RESEARCH INFORMATION SYSTEM (RIS)

During September the RIS Stage One system was rolled out to all faculties through more than fifty workshops delivered to faculty staff. The RIS database is now fully operational and contains nearly 11,000 publications, for all UOW research centres, research staff and HDR students. RIS is now the online system used to collect UOW publications for DEST reporting and for the webpage presentation of a researcher, centre, school and faculty publications. To view the website, please go to: https://intranet.uow.edu.au/portal/index.php and link to the Research Information System under the UOW Online Systems Applications heading.

UIC INTERNATIONAL LINKS GRANT SCHEME.

The University Internationalisation Committee (UIC) was able to fund another project for 2007 - Congratulations to Dr Jan Skillen and Emily Purser from Student Services.

Jan was awarded $10,000 for her work in “Developing Academic Literacy in Context (DALiC)” and will be collaborating with; Cornell, Stanford and Iowa State Universities (USA), University of Coventry, Open University and Queen Mary University of London (UK) and Rijksuniversiteit Groningen (Netherlands). A total of 13 projects were funded for this recent round. For more information on all the projects please go to: http://www.uow.edu.au/research/rso/grants/outcomes/internal/2006/2006-uic-international.html

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

ARC Linkage Projects 2007, Round 2

Round 2 of the 2007 Linkage Projects Grants Scheme is now open, with applications due to the ARC by Friday 24 November 2006 (for funding to commence in July 2007).

Objectives of this funding scheme:

- To encourage and develop long-term strategic research alliances between higher education institutions and industry in order to apply advanced knowledge to problems, or to provide opportunities to obtain national economic, social or cultural benefits;
- To support collaborative research on issues of benefit to regional and rural communities;
- To enhance the scale and focus of research in designated National Research Priorities;
- To foster opportunities for postdoctoral researchers to pursue internationally competitive research in collaboration with industry, targeting those who have demonstrated a clear commitment to high quality research;
- To provide outcome-oriented research training to prepare high-calibre postgraduate research students; and
- To produce a national pool of world-class researchers to meet the needs of the broader Australian innovation system.

The Linkage-Projects webpage:


This page contains useful information, including a summary about funding support available under the scheme, $ contributions required from collaborating organisations and a timetable. Please note the following key dates:

Friday, 20th October 2006 - first draft of application form, additional text and supporting documentation (hard and soft copy) to be provided to the RSO.

Friday, 10th November 2006 - final applications due to the RSO.

Friday, 24th November 2006 - final applications due to the ARC.

Any enquiries regarding Linkage Projects should be directed to the Research Services Office on ext: 3386.

URC Small Grant Outcomes 2007

The URSC has determined Small Grant outcomes for 2007. A total of 37 Small Grants were awarded with a combined value of approximately $448,265. Details of the successful projects can be found on the RSO website at: https://intranet.uow.edu.au/content/raid/rso/InternalFunding/outcomes/index.htm

Research Partnership Grants 2006

To date over 20 applications for Project Grants and Partnership Development Grants have been received under the URC Research Partnerships Scheme. Funding totalling $136,459 has so far been allocated to Project Grants, with Partnership Development Grant applications receiving funding totalling $19,730. Details of successful projects can be found on the RSO website at: https://intranet.uow.edu.au/content/raid/rso/InternalFunding/outcomes/index.htm

Need Assistance with your Grant Application? - Statistical Advice available

The Statistical Consulting Service (SCS) in the School of Mathematics and Applied Statistics provides UOW researchers with statistical advice. They can advise on planning surveys and experiments, statistical analysis, presentation of results and preparation of grant applications. For more information, or to arrange a meeting, see http://www.math.uow.edu.au/scs or email statcon@uow.edu.au

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Ethics and Regulation in Nanotechnology Workshops

Facilitated by Prof. Susan Dodds (Faculty of Arts), the ‘Ethics and Regulation Workshops’ were two half-day events (at the UOW and Monash Universities) held in August. The workshops were supported through the ARC Centre of Excellence for Electromaterials Science (ACES) and the Australian Research Council Nanotechnology Network (ARCNN) for early career researchers and HDR candidates working in nanotechnology.

Participants were provided with an introduction to some emerging ethical and regulatory issues in nanoscience and nanotechnology; an opportunity to develop skills in identifying and articulating responses to ethical and regulatory issues through case studies; and an opportunity to meet, debate and hear the views of some key Australian researchers and practitioners in the areas of nanoethics and nanoregulation.

