News from the Research Unit

Formative Feedback on Research Portfolios

Thank you to all those who took time to complete a research portfolio for formative feedback in relation to your research activities and the next PBRF evaluation panels (Education, Arts, Social Sciences and Māori Knowledge and Development) meeting during early November. We learned an enormous amount from this exercise that will benefit our Faculty in terms of improving productivity and achieving the University’s goals set for us. Judy and Helen are part way through compiling generic feedback that will benefit all staff, and providing confidential reports to the individuals who submitted portfolios. Next semester opportunities will be provided to build research in ways that respond to this formative evaluation. Watch this space!

Upcoming Events

Faculty Research Expos

In 2010 there will be TWO Faculty Research Expos. The first is Wednesday 17 February and the other is Wednesday 1st September. Following on from this year’s successful Expo of posters and round tables, we will offer three formats.

There will be short paper sessions (25 minute slots) in the morning (in strands depending on numbers). In the afternoon there will be round tables and posters. The Round Tables will be an opportunity for anyone to discuss their work with interested colleagues in a 40 minute time slot. Posters will be ongoing for up to a three hour period. You choose the format that best suits your style and your work.

You are encouraged to present either something you have presented recently or something that you intend to present or publish at a later date. You are also encouraged to try out new work in these forums.

If you would like to participate, please email Sharon at foed-research@auckland.ac.nz and indicate which date and format you are interested in.

Faculty Research Funding Closing Dates 2010

The closing dates for Small Scale Research Grants in 2010 are Round 1 Friday 12 February and Round 2 Friday 23 July.

Please note due to increased competition for funds, there will only be one Faculty Research Development Round in 2010. The closing date for this is Wednesday 12 May. Please make sure to check the website next year for up-to-date guidelines and application forms.
Funding Calendar
If you wish to be proactive and find out in advance about other funding opportunities, please check the University Funding Calendar which is found here: http://web.auckland.ac.nz/uoafor/staff/key_dates/event-types/research.cfm

Funding opportunities can also be found on the Research or Community of Science (COS) databases which enable a more personal search. You can find funding opportunities by sponsors, discipline, and geographical location and for many purposes. You can also create personal profiles on these databases and receive personal email alerts. For assistance with searching these databases please contact Sharon foed-research@auckland.ac.nz

Newsletter
Please continue to send items, including new publications, for the monthly newsletter to foed-research@auckland.ac.nz. We are aware that we have a lot more publications in the faculty than are submitted and encourage staff to remember this newsletter has a wide readership.

New Publications

Journal Articles

Book Chapters

Conference Presentations/Proceedings


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**Research Funds Available**

**Marsden Funding Round**

**Marsden Portal and Preliminary Guidelines**

The Marsden portal is open from Friday 20th November. If you would like access to the portal for preliminary applications, please register with Julia Zhu (j.zhu@auckland.ac.nz) with the following information:

- PI name
- PI email
- Department
- Faculty
- Project type – Standard (Std) or FastStart (FS)
- Panel Choice
- Project Title (indicative only, can be changed once URL provided)

**Changes to Marsden funding in 2010**

A new panel has been introduced, called ‘Engineering and Interdisciplinary Sciences’ (EIS). The Physical Sciences and Engineering panel has been replaced by the Physics, Chemistry and Biochemistry (PCB) panel. As a result, biochemistry has been removed from the Cellular, Molecular and Physiological Sciences (CMP) panel. Operations research has moved from the Maths and Information Science panel to the new EIS panel.

Marsden this year have provided guidance on the recommended maximum value for each proposal. This ranges from $240k to $320k depending on panel (incl GST). This is not a cap, you can apply for more, but indicative maximums have been provided.

Applications to the Mathematics and Information Science panel (MIS) are allowed a 2 page abstract this year.

Fast Start applicants can nominate a mentor who will provide guidance on project management during their project. There will be no funding/FTE sought for the mentor.

A new CV template has been introduced so that the same CV template can be used for FRST, HRC and Marsden applications, in an effort to reduce compliance costs.

From the 2011 round onwards, researchers will not be allowed to be a PI on more than one Marsden grant at a time. This change is being signalled now but will take effect in the 2011 round.

For full information on Marsden preliminary applications, the guidelines are available here: [https://www.staff.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/fms/secure/staff/research/Marsden/2010_Marsden_Prelim_Guidelines.pdf](https://www.staff.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/fms/secure/staff/research/Marsden/2010_Marsden_Prelim_Guidelines.pdf)

**Events**

The Research Office will be holding an afternoon tea ‘meet the panellists’ session on Wednesday 2nd December, 3 pm in the Federation Room of Old Government House.

