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ARC Linkage International Awards and Fellowships
Thirteen applications for Linkage International Awards for funding to commence in 2008 were submitted by UOW in April. Applications were received from Arts (1), Commerce (1), Education (1), Engineering (4), Health & Behavioural Sciences (2) Informatics (2) and Science (2). Funding totalling $573,629 was requested over three years. Under the same funding round nine applications for Linkage International Fellowships were also submitted with applications received from Arts (1), Engineering (3), Informatics(3) and Science(2) for total funding over twelve months of $887,871.

ARC Linkage Projects
Round 2 2007
Fifteen applications were submitted by UOW in November 2006 for the second round of funding to commence in 2007 and seven of these were successful. This is an excellent result for UOW with a success rate above the national average of 47% and funding totaling $1.8 million over the next five years. Congratulations to the following successful applicants and their partner organisations:
Prof R L Chambers; Prof D G Steel (Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Centre for Epidemiology and Research, Public Health Intelligence)
Prof S Dolnicar; Prof Dr J R Rossiter; Dr J Ciarrochi; Mr A B Munro; Mr M S Gunasekara; Ms D J Neveling (CareSouth)
Prof S Dolnicar; A/Prof L T Lyons; Prof S Ville (Office for Women, New South Wales Government Premier’s Department)
A/Prof C J Gonsalvez; Prof A Blaszczyński; Dr AR Clarke (Tabcorp Holdings Limited, Aristocrat Technologies Australia, Pty. Ltd.)
Dr P R Massingham; Cmdr R Longbottom; Mr R A Duggan (Department of Defence)
Prof M J Walker; Dr S Djordjevic (NSW Department of Primary Industries)
A/Prof S P Zhu; A/Prof P Cooper; Dr D H Wood; Dr T Denniss (Energetech Australia Pty Ltd.).
In addition to these Professor Kathy Eager is involved in a successful Linkage Project administered by La Trobe University, partnering with SA Dept of Health, Queensland Health and ACT Health.

Round 1 2008
Fourteen applications were submitted in the first round of funding to commence in 2008. Applications were received from Creative Arts (1), Engineering (4) Informatics (4), Science (2) and Health & Behavioural Science (2) with (1) multidisciplinary application involving Informatics and Health and Behavioural Sciences. Total funding requested was $3.04 million.

ARC Linkage Infrastructure
This year UOW researchers have been involved in 15 ARC Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities grants for funding in 2008. Of those 15 applications, UOW is the lead institution on 6, requesting funding of just over $3 million.

External Grant Schemes
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, and Postgraduate Scholarships. Applications are due to the NHMRC on 6 July for Fellowships and 3 August for Scholarships. For further information go to: http://www.uow.edu.au/research/rso/grantscalendar/UOW009259.html
If you have any questions regarding these awards please contact Sharon Clarke on ext: 5815 or clarke@uow.edu.au

International Science Linkages French-Australian Science and Technology Programme
The objective of FAST is to promote and support scientific and technological cooperation between Australian and French researchers in both public and private sectors. FAST will provide financial assistance, on a competitive basis, for collaborative research projects in leading edge areas of research that meet the objectives of the ISL programme.
The programme will support the international travel and living expenses associated with participation in the research project. Funding does not extend to insurances, salaries and equipment expenses, and other activities/costs not eligible for support. Applicants should refer to the ISL Guidelines - January 2007 and information available at http://www.dest.gov.au/science/isl/ If you require further information. Applications close on 16 July.

Australian Academy of Science
AAS invites applications from 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 2008 and 30 June 2009 to col-
laborate 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/internat/programs.htm](http://www.science.org.au/internat/programs.htm) or contact Sharon Clarke on ext. 5815 or clarke@uow.edu.au. Applications close on 20 July.

**Fulbright Scholarships**

2008 applications are now open for Fulbright scholarships for Australian citizens, from all fields to undertake research or study in the United States. The scheme aims to promote mutual understanding through educational and cultural exchange between Australia and the United States. A number of Awards are available, including:

- Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarships
- Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship
- Fulbright Senior Scholarships
- Fulbright Professional Scholarships


**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 are awarded for a study programme in any field leading to the award of a PhD or, in exceptional circumstances, a professional Masters Degree. Applications for awards commencing in 2008 close on 31 August, 2007. Further details, including guidelines and application forms are available from: [http://www.monashawards.org/awards.asp](http://www.monashawards.org/awards.asp) Or contact Elizabeth Phillips on ext. 4522 or eliza@uow.edu.au.

**Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia**

Applications are invited from Australian citizens in the social sciences to participate in exchange programs of one or two weeks in China (closing date 31 July, 2007), India (20 September, 2007), the Netherlands (14 August, 2007) and France (date 29 June, 2007).

The Academy, together with the Australian Academy of the Humanities and the British Academy, also provide funding to support joint research projects between Australian and British scholars. One or two awards for a project which covers both humanities and social sciences disciplines will be available each year to cover travel and maintenance expenses (closing date 28 September, 2007). Application details and further information are available on the Academy’s website: [http://www.assa.edu.au/international/exchange.htm](http://www.assa.edu.au/international/exchange.htm) or contact Elizabeth Phillips on Ext. 4522 or by email at eliza@uow.edu.au.

**Internal Grant Schemes**

**URC Small Grants Scheme**

Guidelines and application forms for 2008 URC Small Grants are now available. URC Small Grants aim to support excellent researchers in the development of strategic research projects that will increase their potential for gaining external funding; and to encourage early career researchers to develop their research profiles by undertaking research projects of modest cost. The closing date for applications is 31 July, 2007. For application forms and further details please refer to the RSO intranet [https://intranet.uow.edu.au/raid/rsos/internalfund-ing/index.html](https://intranet.uow.edu.au/raid/rsos/internalfund-ing/index.html) or contact Elizabeth Phillips on ext. 4522 or by email at eliza@uow.edu.au.

**Research Partnerships Grant Scheme**

The Research Partnerships Grant 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; and **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 are three funding rounds per annum in **March, June and October**. For further details please refer to: [https://intranet.uow.edu.au/raid/rsos/urc-research-partnership/UOW021755.html](https://intranet.uow.edu.au/raid/rsos/urc-research-partnership/UOW021755.html) or contact Elizabeth Phillips on Ext. 4522 or by email at eliza@uow.edu.au.

**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.uow.edu.au/informatics/maths/scs/index.html](http://www.uow.edu.au/informatics/maths/scs/index.html) or email stalcon@uow.edu.au.

**RESEARCH ETHICS**


The Human Research Ethics Training Day was held on Friday 18 May 2007 at the Wollongong Novotel. The revised National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research was introduced and small group sessions where participants apply the National Statement to real HREC applications proved to be a great success.

**AGENDA DEADLINES AND MEETING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC)** - Health and Medical

Next meeting 10th July (agenda deadline 25th June)

Next meeting 14th August (agenda deadline 30th July)

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

Next meeting 19th July (agenda deadline 4th July)

Next meeting 23rd August (agenda deadline 8th August)

**Animal Ethics**

Next meeting 9th August (with agenda deadline 19th July)

6th September (with agenda deadline 16th August)

**Gene Technology**

Next meeting 2nd August (agenda deadline 19th July)

PROFESSORIAL LECTURE SERIES
www.uow.edu.au/research/proflectureseries

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 1st August, Susan Dodds (Arts)
  “Big Picture Bioethics”
- Wednesday 22nd August, Diana Wood-Conroy (Creative Arts)
  “The Paphos Theatre, Cyprus: conjunctions of art and archaeology”

All presentations are in 20.2 (12:30pm -1:30pm)
Sandwiches available

Higher Degree Research (HDR) Student Day Conference 2007

On Wednesday September 26th 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.

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.

Supervisors - please encourage your HDR students to participate and start thinking about their abstracts now. Students - start thinking about how you can best present your work. Cash prizes, great networking, excellent opportunities!