Speakers at the UOW workshop included Professor John Weckert from Charles Sturt University and a professorial fellow of the ARC Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics. He is also editor of the forthcoming journal NanoEthics: Ethics for Technologies that converge at the nanoscale to be published by Springer from 2007. Another invited speaker was Peter Binks who is CEO of Nanotechnology Victoria Limited and one of Australia’s leaders in the commercialisation of nanotechnologies.

PROFESSORIAL LECTURE SERIES 2006

General and academic staff are welcome to attend these lunchtime lectures, to hear about the research work and achievements of academic staff members who have either been promoted to Professorial level or are recent appointments to the University.

- Wednesday 11th October, Amanda Lawson (Creative Arts) “A Goldmine for Art: An Artists Residency Program in Historic Hill End Australia”
- Wednesday 8th November, Mark Wilson (Science) “Cogs in the Extracellular Protein Quality Control Machine”

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


RESEARCH ETHICS

Agenda Deadlines and Meeting Dates for your diary

Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) - Health and Medical
Upcoming meeting 17th October
Next meeting November 14th (agenda deadline 30th October)
Final 2006 meeting December 12th (agenda deadline 27th November)

Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) - Humanities, Social Science & Behavioural
Upcoming meeting 17th October
Next meeting November 21st (agenda deadline 6th November)
Final 2006 meeting December 19th (agenda deadline 4th December)

Animal Ethics Committee
Upcoming Policy meeting 9th November
Next meeting 7th December with deadline 16th November

Gene Technology Review Committee
Final 2006 meeting 2nd November (agenda deadline 19th October)


UNI IN THE BREWERY

Uni in the Brewery has finished for the year!

Thank you to our presenters this year: Chris Turney, Alan Wearne & Shady Cosgrove, Thomas Madsen and Jan Wright.

We are currently coordinating the program for next year. If you have any suggestions for future speakers / topics (or would like to nominate yourself), please e-mail vwallace@uow.edu.au
The HDR Student Conference (27th September) was a great success – thank you to all students and staff who participated. The Conference was attended by students, industry partners and academic and general staff and showcased the diverse range of projects being undertaken by UOW research students based on five themes - promoting and maintaining good health, frontier technologies and scientific discovery, cultivating creativity and innovation, understanding societies and culture and understanding our environment. The winners for the best presentation for each theme were:

Promoting and Maintaining Good Health
Diane Riddiford-Harland - “Obesity. Midfoot Planter Pressures and Planter Fat Pad Thickness: Are These Parameters Related in Children?”

Frontier Technologies and Scientific Discovery
Antoine Larchez - “Predicting the Good Vibes: Cancelling the Shaking in Vehicle Mirrors”

Cultivating Creativity and Innovation
Diane Epoff - “Paphos Theatre: A work-In-Progress”

Understanding Our Societies and Cultures
Rosly Weaver - “Australian Speculative Literature and Apocalypse After 1945”

Understanding Our Environment
Emilie-Jane Ens - “Unlocking a Key to Bitou Bush Invasion: A Search for Chemical Interference Mechanisms and Methods of Native Plant Preservation”

Overall Poster Winner
Rob Peterson – “Using the Internet to Connect Geographically - Dispersed Special Education Communities in Bulgaria”


2007 Honours Scholarships
Up to 44 scholarships of $2,000 each will be made available to eligible students enrolling full-time in 2007 in an Honours degree at the UOW. Each scholarship is for one year of study (on campus study only) and will be paid in two instalments. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate potential to undertake postgraduate research study in the future. Students undertaking research projects in selected areas of research strengths or emerging strengths will be highly regarded. Information, application forms and referee reports are attached are available at: http://www.uow.edu.au/research/rsc/student/scholarships/ or from the Research Student Centre (Ground Floor, Building 20). Applications close on Friday 17 November 2006.

2006 Higher Degree Research Scholarships
Applications for 2007 APA, UPA and IPRS close on 31 October and will be forwarded on 7 November to Faculties for ranking. Scholarship ranking will be finalised by early December and all candidates will be notified in writing of the outcome by the Research Student Centre. For further information please contact Erin Hood on ext. 4323.