Do you want to speak to previous panellists to find out how to target your proposal or understand what the panellists are looking for?

Do you want to discuss which panel you should submit your application to?

This afternoon tea is an informal opportunity to discuss your Marsden proposals with previous panellists. There will be panel-focussed small group discussions as well as an open forum question and answer session. There will also be some discussion around the new ‘Engineering and Interdisciplinary Sciences’ panel and what this will mean for UoA applications.
Please RSVP to Chris Ford (c.ford@auckland.ac.nz).

**Key Dates: Marsden Fund Round 2009/10**

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**North Shore Teachers College Trust Fund**

The North Shore Trust will be calling for applications on **Monday 1st February 2010**. The closing date is **Friday, 26 February at 2.00pm**.

The NST fund supports small projects and visiting fellow/academic visitor from overseas or New Zealand. A special project eg: development of an educational resource; a small-scale research project.

Before you put your proposal together, please read the guidelines below.

**GUIDELINES FOR THE NORTH SHORE TEACHERS COLLEGE TRUST FUND**

**Awarding of grants from the North Shore Teachers College Trust fund 2009**

**Who is eligible to apply for funds?**

To be eligible to apply you must be:

Currently employed as an academic staff member at the Faculty of Education or employed as a Team Solutions Facilitator, Manager or employed as Team Leader;

Employed 0.5 or greater in the year of application;

Employed in either a permanent position or on at least a two-year fixed term contract.

**How much funding is available and how many grants will be made?**

One or two substantive grants will be made each year to applicants from the funds available (approx. $8,000 is available each year).

**What activities can be funded?**

- An overseas study tour by an individual staff member
- A visiting fellow / academic visitor from overseas or New Zealand
- A special project eg: development of an educational resource; a small-scale research project
A reasonably substantive educational enterprise that falls within the terms and intent of the Trust deed.

Grants cannot be used for lecturer 'buy out' from teaching or school visiting; computer hardware or software; equipment purchases; items or services freely available within the Faculty / University at no extra cost to the applicant(s); the pursuit of further formal qualifications or similar activities.

Application forms are available from the Secretary of the North Shore Teachers College Trust – email g.beston@auckland.ac.nz (Gina Beston - Room U107)

Applicants are asked to provide:

• a clear, detailed description of the proposed activity
• a statement about how the grant will be of 'professional benefit' to the recipient and/or will contribute to the 'general furtherance of teacher education'. Where appropriate this statement may also include a list of proposed 'outputs' related to the funded activity
• a comprehensive budget
• a full time-line
• information about support (financial or otherwise) from other sources
• a signed and support from the appropriate Head of School.

Completion and submission of a coherent, detailed application assists the trustees in their decision-making.

Applications will be called for in February Monday, 1st and closing in February Friday, 26th 2010. The trustees will meet within six weeks of the close of applications. Criteria outlined in the 'Rules of the Trust’ (North Shore Teachers College Trust Board, 2007) will guide decision-making. The Secretary of the North Shore Teachers College Trust Fund will advise applicants about the outcome of their application in writing. Successful applicants will be informed about procedures for uplifting funds. Funds allocated must be spent within two years of the awarding of the grant otherwise the funding/grant may be terminated.

Depending on the time line, interim progress reports may be required. A final report is to be provided to the North Shore Teachers College Trust Board at the completion of the funded activity.

Nga Pae o te Maramatanga Research Funding Round

The 2009-2010 Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Research Funding Round opened on 1st October 2009, and closes at 5.00pm 26th February 2010. The research round is a contestable funding round primarily for midcareer and senior researchers and is for $1.2m in total.

The Application Forms and Guidelines are available below and can be downloaded. Please use these forms only and do not use forms from previous years as there are a number of changes. The forms and guidelines are:

Research Application Form 2009-10
NPM Research Round Guidelines 2009-10
Application Form-CV details for Additional Researchers 09-10
Research Themes and Sub Themes (Oct 09)
Budget Worksheet

For further information regarding our Research Funding Round please contact:

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ISAT Bilateral Research Activities Programme - Call for Applications

Applications are now invited to the 2009-10 Bilateral Research Activities Programme (BRAP) of the International Science & Technology (ISAT) Linkages Fund. There are two separate funding calls:

- Applications for bilateral activities (excluding Germany and Spain)
- Applications for bilateral activities with Spain

The funding programme is designed to support new international science and technology links.