For further information please contact Mari Dwarte from the Research Student Centre (RSC) on Ext 5454 or e-mail mdwarte@uow.edu.au or visit: www.uow.edu.au/research/rsc/hdrconference/index.html

Kim Roser
Director – Research Student Centre

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, 24 July 2007. 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 Mari Dwarte, HDR Events Officer in the Research Student Centre on (02) 4221 5454, mdwarte@uow.edu.au. Web information is available at: http://www.uow.edu.au/research/rsc/news/orientation/index.html

Life After Honours - The Next Big Discovery

(Breakfast – Monday 25 June 2007)

Are you currently undertaking an Honours degree? Are you curious about where to go from here? Could a research degree be the next step for you? The 2007 Life After Honours Breakfast to be held on Monday, 25 June 2007 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 their higher degree

For more details please contact Mari Dwarte, HDR Events Officer in the Research Student Centre on (02) 4221 5454, mdwarte@uow.edu.au

HDR Students Spring Enrolments

Spring Enrolments 2007 and Spring Session Enrolment Variations have begun. Can you please ensure that all of your enrolled subjects for Spring Session 2007 are correct. If they are not correct please contact the Research Student Centre, June Toussis on 42215453 or junet@uow.edu.au. To make any enrolment changes supporting correspondence from your supervisor or head of postgraduate studies is required.

Annual Progress Report

Subjects for 2008 are to be listed in your 2007 Annual Progress Report and must be complete by the end of this year. Completion of the Annual Progress Report is the only way of re-enrolling for 2008.
Research Mentoring Program Pilot

Professional & Organisational Development Services (PODS), in collaboration with the Faculties of Arts and Informatics, are conducting a Research Mentoring Program for early career research staff commencing in June 2007. The Program will act as a pilot for research mentoring programs across the University.

Mentoring programs for researchers have been shown to result in higher rates of promotion, increased grant income, higher publication rates, improved networking and overall improved confidence among participants (Gardiner 2005, Making a Difference: Flinders University Mentoring Scheme for Early Career Women Researchers).

The Program has been designed for early career research staff who:

- have identified research as a key focus of their career development;
- have not previously been awarded grant funding, where they were the lead researcher;
- are prepared to commit necessary time resources to the mentoring relationship;
- are generally active in seeking input and career guidance from within their workplace; and
- have considered a concept for a research project.

Mentors have been selected from outside the two pilot faculties. All are senior staff recognised for their research capabilities and strengths, as well as their demonstrated interest in sharing knowledge and experience with their peers.

The Program commences in June 2007 and will run for a minimum of 12 months and a maximum of 18 months, based on the individual needs of each mentee.

For more details on the Research Mentoring Program, please contact Karen Lovasz, PODS on 4221 4876 or klovasz@uow.edu.au.

Networking Tips & Tactics for Researchers

This course will be facilitated Robyn Henderson, (Networking to Win) and is recommended for All Research Staff.

WHEN: Tuesday 17th July, 2007
1:00pm-3:30pm

Overview

- What is networking, how and why it works?
- The use of business cards as memory joggers
- Simple systems for keeping track of business cards
- Time efficient follow up tips
- How to build trust with current and potential clients
- How well do you know your clients and potential allies?

The course will also investigate ways of networking effectively at Functions and how you can form Strategic Alliances. Register for this program at https://intranet.uow.edu.au/content/pods/calendar/register.html

Innovation Idol

Thank you to all who participated in Innovation Idol, an event which showcased UOW research student’s capacity to not only develop an innovative solution to a hypothetical problem but also their ability to “pitch” their innovative idea. It was also an interactive, entertaining and fun avenue for presenting serious aspects of the innovation process.

The winners were Sze Yen Tan and Ava Simms (right), while Tony Larchez (left) won the Judges choice award. Congratulations to Andrew Brinsmead who also competed.


Commercialisation expert visit to UOW

One of Australia’s leading foremost experts in the commercialisation of the products of research, Dr Graham Mitchell, visited the University of Wollongong Wednesday 23 May and presented a seminar as part of the 2007 Australian Innovation Festival. The seminar, was held in conjunction with Davies Collison Cave (Australia’s leading intellectual property firm), and titled ‘The National Innovation System: Opportunities and Challenges in Commercialising Life Sciences’. Over forty people attended from local business and the University.

Dr Mitchell is the founder of Foursight Associates - a company that specialises in matching inventors with investors, science with business, and ideas with capital. Foursight also ensures the conversion of research into products and services of value to business, the community and the environment.

“Commercialisation of research, the translation of ideas into dollars, is an imperative with great opportunities in Australia,” says Dr Mitchell. Pictured (l to r) is Dr Craig Patch from UOW’s Research and Innovation Division, Dr Graham Mitchell of Foursight Associates and Mark Roberts from Davies Collison Cave.
NEW RESEARCH STAFF

Dr Renee Kyle – an Associate Research Fellow with the Faculty of Arts and ARC Centre of Excellence for Electromaterials Science (ACES).