Scholarships

enikos has global market potential
UOW spin-off company enikos has recently been accepted as a partner in the Australian Technology Showcase (ATS) program. ATS is a promotional and networking government program which supports the development of Australian technologies and their promotion internationally. It is targeted at small and medium sized Australian business enterprises with innovative, cutting edge technologies and aims to encourage exports and employment, by promoting technologies into domestic and international markets. enikos has developed software tools that allow users to browse, create and customize digital items compliant with the MPEG-21 standard in multimedia devices. CEO of enikos Jonathon Wolfe says the MPEG-21 technology has enormous potential in news and entertainment sectors, and can also be applied to health records & education. More at - http://www.ats.business.gov.au/ATSCM/CustomPages.aspx?FunctionID=8

http://www.uow.edu.au/research/mic/

PODS - Courses for Researchers
http://staff.uow.edu.au/cdu/

Research Grant Writing Workshop
Professional and Organisational Development Services (formerly CDU) and the Research Services Office recently conducted a Research Grant Writing Workshop. Two new sessions introduced into this workshop were Grant Writing – Structure and Style and a Live Edit of a Grant Application. These sessions were presented by Julie Matarczyk, Sharon Clarke (Research Services Office) and Dr Shady Cosgrove (Creative Arts). Feedback from the session was extremely positive and included the following comments:

“Editing from Shady was fantastic”.

“An excellent workshop - all sessions were well organised and relevant”.

The Grant Writing – Structure and Style covered topics such as characteristics of a successful grant and addressing typical sections of a research grant application. The Live Edit session involved Shady reviewing an unsuccessful grant application with participants and identifying specific strategies to improve the application. Next year these two sessions will be offered as a stand alone half day workshop. If you are interested in being placed on the waitlist for this course please email pods_admin@uow.edu.au.

J&J Research Expands their Support for Pharmaceutical Drug Research at UOW.

Since 2004 Johnson and Johnson Research Pty. Limited have been working with the University of Wollongong on a new initiative in Pharmaceutical Drug Discovery. The program aims to develop new pharmaceuticals from natural products. The research team consists of the Director, Prof. Stephen Pyne the Research Manager, Dr. Alison Ung, along with a number of chemistry PhD graduates and a medicinal chemistry graduate. In 2005 the team moved to new laboratories within the Department of Chemistry (UOW). The research group has found exciting natural product chemistries with potential as
new antiinfective pharmaceutical drugs. Patents protecting these discoveries are under development. This success has led to extended funding for 2006-2007 to further develop the new work.

**Two successful Environmental tenders for the UOW**

Associate Professor Kristine French secured funding from Land and Water Australia ($535,000) for research into the protection of native coastal communities and fresh water rivers and lakes from weed invasion. The funding is part of the 'Defeating the Weed Menace R & D Program' established by the Australian Government in 2004 under the national heritage trust. Managed jointly by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and the Department of the Environment and Heritage, the program aims to identify Australia’s most threatening weeds and to implement measures for their control.

Professor French's first project is titled 'Understanding and Determining Mechanisms to Prevent Invasion in Coastal Vegetation'. She is working with PhD student Tanya Mason, looking at coastal dune communities affected by the primary invader bitou bush and secondary invaders such as lantana and asparagus ferns.

The second project titled 'Improving Management of Salvinia in Temperate Aquatic Ecosystems' investigates the invasion of the weed Salvinia which causes fish deaths and poor water quality resulting in losses to biodiversity, the community and economic structures. The project will use the Hawkesbury-Nepean River as a case study.

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**Commercial Research**

Members of the academic staff of the University are encouraged to undertake contract research, consultancy and other similar external work. Academic staff members have special knowledge, expertise and skills that should be available to the community at large.

Commercial research and consultancy is an excellent way to build relationships with potential linkage grant partners, provides industry with expertise and provides researchers with an income stream. For those embarking on commercial research or consulting for the first time you should make yourselves aware of the commercial research policy and guidelines on the UoW website: http://www.uow.edu.au/research/lcu/commercial/commercial-research.html

All University commercial research must obtain approval from the Head of Unit and Dean and have a contract negotiated before the commencement of a project. For more information contact the MIC for your faculty.

**Student Assignment of Intellectual Property**

It is often the case that students will form part of the research teams lead by Academic Staff at the University. It is very important for us all to be aware of the circumstances surrounding a student’s intellectual input on those projects and that the ownership arrangements of the Intellectual Property students contribute is very different to that of staff. We also need to be conscious of scholarships and other industry support students may receive and how that could effect the ultimate IP ownership arrangements of your project.