The programme provides support for travel and related costs for NZ researchers to travel overseas or for overseas researchers to travel to NZ, in order to develop joint research programmes. The programme does not support teaching, study or study leave, and is not intended to support conference attendance unless associated with a collaborative research project. Applications from PhD or postgraduate students will not be considered. Single and multi-year applications will be considered.

Areas of research that will be considered are:
- Biochemical and biomedical (B&B)
- Earth sciences and astronomy (ESA)
- Humanities (HUM)
- Life sciences (LFS)
- Mathematical and Information Science (MIS)
- Physical science/engineering (PSE)
- Social sciences (SOC)
- Technology development (TED)

Applications for Bilateral Activities excluding Germany and Spain

Funding for activities which commence after 1 January 2010 and conclude by 30 June 2010, unless the application is for a multi-year collaborative exchange.

Guidelines and application forms for funding opportunities excluding Germany and Spain are available at the RSNZ website: http://www.royalsociety.org.nz/site/funding/isat/default.aspx

Applications for Bilateral Activities with Spain

This fund is for activities commencing before 30 June 2010.

Guidelines and application forms for funding opportunities with Spain are available at the RSNZ website: http://www.royalsociety.org.nz/Site/funding/spain/default.aspx.

Applications must be received by the Royal Society of New Zealand by 4pm on Tuesday 3rd November 09. Applications and coversheets must be received by the Research Office by Thursday 30th October 09.

For further assistance, please contact Chris Ford (c.ford@auckland.ac.nz) ext 88301 or Denise Greenwood (d.greenwood@auckland.ac.nz) ext 83562 at the Research Office.

Asia:NZ Grants

Invitation for Applications for 2009/10

The Asia New Zealand Foundation (Asia:NZ) is dedicated to building New Zealanders’ knowledge and understanding of Asia through equipping New Zealanders with first-hand experience of Asia, and to forge valuable links to the region. The focus of Asia:NZ is in 5 major areas: business, culture, education, media and research.

The Asia:NZ Research Grant programme objectives are:
- To provide grants that will contribute to the capacity of New Zealand academics
- To support research and initiatives which transfer Asia knowledge across New Zealand.

A number of grants are currently available for emerging and established researchers:

Emerging Researcher Grant, - $6,000
A grant for emerging researchers in areas relating to Asia:NZ's work. Deadline – 20 November 09, 5 February 10
Big Issues Grant - $10,000
This grant is awarded for research on important contemporary or emerging issues relating to New Zealand’s future with Asia. Deadline - 16 October 09

Conference Support Grant - $3,000
This grant is awarded to assist New Zealand institutions in hosting a New Zealand-based conference on a theme related to the work of Asia:NZ. Deadline – 19 March 2010

Track 2 International Relations Grant - $6,000
This grant is awarded to enable emerging and established researchers to examine contemporary issues in the Asia-Pacific region. Deadline – 12 February 2010

Further information on all grants, along with eligibility criteria and application forms, is available here:
http://www.asianz.org.nz/opportunities/knowledge-research

Please submit applications and coversheets to the City Campus Research Office 3 days before the closing date.

For further assistance, please contact Chris Ford (c.ford@auckland.ac.nz) or Denise Greenwood (d.greenwood@auckland.ac.nz), ext 83562 at the City Campus Research Office.

Health Research Council Funding Round

Following on from the notice publicising the timetable for the coming HRC annual funding round (http://www.hrc.govt.nz/root/Research%20Funding/Funding_Calendar.html), in last month’s newsletter, many of you are keen to get started on preparing applications. As yet the application forms and guidelines are not available from HRC. The following information is intended as a general aid to getting started based on the key dates and what we know about the new processes with respect to what will change and what will stay the same. Specific details will be communicated as they become available.

For assistance please contact Denise Greenwood (d.greenwood@auckland.ac.nz ext 83562) or Genevieve Morris (g.morris@auckland.ac.nz ext 8742) at the Research office.

Update on the 2009/10 HRC annual funding round

1. Timeline:

   Tues 6 October  Closing date for REGISTRATIONS for Programmes, Programme Extensions, Projects, Feasibility Studies and Emerging Researcher First Grant
   Note: Call for registrations to be advised by HRC it will be portal-based and include PI details, project title and approximate cost (to be confirmed).

