 


FRANCE: First wave of autonomous universities (University World News, 3 Aug) - "The first universities in France to be granted autonomy under a controversial reform law passed almost a year ago will be able to spend their state-allocated budgets as they choose and recruit their own staff from the start of 2009." <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20080731155128679> 


BRUSSELS: Report on reforming Europe's universities (University World News, 3 Aug) - "A new report by the Brussels-based think tank Bruegel ... recommends gradual raising of spending on higher education by 1% of European Union GDP over the next 10 years to approach American funding levels, increasing university autonomy, fostering greater student and faculty mobility, improving success rates and developing competitive graduate schools." <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=2008073115342514>  See publications section of this issue of HEinfo

UK is second in the world at research (Guardian, 31 Jul) - "UK scientists publish more research than any other country in the world except the United States - but China has begun to draw level". <http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2008/jul/31/research> 

AUSTRALIAN ITEMS

Boom in private sector revealed (Australian, 6 Aug) - "Private higher education carries a student load as big as a large metropolitan university." <http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,,24134193-12332,00.html> 

VCs put faith in a systems approach (Australian, 6 Aug) - "The vice-chancellors of the Australian National University, the University of Canberra and Charles Sturt University have held initial talks on the possibility of establishing a US-style system to service inland Australia." <http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,,24134191-12332,00.html> 

18 should be the new 25 (Sydney Morning Herald, 6 Aug) - "Universities have warned the Federal Government not to squander its chance to overhaul the higher education sector, saying the system is at a "tipping point" with a dangerous reliance on international students." <http://www.smh.com.au/news/national/unis-say-18-should-be-the-new-25/2008/08/05/1217702042555.html> 

Government welcomes release of CRC review (Australian, 5 Aug) - "Senator Kim Carr, Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, has welcomed the release of the review of Australia's Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) program, as an important contribution to the broader examination of Australia's National Innovation System." *See publications section of this issue of HEInfo*


Go8 paper moves the goalposts right off the pitch (Campus Review, 5 Aug: 1, 4) - "Scholarships would replace the Commonwealth Grant Scheme, course fees would be deregulated and research would be mainly concentrated in about 10 elite universities under a massive overhaul of Australian tertiary education proposed in the Group of Eight's submission to the Higher Education Review."

Terry Cutler misses deadline for research report (Australian, 31 Jul) - "The anxiously anticipated report from the innovation expert will now not reach federal Innovation Minister Kim Carr until the end of the month." <http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,,24107106-12332,00.html> 

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New Publications

July 2008, Collaborating to a purpose: Review of the Cooperative Research Centres Program - "The review also recommends the creation of a new program to support the development of closer relationships in those industries and sectors where little collaboration currently occurs." <http://www.innovation.gov.au/innovationreview> 

Phillipe Aghion, Mathias Dewatripont, Caroline Hoxby, Andreu Mas-Colell & Andre Sapir, July 2008, Higher Aspirations: An agenda for reforming European Universities - "Since the introduction of the Shanghai ranking of the world's universities it has been clear that European universities are underperforming. This blueprint discusses the potential explanations and points at different reform priorities for higher education in Europe." http://www.bruegel.org/Public/Publication_detail.php?ID=1538&publicationID=8152 

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New Conferences and Events

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International Conference on Higher Education Research and Development (IHERD): Looking Beyond Globalization, Bangkok, Thailand, 9 - 12 July 2009 - "Globalization has had a great impact on higher education and vice versa. Changes are evident in all aspects of higher education. A large variety of innovations have been proposed and practiced in higher education policy and management, instructional practices and research. This is apparent also in individual academic disciplines. It is prime time for a careful review and evaluation of the situation and for preparation of the next steps." <http://www.dpu.ac.th/iherd/> 

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