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Endeavour Scholarships, Fellowships and Awards



On September 27 this year, The University of Wollongong will once again be holding its Higher Degree Research (HDR) student conference. The inaugural conference held last year was a huge success and participants found the opportunity to present their work and get feedback from peers and colleagues very beneficial.

This year the conference will be expanded to allow more participants (both oral presenters and posters) and will be open to the public for the first time.

It is a fantastic opportunity for students and the University to showcase their research to their peers, academic and general staff, industry partners and the public.

Themes for 2007 will be:

- Promoting and Maintaining Good Health
- Frontier Technologies and Scientific Discovery
- Cultivating Creativity and Innovation
- Understanding Societies and Cultures

Supervisors - please encourage your HDR students to participate and start thinking about their abstracts now. Cash prizes, great networking, excellent opportunities!

For further information please contact Jessica Lopez from the Research Student Centre (RSC) on x5454 or e-mail Jessica@uow.edu.au or visit: www.uow.edu.au/research/rsc/HDRconference/

Kim Roser
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RESEARCH SERVICES OFFICE

RESEARCH INFORMATION SYSTEM (RIS)

The Research Information System Project (RIS) brings the proven benefits of the Education Faculty's current online publications system to all faculties. Migration to the new RIS system by all faculties is scheduled to occur in the next 2 months. You will soon be contacted by the RIS project team, through your faculty's representatives, as they work to tailor the system to your needs. Please contact Bob Cole, RIS Project Manager, Ext 5816, bobc@uow.edu.au if you need further information. URL: <https://intranet.uow.edu.au/content/raid/rso/ris.html>

NHMRC Project Grants

A record number of applications were submitted to the NHMRC on 5 May for funding to commence in 2007. The 24 applications submitted were from the faculties of Arts (1), Education (2), Engineering (5), Health and Behavioural Science (14) and Science (2). Total funding requested was \$10.2 million.

NHMRC Development Grants

Two applications were submitted on 5 May for funding to commence in 2007. The applications were from the faculties of Health and Behavioural Science and Science. Total funding requested was \$573,000.

ARC Linkage Projects

There were 10 applications submitted in the first round for funding to commence in 2007. Applications were received from Creative Arts (1) Commerce (1) Engineering (5) Informatics (2), Science (1). Total funding requested was \$2.6 million.

ARC Linkage Infrastructure

This year UOW researchers have been involved in 12 ARC Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities grants for funding in 2007. Of those 12 applications, UOW is the lead institution on 3, requesting funding of just over \$1 million.

Successful NHMRC Development Grant

Congratulations to John Bremner, Paul Keller and Stephen Pyne on receiving \$184,500 in funding for their project entitled "Preclinical Development of Novel Antibacterial Peptoids Targeting Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria". The NHMRC received 58 applications for this scheme with only nine applications receiving funding. The UOW team was one of only three successful Development Grants awarded in NSW, with UOW the only regional University to receive funding in NSW. A project summary is available at: <http://www.uow.edu.au/research/rso/grants/outcomes/external/2006/2006-nhmrc-development.html>

EXTERNAL GRANT SCHEMES

NHMRC Strategic Award - A Healthy Start to Life for All Australians

The major objective of research funded through this strategic award is to identify and reduce the impact of conditions occurring in adulthood which have their origins in the early stages of life. The award focuses on innovative research which has an interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral approach to child health. Funding up to \$5 million over 5 years has been provided to support projects that may inform policy and programs related to detection, intervention and prevention in the areas of perinatal, postnatal, maternal, infant and child health.

The Application Process will comprise two stages; a Call for Expressions of Interest and an Invitation to submit a full application. The closing date for Expressions of Interest (EOI) is 10 July 2006 however to allow for review and feedback EOIs must be submitted to the Research Office no later than Thursday 29 June 2006.