For those staff engaging and supervising students, it is well worth familiarising yourselves with the University's Student Assignment of Intellectual Property and guidelines on the website: http://www.uow.edu.au/about/policy/studentsignmentipguidelines.pdf

Should any of this detail be unclear - please do not hesitate to contact your representative MIC.

**Confidentiality & Non Disclosure Agreements**

An important aspect of the innovation and commercialisation process is the preservation of confidentiality. This is particularly the case with regard to inadvertent disclosure of information prior to patent filing and the maintenance of confidentiality as in the case of trade secrets and knows how. In order to preserve confidentiality prior to the exchange of such information it is necessary to have in place confidentiality or non disclosure agreements (NDAs). UOW has two types of NDAs known as either a one-way or two-way agreement. In a one-way NDA it is only the UOW that is disclosing confidential information and in that case legal obligation of confidentiality remains with the recipient. This is the default confidentiality agreement when the disclosing party is only UOW. On many occasions however both parties are required to disclose and receive confidential information and in that case a two-way NDA must be used. It is important in the framing of NDAs that the scope of the agreement is clearly articulated along with details such as term and partner identity. If possible it is preferred that standard UOW NDAs are used rather than partner agreements as this facilitates rapid review and issue. It is also important to note that NDAs can only be generated and issued through dialogue with MICS as researchers are not delegated to sign off on such documents. Confidentiality Agreements are legal documents with an important role to play in the innovation and commercialisation process. Please contact your MIC for any further information.

David Lind (x4470): Engineering, Materials & Business
Craig Peden (x5407): Informatics, Information Systems, Education, Creative Arts
Craig Patch (x4262) : Health & Behavioural Sciences, Science, Arts, CMRP
Troy Coyle (x4420) : Law
ACCESS MORE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL DATA WITH DATA ARCHIVES

The Australian Social Science Data Archive (ASSDA) collects datasets from academic and government studies, surveys and opinion polls. The raw data is predominantly Australian, but also include other countries in the region. UOW staff and students have access to ASSDA via the Australian Consortium for Social and Political Research Incorporated (ACSPRI) website. A wide range of subjects are covered, including: adoption, aids, crime, drug and alcohol, family, health, migrants and youth, politics, and more. Access ASSDA via the Library website, and learn more about ACSPRI, which provides valuable training in social sciences research methods.

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GETTINg TAP INTO WEB CITATION INDEX WITH RESEARCH ONLINE

Research Online, UOW’s repository of research publications, was recently accepted for harvesting by the prestigious Web Citation Index, part of the ISI Web of Knowledge database (isiknowledge.com). Inclusion in the index will increase the exposure of University of Wollongong research. Research Online now holds over 920 publications which have generated over 25,000 full-text downloads since January 2006. Academic staff and research students are encouraged to submit material to Research Online. For further information go to ro.uow.edu.au or contact Michael Organ (x3108).

Use EndNote to make the most of Google Scholar

Did you know that Google Scholar records can be imported into your EndNote Library? A filter is not required. Follow the instructions in the Library’s EndNote Tutorial, Import Filters and Download Instructions, at: www.library.uow.edu.au/helptraining/tutorials/endnote/filters/index.html#g

PUBLICATIONS

“Environmental Principles and Policies”, a new book by Professor Sharon Beder from UOW’s School of Social Sciences, Media and Communication, examines six key environmental and social principles that have been incorporated into international treaties and national laws. It uses them to evaluate the new wave of economic-based and market-based policy instruments that are currently being introduced in many nations.

Professor Beder says the book (published by UNSW Press) differs from other texts on environmental policy-making as a result of its critical and interdisciplinary approach. “Rather than merely setting out policies in a descriptive or prescriptive way, it analyses and evaluates policy options from a variety of perspectives. This enables students and general readers not only to gain a thorough grasp of important principles and current policies, but also to be able to apply the principles and critically evaluate them,” she said.


The UOW’s Centre for Environmental Risk Management of Bushfires (CERMB) will be officially opened on Friday 13th October by the Hon. David Campbell MP. A joint initiative between the UOW, the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) and the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS), CERMB will assist in the challenges of protecting lives and property while managing our biodiversity assets.

Congratulations to Professor Simon Ville, who was successful in achieving a Fellowship of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia (ASSA) http://www.assa.edu.au/ Established in 1971, the Academy is an autonomous, non-governmental organisation, devoted to the advancement of knowledge and research in the various social sciences. Membership of the Academy comprises those who have achieved a very high level of scholarly distinction and are recognized internationally. Professor Ville (School of Economics & Information Systems, Faculty of Commerce) is the President of the Economic History Society of Australia and New Zealand.