   Fri 16 October  Expressions of Interest for New Programmes and Projects due at HRC
   Note: This leaves only 10 weeks between now and the final closing date at HRC. This includes UoA internal closing dates to allow for Faculty reviews as required.

   Fri 9 October  EOI Research Office closing date (TBC)

   Mon 2 November  Due date at HRC for FULL APPLICATIONS for Programme Extensions, Feasibility Studies and Emerging Researcher First Grant.

   Tue 27 October  Research Office closing date

   Wed 16 December  Results of Expressions of Interest are due. Selected applicants will be invited to submit a Full Proposal

   8 March 2010  Full Proposal Project and Programme applications due at HRC. Internal deadlines will be advised by your Faculty as required.

   1 March 2010  Research Office closing date (TBC) for full proposals

2. Contract Types and Fixed Budgets

Programmes - $5M over five years
Projects – up to $400,000 per annum up to maximum contract value of $1.2M for three years
Emerging Researcher First Grant - $150,000 ($50K p.a. for three years)
Feasibility Study Grants - $150,000 for one year only

3. New Programmes

Changed format for programme applications will be introduced in this round. The information currently available indicates
that the applications will be a single application rather than a combination of proposals. Key features of programme applications still include a focus on groups and collaborations of established researchers, outstanding track records and the long term research vision. Details of the new programme application process will be advised by HRC in due course.

4. Programme Extensions
The existing application and assessment format for current programme holders will apply for arranging extension of the programme.

5. Expression of Interest
The EOI will serve as the preliminary proposal for the first round of project and new programme applications

EOI will contain a three page proposal component to include:

- The problem being addressed
- The approach being adopted (methodology)
- The impact of the research
- How the proposed research fits within the scope of the investment signal
- Additional material may include the PI’s CV and other administrative details-to be finalised.

The EOI will be released to HRC via the portal.
Hard Copies may also be required

Note:  
1. Only one targeted investment stream “Research for New Zealand Health Delivery” will be introduced by HRC for this funding round. Details about the budget and scope of this investment signal will be released by HRC in mid August.
2. Only PROJECT proposals are sought in 2009/10 for the targeted investment stream “Research for New Zealand Health Delivery”.
3. For PROJECTS and PROGRAMMES not associated with the new investment signal targeting for portfolios and previous HRC research priorities still applies.

6. HRC Assessment
Assessment will be conducted at both stages by an Extended Assessment Committee. Membership of the committee will include scientists with backgrounds in biomedical, clinical, public health and Maori health research, as well end-user representation.

The committee will be responsible for the initial triage of stage one applications and for the ranking of full proposals at the second stage. The coming funding round will be the last time that current health research portfolios, research prioritisation and Science assessment processes will apply.

Assessment criteria will consider:

Scientific Merit, Track Record of Applicants, Methodology, Impact of the Proposal

Ongoing
Royal Society of New Zealand: ISAT Conference Funding— Applications will be treated on an ad hoc basis and will be subject to assessment and evaluation and dependent on the availability of funding. Refer:  
http://www.rsnz.org/funding/int_conf/

More Funding Opportunities available on Key Dates Calendar.  
http://www.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/for/staff/key_dates/event-types/research.cfm

Research Opportunities/Collaborations

NZ-Japan Bilateral Programme

Second Call for Applications for 2009

The NZ-JSPS bilateral programmes support Postdoctoral Fellowships, Exchange of visits between the two countries, and holding of a joint workshop in either country.

Applicants must be NZ citizens or permanent residents, employed by a research institute, hold a PhD degree or equivalent, have evidence of a host organisation and develop the proposal in consultation with the respective Japanese research partner.

This fellowship has been advertised earlier this year but the Royal Society of NZ has advised that there are still some fellowships available.

Post Doctoral Fellowship
Up to 10 fellowships will be awarded for collaborative research for 12-24 months in any field of the social, natural, physical, health and medical sciences, commencing between 2 April 2010 and 30 November 2010. The fellowship includes a monthly maintenance allowance of ¥364,000, research grant of ¥1,500,000 per annum and a settling in allowance of ¥200,000. Some air travel and insurance costs will also be provided.

Guidelines and application forms for all funding opportunities are available at the RSNZ website: http://www.royalsociety.org.nz/Site/International/jisp/default.aspx

Applications and coversheets must be received by the Research Office by Thursday 19 February 2010.