For further information about lodging an EOI please see the NHMRC web site at <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/apply/granttype/strategic/hstlfaa.htm> or contact Sharon Clarke on ext: 5815 or clarke@uow.edu.au

NHMRC Training Awards

The NHMRC Training Award schemes provide funding support to outstanding Australian health and medical researchers at the start of their research career. Training Awards encompass Overseas and Australian-based Postdoctoral Fellowships, including Industry Fellowships, and Postgraduate Scholarships. Applications are due to the NHMRC on 7th July for Fellowships and 4th August for Scholarships.

For further information go to: <http://www.uow.edu.au/research/rso/grants/opportunities/external/nhmrc/nhmrc-training.html>

If you have any questions regarding these awards please contact Sharon Clarke on ext: 5815 or clarke@uow.edu.au

ARC Linkage International

The closing date for ARC Linkage International Fellowships and Awards is 14 July with first drafts due to the RSO by 23 June.

Australian Academy of Science

AAS invites applications from

Upcoming funding opportunities

Due Date (RSO Office)	Activity
Thursday 29th June 2006	NHMRC Strategic Award - A Healthy Start to Life for All Australians
Friday 7th July 2006	NHMRC Training Awards (Postdoc. Fellowships)
Friday 14th July 2006	ARC Linkage International Fellowships
Friday 14th July 2006 (1st drafts due 23rd June)	ARC Linkage International
Friday 14th July 2006	Australian Academy of Science Travel Grants
31st July 2006	URC Small Grants
4th August 2006	NHMRC Training Awards (Scholarships)
31st August 2006	Fulbright Scholarships
31st August 2006	General Sir John Monash Awards
No Closing Date	URC Research Partnership Grants

professional scientists, including early career researchers, to visit Europe, North America (USA, Canada and Mexico) and North East Asia (China, Japan, Korea and Taiwan), between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008 to collaborate with researchers in those countries. Proposals in any field of natural science, basic and applied, including mathematics and engineering science, will be considered. Grants are for a maximum of \$10,500 to cover travel and daily allowances. The duration of the visits must be between 14 days and 40 days. For further information and application forms please see <http://www.science.org.au/internet/index.htm> or contact Sharon Clarke on ext. 5815 or clarke@uow.edu.au Applications close on 14 July 2006.

Fulbright Scholarships

The Australian-American Fulbright Commission invites applicants from all fields to apply for scholarships to undertake research or study in the United States for periods ranging from 3-12 months. The scheme is open to Australian citizens only and aims to promote mutual understanding through educational and cultural exchange between Australia and the United States. A number of Awards

are available:

- Fulbright Postgraduate Awards for postgraduate students to undertake study in any field to complete their Australian PhD or to support enrolment in a US postgraduate program.
- Fulbright Postdoctoral Awards for successful researchers who have completed their PhD in the past five years to undertake postdoctoral research in the US for 3-12 months.
- Fulbright Senior Scholar Awards for academics (generally at Associate Professor or Professor level) to undertake research or teaching at a US institution for 4-6 months.
- Fulbright Professional Awards for aspiring mid-career professionals in the private and public sector to undertake training or research in professional or industry-based programs in the US for 3-4 months.

Further information and application forms can be downloaded from the Australian-American Fulbright Commission website:

http://www.fulbright.com.au/awards/australian_applicants/awards_available.htm Or contact Elizabeth Phillips on ext. 4522 or eliza@uow.edu.au. Applications close on 31 August, 2006.

The General Sir John Monash Awards

Applications are invited for the General Sir John Monash Awards for outstanding Australian citizens graduating from Australian universities to enable them to undertake postgraduate study abroad at the world's best universities appropriate to their field of study. Annually, up to eight awards for funding of up to \$150,000 over 3 years are awarded to applicants for a study programme in any field leading to the award of a PhD or, in exceptional circumstances, a professional Masters Degree. Whilst there is no upper age limit, awards will generally favour those whose major contribution to their field and to the community lies ahead of them. Scholars of the General Sir John Monash Awards are expected to become leaders in their fields of endeavour and of the community.