An Hourglass Figure at Wollongong

Professor Warwick Funnel, (School of Accounting and Finance) has been awarded the American Academy of Accounting Historians with their Hourglass Award. This is the most prestigious award conferred by the Academy. It is also the highest international research honour in the field of accounting history. The award, presented at the World Congress of Accounting Historians at Nantes in July, is recognition of the significant contributions that Professor Funnel has made to the study and advancement of accounting history in his books and scholarly articles but also his wider service to his discipline. Amongst his most highly regarded and influential papers which have secured his international reputation and have led to this award are Accounting in the Service of the Holocaust, which exposed the role of accounting in promoting the relentless efficiency with which the Holocaust was prosecuted, and Accounting for Justice: Entitlement, Want and the Irish Famine of 1845-7, which demonstrated how accounting procedures were complicit in the needless deaths of many thousands. Professor Funnel has also established his scholarly reputation on the basis of his innovative work concerning the constitutional nexus between accounting, executive accountability and political liberty.

Congratulations to Behzad Fatahi (PhD candidate in School of Civil, Mining & Environmental Engineering) who was awarded the First Prize for Geotechnical Research Contributions at the Young Geotechnical Engineers presentations held at the Institute of Engineers in Sydney recently. Behzad’s PhD research is on “Mechanics and Numerical Modelling of the Influence of Native Tree Roots in Stabilising Rail Tracks on Weak Soils” and is supervised by Prof. Buddhima
Indraratna and Dr. Hadi Khabbaz. The field work part of the project is supported by Dr. D. Cameron from the University of South Australia. Behzad's project is supported by Rail-CRC.

Professor Linda Tapsell, Director, National Centre of Excellence in Functional Food (NCEF-F) and other leading health professionals recently gathered in Sydney (21/08/2006) to announce the findings of a review on herbs and spices published in the Medical Journal of Australia (MJA). The review, and an accompanying Position Paper from US and Australian health experts, shows culinary herbs and spices not only offer short term taste sensation, but also contain high concentrations of antioxidants and phytonutrients that may provide long term health benefits. The MJA supplement entitled “The Health Benefits of Herbs & Spices – the past, the present and the future” summarises international research and focuses on the benefits of culinary herbs and spices in targeted health areas. The research, headed by NCEF director Professor Linda Tapsell (editor of the MJA Supplement) and conducted by an Australian panel of medical and health experts was made possible via an educational grant from the Gourmet Garden company. Article available at : Medical Journal of Australia (Supplement Vol 185 number 4 – 21 August 2006).

A paper by Dr Danny Ratner and Associate Professor Phillip McKerrow from the School of Information Technology and Computer Science (SITACS) won the best paper award, including a cash prize, at the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) conference in Orlando in August. AUVSI’s Unmanned Systems North America 2006 (http://www.auvsi.org/symposium/index.cfm) is the largest unmanned systems symposium and exhibition in the world. The program consisted of 72 technical sessions and 40 poster boards covering government program updates, technology briefings and operational reports representing air, land and maritime unmanned systems.

Dr Ratner presented the paper, titled Aerial Tethered Robotic System With Hovering-Hopping Agents For Security and Rescue Operations at the conference in Orlando. It outlines a number of concepts for disaster search with an aerial robot and describes experimental robots being developed in the Intelligent Robotics Laboratory.

Deb Clarke, a Doctor of Education student in the Faculty of Education at University of Wollongong, was the winner of the 2006 Australian Teacher Education Association (ATEA) “Early Career Researcher” award. This award involved proposing a one year research project that furthered the mission of the Association and created sustainable links between a tertiary institution and schools. Deb’s proposal: Communities of practice: A framework for professional development for PDHPE teachers was awarded the 2006 prize of $2000 to undertake the research and present the findings at the ATEA 2007 Conference to be held in Wollongong.

Dr Dianne Jolley and four PhD students from UOW’s Department of Chemistry, Jacqueline Levy, Brad Angel, David Strom and Clare Atkinson, are members of a CSIRO team studying contaminated sediments that won a 2006 Eureka Prize for outstanding research. The CSIRO team won the Land & Water Australia Eureka Prize for Water Research for their work which has helped develop new guidelines for the responsible management of contaminated sediments in Australian harbours, estuaries and rivers. CSIRO scientists Dr Graeme Batley, Dr Stuart Simpson and Dr Jenny Stauber lead the award-winning team, which includes other CSIRO scientists and researchers from UOW, the NSW Department of Environment and Conservation and the University of Canberra.