“I am currently working on two research projects. As part of the Ethics Program of ACES, I am researching the social and ethical implications of nanotechnology, including issues of privacy, safety, regulation, amongst others. I am specifically focussing on how applications of nanobionics influence our understandings of health, disability and personhood. I am also working on the ARC Discovery Project ‘Big Picture Bioethics’, which examines policy-making processes in ethically contentious domains. In this project I am researching the development of the NHMRC’s National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research.

I use feminist philosophy and moral psychology to examine how certain types of nanotechnology challenge understandings of personhood and identity.

I am also part of a multidisciplinary research project on women’s reproductive health policy with staff from the UOW Philosophy Program and the UOW School of Health Sciences.” More at: http://www.uow.edu.au/arts/selpl/philosophy/UOW025973.html

LIBRARY NEWS

Are you looking to improve your research skills and get more from your Library?

We will be launching a new email list in Spring Session to give you the information you need when you need it! Reinforce the basics, keep up to date with new resources and services, get tips on how to make better use of the Library, improve your research skills and save precious time. Joining the list will take two minutes, reading the email and deciding what information you need will take one minute… so it’s three minutes well spent!

Keep an eye on the Library homepage for News on how to join. Coming soon!

FACULTY NEWS, AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Publications


Other News

Centre for Health Initiatives (CHI) launched

The UOW’s Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences launched its new Centre for Health Initiatives (CHI) research institute on Thursday 24th May. CHI brings together some of the Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences’ key research teams in six main streams of research, each co-ordinated by a stream leader. The research streams and leaders are:

- Initiatives in Social Marketing -- Professor Sandra Jones
- Initiatives in Media and Health -- Professor Sandra Jones
- Initiatives in Aged and Dementia Care -- Associate Professor Victoria Traynor
- Initiatives in Health Workforce Change & Leadership -- Professor Patrick Crookes
- Initiatives in Individual Behaviour Change -- Professor Don Iverson
- Initiatives in Health Professional Education Research – A/Prof Nicky Hudson

Trailblazer

The University of Wollongong’s annual Trailblazer innovation competition was developed to reward innovative ideas and early-stage research, which have the potential to benefit the community, industry or business as well as generate a financial return. With $14,000 in prize money, the competition also rewards and stimulates innovative thinking.

Open Winner First - Dr Jun Chen (Science)

“Nanostructured Flexible Carbon Nanotube Electrodes for Energy System.”

Open Winner Runner up – Mr Mitchell Byrne (Health & Behavioural Sciences)

“Medication Alliance – I have developed a Mental Health staff training program that enables staff to understand the individual reasons for a patients non-adherence to medication.”

Student Winner First – Mr Michael Jones & Mr Tony Larchez (Informatics)

“Go-with-the-flow - Every Drop Counts: this invention is a compact water saving device which can be easily fitted to a standard showerhead. It provides an easy way for user control over water usage, based on a volume limit”

Student Winner Runner Up – Ms Ava Simms (Science)

“The OzMUSLE model was developed in order to determine, on an event basis, how soil erosion varies within catchments (area up to 250 km2)”

Highly commended:

Prof Aditya Ghose, Evan Morrison and Alexander Menzies (Informatics)

A/Prof Willy Susilo, Daniel Saffioti and Khin Than Win (Informatics)

Mr Michael Thomas (Science) and Kori Nemme (Education)

CHI incorporates the former Centre for Health Behaviour and Communications Research (CHBCR), and has been established to provide enhanced opportunities for research and partnerships with industry and government agencies. The centre’s name has been changed to better reflect its current research focus. CHI incorporates the Faculty’s four schools: School of Health Sciences, School of Psychology, Graduate School of Medicine and the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Indigenous Health. Much of the centre’s research involves working collaboratively with industry and other external organisations such as the Cancer Council, South East Sydney and Illawarra Area Health Service, Australian Health Management, the National Breast Cancer Centre and Fitness NSW.