Applications for the 2007 Awards will close on 31 August, 2006. Further information, including guidelines and application forms are available from: <http://www.monashawards.org/awards.asp> Or contact Elizabeth Phillips on ext. 4522 or eliza@uow.edu.au.

INTERNAL GRANT SCHEMES

URC Small Grants

Guidelines and application forms for URC Small grants will be available from the RSO website from 20 June. The closing date for applications is 31 July, 2006.

Further information - contact Elizabeth Phillips on ext. 4522 or eliza@uow.edu.au

Research Partnerships Grant Scheme

Formerly known as the New Partnerships Grant Scheme, the primary aim of this scheme is to develop and support high quality industry-related research projects and pilot research projects conducted by researchers of proven excellence in collaboration with partners who provide matching support. From 2006 the scheme offers two forms of funding support:

- Project Grants for the establishment of cooperative projects in either new research directions with existing or new partner organizations. Funding under this scheme is awarded for a period of 1 year and grants typically range from \$5,000 to \$20,000.
- Partnership Development Grants to allow researchers to undertake scoping studies to identify potential partners

or projects. Funds up to \$5,000 are available under this scheme to support targeted workshops or for showcasing facilities of interest to potential partner organizations.

There is no closing date for this scheme and application may be made at any time. For further information and application forms refer to the RSO website: <http://www.uow.edu.au/research/rso/grants/opportunities/internal/>



UNI IN THE BREWERY

Our 2006 program includes some very interesting researchers speaking about their work. We hope you can come along and enjoy a beer or wine at the Five Island Brewery. Everyone welcome and encouraged to contribute in discussion.

June 28th * 5:30 - 6:00pm

Prof Thomas Madsen (Science)
'Was T. Rex warm blooded? A study of pythons and rats in tropical Australia'

Sept 20th * 5:30 - 6:00pm

Prof Jan Wright (Education)
'The obesity epidemic: a moral panic?'

Where: Five Islands Brewery, Eastern end of the WIN Entertainment Centre (Cnr Harbour and Crown Streets) Wollongong. **Cost:** FREE.
Further information: phone Vicky 4221 4126 (vwallace@uow.edu.au) or visit www.uow.edu.au/research/unibrewery/

PROFESSORIAL LECTURE SERIES 2006

• **Wednesday 21st June, Salim Bouzerdoum (Informatics)**
"What can robot vision learn from insect vision"

• **Wednesday 26th July, Geoff Spinks (Engineering)**
"Working out with Artificial Muscles"

All presentations are in 14.G01 (12:30pm - 1:30pm) - Bring your lunch!

More at <http://www.uow.edu.au/research/proflectureseries/>

RESEARCH ETHICS

AGENDA DEADLINES AND MEETING DATES

Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) - Health and Medical

Upcoming meeting on 18th July (agenda deadline 3rd July)
Next meeting 15th August (agenda deadline 31st July)

Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) - Humanities, Social Science & Behavioural

Upcoming meeting on 11th July (agenda deadline 26th June).
Next meeting 15th August (agenda deadline 31st July)

Animal Ethics Committee

Upcoming meeting 10th August (agenda deadline 20th July)

Gene Technology Review Committee

Upcoming meeting 3rd August (agenda deadline 20th July)

More information at: www.uow.edu.au/research/rso/ethics/

Higher Degree Research (HDR) Student Conference 2006

The 2006 HDR Student Conference will be held on Wednesday, 27 September 2006.

Supervisors - start encouraging your students to participate in the conference.

Students - start thinking about how you can best present your work. Further information at: <http://www.uow.edu.au/research/rsc/HDRconference/>

Higher Degree Research (HDR) Student Orientation and Enrolment Day

The Spring session Higher Degree Research (HDR) Student Orientation and Enrolment Day for HDR students will be held from 9.00am on Tuesday, 18 July 2006. If you did not attend the Autumn orientation please ensure you attend the Spring session one. If you have any questions about the orientation or your enrolment please contact Jessica Lopez, HDR Events Officer in the Research Student Centre on (02) 4221 5454, jessica@uow.edu.au. Web information is available at: <http://www.uow.edu.au/research/rsc/news/orientation/>

Life After Honours - The Next Big Discovery

(Breakfast - Wednesday, 26 July 2006)

Are you currently undertaking an Honours degree and are on a scholarship? Are you curious about where to go from here? Could a research degree be the next step for you?