For further assistance, please contact Chris Ford (c.ford@auckland.ac.nz) ext 88301 or Denise Greenwood (d.greenwood@auckland.ac.nz) ext 83562 at the Research Office.

### Ethics Closing Dates 2010

Applications for the University of Auckland Human Participants and Ethics Committee have closed for 2009 (unless you are submitting a low-risk application).

Please see below the Faculty of Education submission dates for ethics applications in 2010

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Any applications received after the closing date will automatically be included in the following month.

Applications are to be forwarded to:
The Research Administrator, N502
Faculty of Education Research Unit
Gate 4, 60 Epsom Avenue, Auckland.
foed-research@auckland.ac.nz

Please note: both a hard copy and an electronic copy are required.

If N502 is unattended, please leave your application in the drop box opposite

Most Schools now have ethics advisors who can provide first level support with your application so check with your School research committee.
There are currently seven ethics advisors in the Faculty who can also assist you to prepare your application. They are:

- Dr Irena Madjar
- Dr Bev France (Semester 2 only)
- Dr Martin East
- Rena Heap
- Dr Trevor Thwaites
- Melinda Webber
- Dr Ruth Williams

Others are being mentored into the role and will be added to this list in 2010. **Please do not approach these people directly but consult the faculty Ethics Coordinator for advice on who to approach.**

The Ethics and Biological Safety Administration website can be found at http://www.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/home/about/research/re-ethics

Please make sure to download the most updated form from the website every time should you need to apply for ethics approval as the website and application forms will be updated periodically. Any application forms other than the 2009 version will no longer be accepted and will be returned.

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**Workshops**

**Centre for Academic Development (CAD)**

**IT Literacy Courses for Academics and Researchers**

The Centre for Academic Development (CAD) runs an eleven month IT Literacy programme which offers a number of data analysis and related workshops.

Academics and Researchers in particular, but also General Staff may be interested in this selection of upcoming range of courses.

The full timetable is available through ASKHR on the Staff Intranet. UoA staff are referred to the Peoplesoft HR QuickLink on the staff Intranet to view courses and to enrol. Non-employees and affiliated staff may view the full blurb descriptions for our current programme and continue to enrol, at http://www.cad.auckland.ac.nz. Some partial cost recovery and prerequisites may apply so please read the full workshop blurb.

For further information contact Lyn Hood, IT Literacy Coordinator

eLearning Design and Development Group (eLDD)

Centre for Academic Development (CAD), Ph 64-9-3737599 x 87951

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**Upcoming Conferences/Presentations**

**New Zealand Association for Research in Education Conference**

*Distinction Hotel & Conference Centre, Rotorua, December 1-4, 2009*

*This is our research, this is why it matters and this is what should happen next:*

NZ educational research in 2009

See http://www.eenz.com/nzare09/ for registration, programme and pre-conference workshops (including an early childhood research hui November 30)

**ASCILITE 2009: "Same Places, Different Spaces"**

*Auckland, New Zealand, 6-9 December, 2009*

The 2009 conference of the Australasian Society for Computers in Learning in Tertiary Education (Ascilite) is being held at The University of Auckland 6-9 December. An overview of conference details (as included below) has been sent to Ascilite members with further details available on the conference website.
If you are interested in presenting or attending the conference please bookmark the website and keep checking for updates. [http://www.ascilite.org.au/conferences/auckland09/](http://www.ascilite.org.au/conferences/auckland09/)

If you are interested in finding out more about Ascilite as an organisation the website is [http://www.ascilite.org.au](http://www.ascilite.org.au)

The My Review proposal submission system opens the end of June.

Deadline for paper, workshop, symposia and interactive session proposals due: 14 August 2009

Deadline for poster presentation proposals due: 16 October 2009

Registrations open: 3 August 2009

Deadline for early Bird Registration: 31 October 2009


The third conference organised by the Centre for Excellence in Preparing for Academic Practice will be held at St Anne’s College, University of Oxford, from 13 to 15 December 2009. The event will be focused on the development of holistic depictions of academic careers - ones conceptualized as more than teaching and/or research. We seek a wide range of creative responses to this idea, but initial suggestions include academic practice as career development, mentoring, academic climate, relationships between academic work and wider life, academic writing and discourse, and emotions or affect in academic work.

Anna Neumann, Professor of Higher Education at Columbia University, will give a keynote address. Other keynote speakers will be announced prior to the conference.