Centre for Medical Radiation Physics (CMRP) News

• October 2006 marks the ten year anniversary for Proton Therapy (PT) research in Australia (UOW) for Prof Anatoly Rozenfeld from the CMRP.

During this time Anatoly has supervised the completion of three CMRP PhD students in the area of Proton Therapy. His ultimate aim is to ensure Proton Therapy technology in Australia is available for many cancer patients. The CMRP is the only provider in Australia of specialists in the field of PT and is the main educational and research centre for medical physics in PT.

• Andrew Wroe (CMRP) has recently been awarded a Proton Therapy Co-Operative Group (PTCOG) Travel Fellowship to attend the PTCOG-45 meeting at MD Anderson, Texas. At the meeting he will present his work which involves: 1) Measuring the neutron field present both in the proton therapy (PT) and conventional X-ray therapy and 2) Conducting Monte Carlo simulations of Tissue Equivalent structures. The meeting will involve leaders in hadron and proton therapy from around the world.

Andrew is PhD student at the CMRP (supervised by Prof. Anatoly Rozenfeld) who is currently completing research at Loma Linda University Medical Center (LLU MC) in the USA on a Fulbright Scholarship. LLMC is the biggest PT centre in the world.

• PhD student Dean Cutajar, (CMRP) was awarded the prestigious VARIAN Prize for the best research work of the year based on his presentation: “Spectroscopic Dosimetry for Prostate Cancer Brachytherapy using silicon mini detectors in-vivo” at EPSM 2006 (Engineering and Physical Sciences in Medicine), in Noosa. He is supervised by Prof Anatoly Rozenfeld in collaboration with St George Cancer Care Centre, Australia and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Centre NY USA. EPSM is a major Australian and NZ conference in medical physics and engineering with invited international experts.

Australian Research Council (ARC) Federation Fellow and Director of the ARC Centre of Excellence for Electromaterials, Professor Gordon Wallace, recently delivered a plenary lecture to the World Congress on Medical Physics and Biomedical Engineering in Seoul, Korea (last August). About 2,500 scientists, engineers and medical practitioners from 69 countries gathered in Seoul to present and discuss the latest developments in areas such as new health monitoring technologies, home health care, biosensors, bioinformatics and bionics. The Lecture entitled “Nanostructured (Organic) Electrodes: New Bionic Interfaces” describes the work carried out in the ARC Centre of Excellence covering bionic interfaces for control of biomolecular, cellular and biomechanical events.

Last September, A/Prof Natalie Stoianoff (Faculty of Law) presented a paper at the University of New South Wales, Faculty of Law: “The Problem of Intellectual Property Enforcement in China: a cultural issue or just a stage in the making of a new Superpower?” This paper has been produced as part of her research for the ARC Discovery Grant with Prof Christoph Antons (Law) and Prof Jianfu Chen (La Trobe). The title of the funded project is, “Intellectual Property enforcement and awareness building in China, Thailand and Indonesia”. She also presented an earlier paper on this issue, “Convergent Law, Divergent Behaviour: The Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in the People’s Republic of China”, in May 2006 at the Third Asian Law Institute Conference in Shanghai.

In October 2006, A/Prof Mary Kaidonis (Commerce) and Natalie Stoianoff (Law) will be presenting a paper, “Legislation, Citizen’s Rights and International Forums: A Case Study of a Developing Country”,...
at the 4th IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Worldwide Colloquium, White Plains New York. Later that month Natalie will be presenting a joint paper with Dr Andrew Kelly (Law), “An Environmentally Unfriendly Local Property Tax: Differential Rating on Rural Land”, at the Seventh Annual Global Conference on Environmental Taxation, in Ottawa, Canada.

Associate Prof. Jan Herrington (Education) has given an Invited Address in Singapore recently and is due to give two Keynote Addresses in Hawaii and Mexico. The Singapore presentation was entitled “10 ways to use technology to create authentic learning activities” for the International Conference on Educational Technology 2006: Reflections on IT Integration in Education: Moving Forward & Beyond (7-8 September). Jan’s Keynote addresses are: “Authentic e-learning designs in higher education” for E-Learn 2006–World Conference on E-Learning in Corporate, Government, Healthcare, & Higher Education (October 13-17, Honolulu, Hawaii) and “Contextualizing authentic e-learning tasks and assessment” for the Universitas 21 Research Conference: E-learning & Pedagogy: The future of e-learning has arrived! (28-30 November in Tec de Monterrey, Mexico, Guadalajara campus).