The cantata *Journey to Horseshoe Bend*, by Professor Andrew Schultz (Dean of Creative Arts) to a libretto by Gordon Kalton Williams, was a finalist in the 2006 AMC-APRA Awards for Best Vocal Work. The CD of the work (on ABC Classics) was named one of the best 80 CD releases, in all genres, by *The Sydney Morning Herald* in 2006. ‘Cantata Journey’, a thirty-minute documentary about *Journey to Horseshoe Bend* made by Hart Cohen, screened on ABC-TV in May 2006. The work was twice featured in the program ‘The Rhythm Divine’ on ABC Radio National. The Open University (UK) includes the work in its music curriculum and has produced a complementary education kit. The Australian Music Centre will publish a similar kit in 2007 for high school students. New works composed by Professor Schultz in 2006 include:

- *Sonatina* for solo violin, premiered by Jennifer Pike in March at Wigmore Hall, London;
- *Wild Flower* for the six singers of The Song Company to a text from the Old Testament prophet Ezekiel. The work has been performed in Sydney, Wollongong and throughout NSW since its premiere in March;
- *The Meaning of Water*, harp septet, for the KioIoa Harp Ensemble, led by the distinguished Australian harpist, Alice Giles and performed in Australia and the USA
- *Once Upon a Time...* for The Queensland Orchestra, an ebullient, work reflecting on musical story-telling and childhood, to be premiered this month.
- *Ending*, for the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra, is scored for a smaller scale orchestra and will be premiered in November.

PhD student and teaching academic in the Faculty of Engineering has been named “The Young Railway Engineer of the Year 2007 in Australasia”. Behzad Fatahi has been awarded 2007 Railway Technical Society of Australasia (RTSA) Young Engineer Award for his academic and professional achievements. The Award rewards young professional engineers, technologists or associates in Australia or New Zealand who are under the age of thirty and have reached a demonstrated level of achievement and involvement in the field of railway engineering, and assisted in developing or improving the attitude of the public and/or within the engineering ranks towards railway engineering. Behzad’s research project demonstrates that railway infrastructure can be improved by identifying and managing surrounding vegetation – refuting the age-old belief that vegetation is detrimental to railway tracks. Mr Fatahi is supervised by Professor Buddhima Indraratna and Dr Hadi Khabbaz and his research is part of a larger project under the CRC for Railway Engineering.

John Tranter (Creative Arts) won the Kenneth Slessor Prize for Poetry in the 2007 NSW Premier’s Literary Awards. The winners were announced by the Minister for the Arts, the Hon. Frank Sarton, and the NSW Premier, the Hon. Morris Iemma on 29 May 2007 in the 28th presentation of the awards. John is currently completing a Doctorate of Creative Arts in Writing at the University of Wollongong and was awarded the prestigious prize for his book *Urban Myths: 210 Poems*, which also received the Victorian Premier’s Prize for poetry in 2006.

Congratulations to two CAPSTRANS researchers for their recent, nationally competitive grant successes. Both grants are to run workshops:

- Dr Christine de Matos: Japan Foundation Grant Program for Intellectual Exchange Conference. $8,885 to hold a symposium titled ‘Occupying the Other’: Australia and military occupations from Japan to Iraq (UOW, 29-30 November 2007).

Dr Mark McLelland’s (Arts) ongoing research into Japanese history has culminated with an invitation to take up a prestigious Visiting Professorship in the United States. He will begin teaching at the University of Michigan’s Center for Japanese Studies in September this year, where he will also complete a research project on reconstructing gender and sexuality in Tokyo 1945-1955. A leading specialist in the history of sexual minority communities in post-war Japan, Dr McLelland is the first Australian expert in Japanese Studies to be appointed to the Toyota Visiting Professorship since its endowment in 1988.

A new teaching approach, “Slow Motion Animation” (Slowmation) that has been developed by A/Prof. Garry Hoban
from the Faculty of Education, has won two international awards. The awards, 2006 Technology Leadership Awards were recently presented at the annual meeting of the International Society for Information Technology in Teacher Education in Texas (USA) in April 2007. Garry won the category Exemplary Use of Technology to Teach Content in a Teacher Education Methods Course and his B.Ed. (Hons.) student, Kristy Kervin won the other category Exemplary Use of Technology to Teach Content in the Induction Years in School. Ann Baxter is also the co-supervisor for Kristy.

Professor Dermot Diamond (Dublin City University, Ireland) recently visited IPRI to further develop a number of collaborative research projects. The alliance established between Professor Wallace’s Intelligent Polymer Research Institute (lead partner in ACES) and Professor Diamond’s Adaptive Information Cluster within the National Centre for Sensor Research, Ireland) has enabled IPRI to take a leadership position in the field of wearable monitoring systems.