In addition to keynote lectures, there will also be semi-formal discussion sessions, addressing subjects of particular shared interest; a private reception for early career academics (doctoral students, postdoctoral researchers, research staff and new lecturers); and possibly a third strand – narrative histories – in which those imagining or beginning academic careers reflect on their own experiences and offer their distinct perspectives on Academic Practice; this will probably be run on an invitation basis.

We also intend offering at least one free ‘alternative’ tour of Oxford (City and University), with architectural highlights, insights into student and academic life, and insider information on hideaway venues.

Questions about the event should be addressed in the first instance to Richard Arnold, +44 1865 286828, or Richard.Arnold@learning.ox.ac.uk.

Further details of the conference, including proposal forms, are available at [http://www.learning.ox.ac.uk/academicpractice](http://www.learning.ox.ac.uk/academicpractice)

Please send proposals or expressions of interest to: Dr David Capie

Political Science and International Relations Programme

Victoria University of Wellington [david.capie@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:david.capie@vuw.ac.nz)

**ACSPRI 2010 Summer Programme**

The 2010 ACSPRI Summer Program will be held at The Australian National University in Canberra.

The dates for the Program are:

Week One: 11th - 15th January 2010
Week Two: 18th - 22nd January 2010

The following week-long intensive courses will be offered (roughly half in week 1 and half in week 2):

(Introductory)
- Introduction to Statistics
- Introduction to Qualitative Research Techniques
- Introduction to Social Network Research and Network Analysis

Introduction to Nvivo: Computer-Assisted Qualitative Data Analysis
Focus Groups and Other Qualitative Group Techniques
Data Analysis in SPSS

(intmediate)
Fundamentals of Multiple Regression
SUDAAN: Complex Data Analysis
Scale Development, Rasch Analysis and Item Response Theory
Data Analysis using Stata
Qualitative Research: Design Analysis and Representation
Online Research Methods

(intmediate to advanced)
Data Analysis using R
Applied Multiple Regression Analysis

Titles for Structural Equation Modelling will roughly resemble the following:
Introduction to Structural Equation Modelling using LISREL
Introduction to Structural Equation Modelling using Amos
Intermediate to Advanced Structural Equation Modelling using Mplus
Intermediate to Advanced Structural Equation Modelling using Amos and LISREL
Advanced Structural Equation Modelling using Mplus

The Fee Schedule for Summer 2010 will remain the same as for the 2009 Winter and Spring Programs with the Early Bird Deadline falling on 30th November (Non-member: $2520; Non-member Early Bird: $2300; ACSPRI Member: $1390; ACSPRI Member Early Bird: $1250; ACSPRI Member F/T PhD Student Early Bird: $850).

The UoA is an ACSPRI member so discounted fees apply.

For further information please contact Sharon for a brochure food-research@auckland.ac.nz or the Program Coordinator by emailing summer2010@acspri.org.au.

UoA Centre for Medical & Health Sciences (CMHSE) Inaugural Symposium
New Frontiers in Medical Education Research, The Owen G Glenn Building, University of Auckland, Friday 19th February 2010

This is an occasion to promote and support excellence in teaching and learning in medical and health professionals education. Submissions within this theme are welcomed.

Symposium Topics include:
- Research development in medical education
- Evidence based practice
- New concepts and theories

Keynote speaker
- John Hattie

Abstract Submission Deadline: Monday 14th December
Registration: Registration will open November 2009. The date along with payment details to be advised.
Fee: $100
Submissions for oral presentations:
All submissions addressing the symposium theme will be considered. Participants are invited to submit their abstracts by Monday 14th December 2009 to Johanna Beattie j.beattie@auckland.ac.nz. Abstracts should be between 200-300 words.

Scientific Committee:
Dr Boaz Shulruf, University of Auckland
Assoc Prof Jennifer Weller, University of Auckland
Prof Tim Wilkinson, University of Otago
Dr Marcus Henning, University of Auckland

More information can be found on the CMHSE website www.fmhs.auckland.ac.nz/faculty/cmhse/default.aspx.

EARLI SIG Meetings 2010

SIG 1: Assessment and Evaluation
Conference Theme: Assessment for Learners
1 - 3 September 2010, Slaley Hall, Northumberland, UK
Submission deadline: 13 Nov 2009
Website: http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/assessment2010

SIG 2: Text and Graphics Comprehension
Conference Theme: Tracing the mind: How do we learn from text and graphics?
26-28 August 2010, Tuebingen, Germany
Submission deadline: March 30, 2010
Website: http://www.earlisig2-2010.de

SIG 3: Conceptual Change
Conference Theme: Teaching for conceptual change – In search for instructional design principles
26-28 May 2010, Louvain Institute for Ireland in Europe, in Leuven, Belgium
Website: http://ppw.kuleuven.be/cipt/EARLI%20CONF/EARLICONFwelcome.html

SIG 4: Higher Education and SIG 11 Teaching and Teacher Education
15-16 June 2010, Helsinki, Finland.

