Dear Colleagues,

This DVC(R) Bulletin #25 provides an update on important issues affecting researchers at UNSW. If you missed the previous bulletins – the contents are available at http://www.dvcresearch.unsw.edu.au/newsletter.html.

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1. Third International Research Workshop (IRW)

The 3rd International Research Workshop: Creative Arts, Humanities and Design will be held at UNSW from Sunday 5th - Tuesday 7 September 2010 in the newly refurbished AGSM conference centre. Approximately 80 delegates from 12 countries in the Asia Pacific region will attend. The programme has been developed by host Faculties FASS, CoFA and FBE and further details are available from Faculty Associate Deans (Research).

2. 2011 UNSW Major Research Equipment Infrastructure Initiative (MREII) Guidelines Released

We will run a Major Equipment and Infrastructure Scheme for 2011 along very similar lines to that which ran this year. The guidelines are now available at http://www.dvcresearch.unsw.edu.au/MREII_2011.doc. Note that proposals need to be prioritised by your Faculty and Faculty lists need to be with my office (to Andrea Burns, A.Burns@unsw.edu.au) by 29th October 2010. Each Faculty will have its own internal deadline. Successful proposals will be announced within 2 weeks after the announcement of successful 2011 LIEF grants (late November).

3. Want your research featured in the next edition of Research@UNSW magazine?

Preparations have commenced for the next edition of Research@UNSW magazine, and we are seeking nominations for story ideas. This high quality magazine, produced annually, showcases UNSW’s most exciting research. If you would like to see your research featured in the magazine, please send an email to David Do (david.do@unsw.edu.au) with a short paragraph of your project/area of research/discovery etc by no later than Friday 27th August 2010. The current edition of Research@UNSW magazine can be found at: http://www.unsw.edu.au/research/res/researchmag.html.
4. Australialive (G'day UK) life sciences mission

If you are a life sciences researcher on sabbatical or exchange in the UK who might be interested in participating or attending the NSW Government's Australialive (formerly G'day UK) program events around the 22nd of September 2010, including a conference on life sciences and possible business matching or collaboration appointments, please contact Margaret Harding (harding@unsw.edu.au).

5. Confidentialised Unit Record Files (CURFS)

UNSW has a subscription to Confidentialised Unit Record Files (CURFs). These datasets allow researchers to access microdata which are files of responses to ABS surveys that have had specific identifying information about persons and organisations confidentialised. Survey data is available to researchers in areas such as Census of Population and Housing; Social Statistics; Labour Statistics and Prices; Secondary Industry and Distribution. For further information please see http://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/home/CURF:+What+is+CURF+Microdata.

6. SRE

The deadline for submitting your SRE survey has passed. Let me thank those of you who have contributed to this important exercise, during what was a difficult time for UNSW. We will be submitting the de-identified results to DIISR shortly for inclusion in the SRE funding model for 2011.

7. ERA

Final certification stage of the ERA Submission is now complete following the verification of data that UNSW submitted in Stages 1-2. In line with this is the finalisation of the collection of copies of research outputs identified for the ERA peer review which have now been uploaded in the UNSW’s Digital Repository.

As part of its ERA Submission UNSW submitted total of 28399 research outputs out of which 65.4% are journal articles, 21.1% conference publications, 7.8% Book chapters, 4.5% non traditional outputs and 1.1% books.

For the disciplines that will be subjected to ERA peer review UNSW submitted a total of 1410 research outputs that are deemed representative of the top 20% of the total outputs in the Field of Research. Research Income reported in the ERA reference period is approximately $674m. UNSW also reported data on applied and esteem measures as per ERA Submission Guidelines including total of 102 patents, 308 recipients of a Nationally Competitive Research Fellowship and 186 memberships of a Learned Academies and Statutory Committees.

The ARC will publicly release outcomes of the evaluations of all disciplines, and may publish additional information (e.g. an institution’s submitted information) with the consent of the institution. No timeline has yet been issued by the ARC on release of results.

For additional information on ERA visit http://www.arc.gov.au/era/.

Let me take this opportunity to thank each and every one of those who were involved in this process. This was a massive undertaking on a scale that we have not previously undertaken.

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