The ARC Centre of Excellence for Electromaterials Science (ACES) has developed an online e-alert and newsletter to keep you up to date on advances and events occurring with in the ARC Centre. It brings regular features on selected projects, instrumentation/facilities, our international activities as well as a calendar of IPRI events including workshops, invited lectures and symposia. The purpose of the newsletter is to get information to collaborators in the most efficient way possible. Please view the website at www.electromaterials.edu.au for current and archived editions.

Professor Shirley Leitch (Dean-Commerce) and Professor Judy Motion (Commerce) have achieved A grades in New Zealand’s equivalent of RQF, the Performance Based Research Fund. Under the New Zealand system, academics receive individual grades. An A grade signifies that an academic has demonstrated world class performance in all three assessment areas of: research excellence (measured by top-four outputs and overall CV), contribution to their academic discipline, and peer esteem.

News from the NCEFF
The National Centre of Excellence in Functional Foods (NCEFF) and the Smart Foods Centre at the University of Wollongong recently hosted a 2-day workshop to develop an International Collaboration in Food Research (21 – 22 May 2007). The International Collaboration in Food Research, through its multi-disciplinary research expertise and infrastructure will inform the development of commercially viable, socially acceptable value-added products and processes that will benefit the consumer/public.

The collaboration will facilitate the translation of high quality science into policy, practice, processes and products worldwide in the Food for Health arena.

Collaborating partners with UOW
- The Advanced Foods and Materials Network of Centres of Excellence (AFMNet), Canada;
- The Riddet Centre, New Zealand
- Nutrigenomics New Zealand
- Laboratory of Agri-Business Management–Agricultural University of Athens

Focus of the collaboration
The International Collaboration will focus on sharing information, fostering collaborative research, establishing deliverables, the exchange of technologies and personnel training, engaging with industry, regulators and policy-makers and hosting annual meetings. The first meeting of the International Collaboration in Food Research will be held in Vancouver, Canada in April 2008.

In November 2006 the Australian Computer Music Association (ACMA) called for submissions of original compositions for inclusion on an ACMA CD. They considered works in all genres, styles and trends and received submissions that had already achieved international recognition at many competitions and festivals. Out of the 13 works selected to be included on the double CD, three were written by Faculty of Creative Arts, postgraduate students with the School of Music and Drama. These were Daniel Blinkhorn (DCA, Music Comp, F/T) Aaron Hull (MA-R, Music Perf, P/T) and Wendy Suiter (MCA-R, Music Comp, F/T). The CD will be distributed nationally and internationally, receive extensive media exposure, and concert performances as part of the launch.

The Sydney Opera House school program will launch a production of Dr Egg and The Man With No Ear In July 2007. This adaptation from an original story by Catherine Fargher (Faculty of Creative Arts, School of Journalism & Creative Writing DCA candidate) is a Jessica Wilson production.

Eastern Australia Dementia Training Study Centre: Guest Lecture
“Partnerships, Relationships and Family Voices: A Lived Experience of Dementia.” by Professor John Keady - Professor of Older People’s Mental Health Nursing , University of Manchester, UK .

When: Tuesday 24th July 2007 at 16:00 – 17:30
Where: Graduate School of Medicine - BLG 28 Auditorium, First Floor, UOW

All Welcome - Drinks and canapes following discussion

More at: http://dementia.uow.edu.au

Scholarships and Fellowships

Information on the Endeavour Scholarship Program and Endeavour Research Fellowships are available on our website. The Australian Leadership Awards (ALA) – Fellowships aim to develop leadership, build partnerships and linkages with the Asia-Pacific. They are for short term study, research and professional attachment programs in Australia delivered by Australian organisations.

Other recent scholarships also available throughout the University include:
- Ocean Wave Modelling and Marine Renewable Energy Systems
- The Development of High Performance Second Generation Superconductors with the Institute for Superconducting and Electronic Materials (ISEM)
- Physical metallurgy of ferrous alloys with the Engineering Materials Institute

To ensure inclusion of your research news, event or service in the next issue of RaID (due for publication end of August), please e-mail details to vwallace@uow.edu.au by 10th August.

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