SIG 5: Learning and Development in early childhood
Conference Theme: Learning and Development in early childhood
23 – 25 August 2010, Lucerne, at the University of Teacher Education Central Switzerland.
Extended deadline for submission of proposals: Jan. 31, 2010
Website: http://www.earli.phz.ch/
Call for submissions

SIG 6: Instructional Design and SIG 7 Learning and Instruction with Computers
Conference Theme: Instructional Design for motivated and competent learning in a digital world
30 Aug - 1 Sept 2010, Ulm, Germany
Submission deadline: 15 April 2010

SIG 7: Learning and Instruction with Computers and SIG 6 Instructional Design
Conference Theme: Instructional Design for motivated and competent learning in a digital world
30 Aug - 1 Sept 2010, Ulm, Germany
Submission deadline: 15 April 2010

SIG 8: Motivation and Emotion
Conference Theme: Motivation: New Directions in mind
2 - 4 September 2010, University of Porto (Faculdade de Psychologia e de Ciências da Educação) in Porto, Portugal
Website: www.fpce.up.pt/icm2010

SIG 10: Social Interaction in Learning and Instruction and SIG 21 Learning and Teaching in Culturally Diverse Settings
Conference Theme: Moving through cultures of learning
2 – 3 September 2010, Utrecht, The Netherlands
Website: http://sig10and21meeting.risbo.org
Call

SIG 11: Teaching and Teacher Education and SIG 4 Higher Education
15-16 June 2010, Helsinki, Finland.
SIG 12: Writing
Conference Theme: 12th International Conference of the EARLI Special Interest Group on Writing
8-10 September 2010, Heidelberg, Germany
Submission deadline: 15th of February, 2010
Website: www.SIGwriting2010.de.

SIG 13: Moral and Democratic Education
Conference Theme: Moral and Democratic Education and its influence on the society
30 Aug – 2 Sept 2010, Tel Aviv, Israel
Website: http://campus.achva.ac.il/SIG13-2010/Home.aspx

SIG 14: Learning and Professional Development
Conference theme: Diversity in Vocational and Professional Education and Training
25 – 27 August 2010, University of Munich, Germany
Submission deadline of abstracts and extended summaries: March, 1st, 2010
Notification of submissions: April, 1st, 2010
Website: http://www.wipaed.bwl.uni-muenchen.de/earliSIG14

SIG 15: Special Educational Needs
Conference Theme: Teaching, Learning and diversity
6 – 7 September 2010, Goethe University of Frankfurt, Frankfurt, Germany

SIG 16: Metacognition
Conference Theme: 4th Biennial Meeting of the EARLI Special Interest Group 16 Metacognition
26-29 May, 2010, Muenster, Germany
Submission deadline: October 1st 2009
Website: www.metacognition2010.de.

SIG 17: Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches to Learning and Instruction
Conference Theme: Methodology in Research on Learning
2 – 3 September 2010, Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Germany

SIG 18: Educational Effectiveness
Conference Theme: Educational Effectiveness: Models, Methods and Applications
25-27 August 2010, Leuven, Belgium
Submission deadline: January 20, 2010
Website: www.SIGee2010.org
find more details here.

SIG 19: Religious and Spiritual Education
Conference Theme: New perspectives on religious and spiritual education
26-28 August, 2010, University of Malta, Malta
Submission deadline: 15th February, 2010

SIG 20: Computer Supported Inquiry Learning
Conference Theme: Computer-Based Learning in Science
4 – 7 July 2010, Warsaw, Poland
website: http://www.cblis2010.waw.pl

SIG 21: Learning and Teaching in Culturally Diverse Settings and SIG 10 Social Interaction in Learning and Instruction
Conference Theme: Moving through cultures of learning
2 - 3 September 2010, Utrecht, The Netherlands
Website: http://sig10and21meeting.risbo.org
Call

SIG 22: Neuroscience and Education
Conference Theme: Educational neuroscience: is it a field?
3 - 5 June 2010, ETH Zürich, Switzerland
Website: http://www.SIG-neuroedu2010.ethz.ch
Call for papers