The 2006 Life After Honours Breakfast to be held on Wednesday, 26 July 2006 will give you the opportunity to:

- find out about the ground breaking research you can be involved in within your faculty
- get faculty specific information
- hear from current higher degree research students about their experiences while undertaking a higher degree research degree

For more details please contact Jessica Lopez, HDR Events & Scholarships Coordinator in the Research Student Centre on (02) 4221 5454, jessica@uow.edu.au

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Research Online (RO) - presenting UOW research to the world.

Increasing the visibility of our research is a key aim for the University of Wollongong. During 2006-7 this will be assisted by Research Online - a digital archive providing internet access to UOW research outputs for the period 2000-2005.

Benefits include wider access to their papers, enhanced research impact and safe storage.

Over 400 papers are now available on Research Online and these have generated in excess of 8,000 full text downloads from domains around the world. Recent studies have shown that the placement of published research material within open access repositories increases citation rates by 50-300%. **Submit a paper now** - Members of staff are encouraged to submit their material to Research Online. This can be done by going to Research Online via the links on the Research and Library homepages or directly at <http://ro.uow.edu.au>.

Staff can then click on their respective faculty or unit link and follow the prompts to upload material. Staff can also send material to RO project staff, in the form of electronic copies (in pdf or Word) of the final, refereed version of their article or conference paper (not the publisher's version). A copyright check will be carried out prior to final upload of

the material.

The Research Online project is managed by RaID and the University Library. For further information contact Michael Organ, Project Coordinator - Digital Services, ext 3108, email morgan@uow.edu.au

Enhance your research in chemistry and business

Chemical researchers will want to explore two significant new online resources:

1) Analytical Abstracts - includes content from 1980 to the present. Each record contains bibliographic details, an abstract and index terms allowing the user to specify:

ANALYTE - the substance being determined

MATRIX - the material being analysed
TECHNIQUE - the field of study, instruments, physico-chemical parameters.

2) Catalysts & Catalysed Reactions - specialises in all areas of catalysis research from 2002 to the present. This database features graphical abstracts showing chemical structure.

Access both databases from the Library's Databases web page.

Business researchers interested in company and industry data, and reports for the Asia Pacific region will appreciate the current trial of **OneSource Global Busi-**

ness Browser Asia Pacific. Information includes company overviews; structures; financial health and history; industry information; analysts' reports; and significant developments for the region. The trial continues until the end of 2006. Access this database from the Trials section of the Library's Databases web page. www.library.uow.edu.au/eresources/databases



NEW MICD APPOINTED

The most recent addition to staff of the Research and Innovation Division is **David (Dave) Lind**. Dave has taken on the role of Manager for Innovation and Commercialisation with responsibilities for developing commercial opportunities associated with Engineering (excluding the Centre for Medical Radiation Physics), Materials (including IPRI) and Commerce.

Dave has over twenty years experience from the corporate sector in research management, technology/product commercialisation, global strategic marketing and business planning. He has worked for both European and US multinationals in the materials area and is looking forward to exploring new commercialisation potential with colleagues at the UOW.

TRAILBLAZER WINNERS

Trailblazer is an innovation competition open to researchers and students at the University of Wollongong, designed to foster innovation, progress ideas, inventions or research outcomes as well as reward our researchers.

The competition is in collaboration with UniQuest, The University of Queensland's commercialisation company.