UoW’s Whole Room Calorimeter (WRC)
The WRC is a room in the university that contains 2 airtight ventilated and air-conditioned chambers set up as bedsitters that measure energy expenditure and a person’s ability to burn different types of fuels such as carbohydrates, fats and proteins.

What do people do in the WRC?
Each chamber resembles a mini hotel room and is equipped with a pull out bed, telephone, television, DVD and video player, computer with internet access, sink and toilet. It also contains airlocks to pass food and drink out of. Participants are supervised for their entire WRC stay which depending on the study they are involved with can be anywhere from 2 to 24 hours at a time.

Are you interested in being part of a WRC study?
Currently the Smart Foods Centre is running three studies, which use the WRC:
• HELP (Weight Loss Research) – healthy overweight subjects eligible
• NCEF2 (High Protein Diets Research) – normal to overweight healthy subjects eligible
• MI (Metabolic Rate Research) – overweight to obese healthy subjects eligible
Recruitment for HELP and NCEF2 has closed but the MI study is still recruiting. If you are interested in being involved, would like more information or would like to register your interest for future studies please contact Serina on 4221 5034 or at serina@uow.edu.au. MI volunteers will receive substantial feedback on their body composition and be offered general dietary advice.
Serina Faraji - UOW Research Dietitian

Scholarships & Fellowships
http://www.uow.edu.au/research/rsc/student/scholarships/
The Australian Biological Resources Study (ABRS) awards an annual PhD scholarship to foster research training compatible with ABRS and National Research Priorities. ABRS funds systematics research on Australian flora and fauna and offers postgraduate awards to outstanding students wishing to pursue higher degrees within this discipline. The scholarship is paid at the APA Industry Award rate with a research allowance. Closing date: 3rd November.
Applications now open for the IDP Commonwealth Scholarships in the United Kingdom tenable for study from October 2007. Nominations are invited for:
• one year taught masters courses or equivalent degrees, doctoral degrees of up to three years duration, and one year research on a split-site basis towards a PhD registered at a university in your country. Closing date: 27th October.

UOW Honours Scholarships for 2007
Up to 40 scholarships of $2000 each will be made available for eligible (domestic and international) students enrolling full-time in 2007 in an Honours degree at the UOW. Applications close Friday 17th November 2006.

UOW Scholarship Opportunities in Philosophy – Faculty of Arts
Candidates must hold (or be expecting to complete by the end of 2006) a First Class Honours in a relevant discipline and be Australian citizens or permanent residents, or New Zealand citizens. Candidates must be enrolled full time. Closing Date: 31st October.

To ensure inclusion of your research news, event or service in the next issue of RaID (due for publication by 23rd November), please e-mail details to vwallace@uow.edu.au by Monday October 23rd
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CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS
36th Sydney Basin Symposium
27 to 29 November 2006
Hosted by UOW and the Coalfield Geology Council of NSW
FABULOUS RISK: Danger and Performance in Circus & Sideshow
1st-3rd December 2006
The conference is coordinated by the University of Wollongong, the Centre for Canadian-Australian Studies, Circus Monoxide, and ACAPTA (Australian Circus and Physical Theatre Association) and will be held in Circus Monoxide’s Big Top in Stuart Park, Wollongong. It will specifically celebrate and emphasize the interaction of theory and performance.

The 14th Annual RACI Analytical and Environmental R&D Topics conference will be held at the University of Wollongong, from 5th to 8th December 2006. Special guest speakers include Dr Hao Zhang (Uni of Lancaster, UK), Assoc. Prof Kevin Wilkinson (Uni of Montreal, Canada). PhD, Masters and honours students are encouraged to present oral seminars and poster presentations on topics encompassing the broad spectrum of analytical and environmental chemistry. Highly successful in previous years in terms of attendance and standard of presentation, the relaxed atmosphere promotes networking between students, supervisors and company representatives, while the professional forum allows delegates to showcase themselves and their research to a national and international audience. Registration is FREE. Abstract submission closes: Friday 13th Oct. Registration closes: Friday 10th Nov.