International Conference on Sport and Society
University of British Columbia Vancouver, Canada, 8-10 March 2010 http://www.SportConference.com/

We are excited to be holding the inaugural Conference in Vancouver - scheduled between the Olympic Games and the Paralympic Games, at the University of British Columbia. The Conference hopes to engage university and international academics to consider broad questions about the connections between sport and society in the exciting context of the
Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The International Conference on Sport and Society and its companion International Journal of Sport and Society provide a forum for wide-ranging and interdisciplinary examination of sport, including: the history, sociology and psychology of sport; sports medicine and health; physical and health education; and sports administration and management. The discussions at the conference and in the journal range from broad conceptualisations of the fundamental logics of sport, to highly specific readings of sporting practices in particular times and places. The conference and journal focus on four logics of sport: Game Logic; Body Logic; Aesthetic Logic; and Organisational Logic.

As well as impressive line-up of international plenary speakers, the Conference will also include numerous paper, workshop and colloquium presentations by practitioners, teachers and researchers. We would particularly like to invite you to respond to the Conference Call-for-Papers. Presenters may choose to submit written papers for publication in the International Journal of Sport and Society. If you are unable to attend the Conference in person, virtual registrations are also available which allow you to submit a paper for refereeing and possible publication in this fully refereed academic Journal.

Whether you are a virtual or in-person presenter at this Conference, we also encourage you to present on the Conference YouTube Channel. Please select the Online Sessions link on the Conference website for further details.

The deadline for the next round in the call for papers (a title and short abstract) is 9 July 2009. Future deadlines will be announced on the Conference website after this date. Proposals are reviewed within three weeks of submission. Full details of the Conference, including an online proposal submission form, are to be found at the Conference website - http://www.SportConference.com/.

TARC International Conference on Learning & Teaching 2010

"Emerging Trends in Higher Education Learning and Teaching.", TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN COLLEGE, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, One World Hotel, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia, 18-19 October 2010

Call for Papers

In view of the great success of TARC International Conference 2008, Tunku Abdul Rahman College is organizing its second International Conference on Learning and Teaching (TIC2010).

The objectives of this conference are to:

- Establish a platform to share research findings focusing on emerging trends and issues pertaining to methodologies and strategies in learning, teaching and assessment.
- Discuss the use of technology and its impact on learning, teaching and assessment environments at higher education institutions.
- Promote collaborations, discussion and sharing of knowledge, experience and expertise on development in learning, teaching and assessment.
- Share best practices in teaching, learning, assessment and institutional policies and governance in higher education.

The theme of the Learning and Teaching Conference is “Emerging Trends in Higher Education Learning and Teaching”. The papers presented will be based on theoretical and empirical research findings on all aspects of learning and teaching. Papers presented will focus on issues pertaining to methodologies and strategies in learning, teaching and assessment, as well as on technology and its impact on learning, teaching and assessment environments. In addition, the conference will also focus on international policies and professional development in the area of learning and teaching.

The conference will comprise keynote addresses, plenary sessions, parallel sessions, posters and workshops over the duration of 2 days. The papers submitted should cover any of the following sub themes or other related areas.

A. Methodologies and Strategies in Learning, Teaching and Assessment.

- Affective Learning
- Outcome-based Education
- Learning Assessment and Evaluation
- Learner Centred Strategies
- Active Learning
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving Development
- Learning Disabilities
- Embedding Soft Skills in Curriculum Development
- Engaging The Multiple Intelligences

B. Technology and Its Impact on Learning, Teaching and Assessment Environments

- Online Learning and its Impacts
- Gaming, Simulation and Virtual Worlds
- Digital Content Creation, Preservation and Delivery
- Information Literacy Support for Teaching, Learning and Assessment
- Web Technologies
- Future Trends and Globalization
• Social Networking and Interactive, Participatory Applications and Services
• Distance Learning
• E-Learning Strategies
• E-Library and Learning Resources
• Learners Diversity, Inclusiveness and Inequality
• Technology and The Learning Environment
• Supporting Students Experience
• Mobile Learning

C. Institutional Policies and Professional Development

• Enhancing Human Capital Quality
• Lifelong Learning Strategies
• Faculty Development and Support
• Strategic Alliances, Collaborations and Partnerships
• Institutional Audit and Quality Assurance
• Academia-Industry Collaboration
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For further info on submission requirements etc please email Sharon foed-research@auckland.ac.nz