For more information visit: <http://www.uow.edu.au/research/trailblazer>

CONGRATULATIONS to the following Staff and Students:

Name	Category	Faculty	Name of Idea/Invention or Research Outcome
Dr C. Rujikiatkamjorn, Prof. B. Indraratna, Mr Anass Attya	Open - Winner	Engineering	Prefabricated Vertical Cross Drain
Dr Lisa Kervin	Open - Runner Up	Education	ClassSim
Dr Stephen Palmisano	Open - Highly Commended	Health and Behavioural Sciences	Landing Flare Flight Training Software
Dr Weihua Li & Dr Bin Liu	Open - Highly Commended	Engineering	Magnetic Field Sensor Based on Conductive Magnetorheological Elastomer
Mr Mark Gaykema & Mr Joseph Polder	Student - Winner	Engineering	The invention is called the Leaf Lobber
Mrs Kara Perrow	Student - Runner Up	Science	The targeted delivery of potent cytotoxins in the treatment of malignant disease
Mr Dieter Beaven	Student - Highly Commended	Informatics	NanoStorm
Mr John Sampson	Student - Highly Commended	Health and Behavioural Sciences	Muscle gain with less pain, or alternatively, the effect of neural drive on neuro-mechanical responsiveness of skeletal muscle.

CDU COURSES FOR RESEARCHERS

Jump Starting Your Research Designed for female academic staff who wish to enhance their research activity. Duration: 10:00am - 3:00pm Date: Thursday 20 July, 2006	Unlocking the Secrets of Research Grant Writing	
	Session 1 Duration: 9.30am - 4.00pm Dates: Wed. 6 September, 2006	Session 2 Duration: 9.30am - 12.30pm (Optional) Dates: Wed. 4 October, 2006 (Optional)

Research Grant Management Workshop Series	
Reporting Outcomes Duration: 12.30pm – 1.30pm Date: Thursday 1 June, 2006	Managing partnerships Duration: 12.30pm -1.30pm Date: Thursday 29 June, 2006

IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND ANY OF THE ABOVE COURSES PLEASE NOMINATE THROUGH WEB KIOSK

Professor Gordon Wallace (IPRI) has been awarded a prestigious Federation Fellowship, the first such award for UoW. These Fellowships are only awarded to researchers who are world leaders in their chosen field and represent the pinnacle of achievement in the Australian research sector. Professor Wallace will use his fellowship to further develop and add to the research team* in the ARC Centre of Excellence in Electromaterials Science in new areas such as Nanobionics.

**A number of Senior Research Fellow and PhD Scholarship positions will soon be advertised. Please check the IPRI website at: <http://www.uow.edu.au/science/research/ipri/>*

The Federal Minister for Education, Science and Training, the Hon. Julie Bishop, announced \$12 million in government funding to establish a **Global Centre of Excellence for Transnational Crime Prevention** to be based at the University of Wollongong's new Innovation Campus. The Minister's announcement is clear recognition of the progress made by the University's current Centre for Transnational Crime Prevention (CTCP) towards becoming an important global resource in the fight against transnational crime.

Federal Minister for the Ageing, Senator Santo Santoro, announced that the UOW will lead a partnership of four academic institutions and four industry partners to host an **Eastern Australia Dementia Training and Study Centre**.

Overall, more than 7,500 health professionals around Australia will benefit from specialised tertiary dementia training and scholarships over the next three years under an \$8.36 million project. UOW is expected to receive a significant amount from the total funding pool. The Eastern Australia Dementia Training and Study Centre will service metropolitan NSW, ACT and Queensland. Wollongong will lead the partnership of four academic institutions (including Queensland University of Technology, Griffith University, and University of Sydney) and the four industry partners (Hammond Care Group, Uniting Care, Blue Care and RSL Care).

UoW recently signed a five year contract worth more than \$850,000 with the NSW Department of Environment and Conservation to jointly establish a **UOW**

Centre for Environmental Risk Management of Bushfires (CERMB). The Centre's Director is recently appointed **Prof. Ross Bradstock**.

Prof. Gerald Nanson (Earth and Environmental Sciences) is the 2005 recipient of the Geological Society of America Farouk El-Baz Award for Desert Research in recognition of his distinguished contributions to desert geomorphology. The award is given annually for an outstanding body of work in the field of desert research, and is intended to encourage young scientists to strive for excellence in desert research.

PhD student **David Croucher** was announced the winner of the inaugural Premier's Award for Excellence in Cancer Research (worth \$10,000) at a ceremony held in Sydney recently. Supervised by Assoc/Prof. Marie Ranson, David is due to complete his PhD thesis by the end of the year. The awards night was hosted by the Cancer Institute of NSW.

'CREAM rises to the top'

In 2005 the Faculty of Engineering sponsored a new collaborative research activity which aimed to foster new links between engineering research groups and materials-based researchers. The outcome was the establishment of CREAM: Collaborative Research in Engineering with Advanced Materials. CREAM funded 6 projects in 2005 on the basis of potential for attracting new external funding. The projects have been hugely successful. One major grant (\$70,000) has already been awarded; 4 major external grant applications submitted (plus an additional application to be submitted shortly); 4 papers published or in press and a further 2 papers submitted; and 3 conference papers presented. Further journal papers are also planned.

Engineering Materials Institute (EMI) Formed

Re-organisations within the BlueScope Steel Institute have led to the formation of a new version of this very successful research strength of the University of Wollongong. BlueScope Steel has been a long time supporter of steel-related research at UoW. Recently, BlueScope Steel has narrowed their interest to concentrate on sponsoring research in steel physical metallurgy and pyrometallurgy. These activities are now incorporated into the BlueScope Steel Metallurgy Centre (BSMC). The Centre forms a cen-

tral part of the new Engineering Materials Institute (EMI).

The EMI conducts world-class research into the design, synthesis and characterization of advanced materials for engineering applications. The span of activities incorporates a special interest in ferrous metallurgy (through the BSMC), but also includes light alloys, polymers, composites and nano-materials. The Institute also facilitates collaborative research with other engineering research groups to capitalize on the new materials developed and materials expertise within the EMI.

Dr Tony Okely from the Child Obesity Research Centre has been appointed to the NHMRC Public Health Grant Review Panel. The NHMRC is Australia's leading expert body promoting the development and maintenance of public and individual health standards. It has a well established record of achievement and has extensive links with the Australian community, national and international health and research agencies, and many other bodies.

GeoQuEST researcher **Dr Laurie Chisholm** (School of Earth and Environmental Sciences) has received an Australian Academy of Science, Scientific Visits to the USA Travel Award to undertake collaborative research with Professor Carol Wessman at the University of Colorado-Boulder in July 2006. Research will continue the investigation of remote sensing and landscape pattern analysis for multi-scale analysis of ecological and biogeochemical properties of areas undergoing woody plant encroachment.

Jacky Redgate (Faculty of Creative Arts) has been awarded the 2006 Josephine Ulrick & Win Schubert Photography Award at the Gold Coast City Art Gallery by The Josephine Ulrick and Win Schubert Foundation.

Ms Ang Swat Lin Lindawati, an Accounting and Finance PhD student (Commerce Faculty) was awarded a prestigious AAUW Educational Foundation Fellowship. AAUW is the American Association of University Women. In total there were only 19 Doctoral Fellowships awarded worldwide. Ms Lindawati was the only Australian awarded and the only Indonesian (her home country) awarded. Ms Lindawati is supervised by Dr Kathie Cooper.

Balakrishnan Parasuraman, a PhD student in the School of Management and Marketing (Commerce) has been awarded a prestigious ILO Research Grant to undertake research on industrial relations in Malaysia. At the completion of the project, Bala and the other researchers involved, will be invited to Seoul to present their research findings.

Merlinda Bobis' novel 'Banana Heart Summer' was chosen by the Union of Philippine Writers (Unyon ng Manunulat ng Pilipinas, UMPIL) as the 2006 'Gawad ni Balagtas' Awardee for Fiction in English. Merlinda (Creative Arts) will receive the award in August during the annual Writers Congress in the Philippines. The same novel has also been shortlisted for the 2006 Australian Literary Society Gold Medal, Australia's oldest literary award.

Dr Lisa Kervin (Education) has recently returned from the US where she was awarded the International Reading/Literacy Research Fellowship in Chicago. This is a competitive award from the International Reading Association. The award is judged according to the track record of the researcher and the vision of a future research project.

"Suiting Themselves: How Corporations Drive the Global Agenda"
A book by **Sharon Beder**, is an exposé of how corporations are crafting the global agenda for their own benefit at the expense of billions of people, the environment and democracy. Published by Earthscan, London in April 2006.

More information and to order/purchase a copy: <http://homepage.mac.com/herinst/sbeder/suiting.htm>

Scott McGovern (PhD student, IPRI) has been awarded the 2006 Best Student Presentation Award from the International Society for Optical Engineering. Scott presented his paper based on his PhD work at the annual Smart Materials and Structures conference held in San Diego, USA in March 2005. The award was announced at the 2006 meeting. Scott's paper described his work on the development of a tiny moisture sensor capable of being inserted into tiny spaces, such as packaging, to detect damage to moisture-sensitive products. Scott's work is supervised by Professors Gordon Wallace and Geoff Spinks and is supported by Huntsman Chemical and the ARC.

Dr Andrew Sense, a senior lecturer in Management (Faculty of Commerce) has achieved a 'Highly Commended Award'

for 2005 for a paper he published in the Journal of Workplace Learning entitled, 'Facilitating conversational learning in a project team practice'.

This award was from the Emerald Literature Network 2006 Awards for Excellence, and was judged by the journal's editorial team as one of the top papers in the journal for that year.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

The 16th Biennial Conference of the Asian Studies Association of Australia (ASAA) (26 - 29 June 2006)

Theme: "Asia Reconstructed: from critiques of development to postcolonial studies".

The Opening ceremony on 26th June is being attended by Governor of NSW, Prof Marie Bashir, Hon Kevin Rudd MP & Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Dr Scott Guggenheim of the World Bank, Jakarta. Conference convener: Adrian Vickers (avickers@uow.edu.au). Further information at: <http://www.uow.edu.au/arts/conferences/asaa/>

Bushfire CRC Fire Managers Research Meeting (July 3-7 2006)

<http://www.uow.edu.au/conferences/bushfire/>

Coal 2006 Conference (July 5-7 2006)

<http://www.uow.edu.au/conferences/coal/>

Coast GIS (12-16 July 2006)

<http://www.uow.edu.au/science/eesc/conferences/coastgis06.html>

UOW Higher Degree Research (HDR) Student Conference (27 September 2006).

<http://www.uow.edu.au/research/rsc/HDRconference/>

The **MetaCapitalism Research Program** (the School of Accounting and Finance) presents the following:

Friday, July 14

International Workshop on the nexus between Money and Technology.
Plenary Speaker: Professor Ian Angell, London School of Economics and Political Science (UK).

Monday, July 17

Distinguished Visiting Scholar Public Lecture "The National ID Card Efficiency debate" by Professor Ian Angell, London School of Economics & Political Science.

For further information please contact: George Mickhail on ext 4007 or email: george@uow.edu.au

SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

DEST Australian Scholarships and Fellowships

Over the next five years (from 2007 to 2011), up to 10,000 scholarships and fellowships will be offered as part of DEST's Endeavour Programme. The Programme aims to bring high achieving students, researchers and professionals from the Asia-Pacific region and other regions to Australia to undertake short or long term study, research and professional development in a broad range of disciplines. It also encourages Australians to do the same abroad. **Closing dates range from 30 June to 31 August.**

The Endeavour Scheme currently funds the International Postgraduate Research Scholarships (IPRS) but now offers a host of other substantial awards.

Applications for all awards (other than IPRS) are lodged through the Endeavour website at: http://www.endeavour.dest.gov.au/summary_endeavour_awards/default.htm

Academic staff and Research students are encouraged to consider applying and also forwarding this information to potential students and visiting academics in eligible participating countries.

To ensure inclusion of your research news, event or service in the next issue of RaID (due for publication by 17th August), please e-mail details to vwallace@uow.edu.au by Fri August 4th