Dear Colleagues,

This DVC(R) Bulletin #26 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. 3-Minute Thesis Competition

The Graduate Research School will be hosting the 3MT Competition. This will be an exciting opportunity for higher degree research students from all disciplines to develop their communication skills and showcase their work.

Each contestant will have just 3 minutes to present a compelling oration on their thesis topic that will inform and engage an intelligent but non-specialist audience.

There will be celebrity judges, great prizes, audience participation and the opportunity to hear some of our most brilliant young minds tell us what they are doing and why it is important.

**Wednesday 8 September, 2010**

UNSW Science Theatre (Map & How to Get There)

3:30 pm Welcome and Introduction of the Judges
3:45 pm Presentations
5:15 pm Judges confer
      People’s Choice votes collected & refreshments served
5:45 pm Awards presented

2. 2010 UNSW Inventor of the Year Awards

Presented annually by NewSouth Innovations, the 2010 UNSW Inventor of the Year Awards carries a total cash purse of $28,000. The awards recognise and reward inventors that are making the world a better place and are open to UNSW academics and students who are commercialising their research with NewSouth Innovations (www.nsinnovations.com.au).

In 2010 NewSouth Innovations introduced a new category for Best New Invention submitted to NSi and also a new Student Inventor of the Year category. Winners will be announced at a special Awards event on Thursday the 2nd of September and will be posted to the Inventor Awards web site following the awards event at www.unswinventorawards.com.au. Interested readers can follow the announcements live on Twitter (@unswinnovators) and with the Hashtag #IOY10.

NSi congratulates the finalists and winners in the 2010 UNSW Inventor of the Year Awards.

3. The Need to Forward 'Official' UNSW Emails

There is a potential communications issue for researchers who use their local domain email (e.g. j.smith@civeng.unsw.edu.au) rather than their 'official' UNSW email address (e.g. S1234567@unsw.edu.au). The UNSW research grants management system, InfoEd, uses the official email address for all communications, including advice on due dates, news of outcomes from grant rounds and important compliance information. To ensure that you receive all information from the GMO, please set up a forwarding rule from your official email address. See http://www.gmo.unsw.edu.au/UNSWemail190810.pdf for further information.

4. Research@UNSW Gateway Update

The Research@UNSW Gateway has been in development since late 2008. The intention of the Gateway is to create a single website as a portal for research information & support at UNSW. This will be easy to navigate utilizing a user–centred design approach to cater for both external and internal UNSW users. The Gateway will replace the existing UNSW research websites including the UNSW Research corporate site, DVC (Research) site, the Grants Management Office, the Graduate Research School and the Research Strategy Office sites and will better incorporate access to the Mark Wainwright Analytical Centre and NewSouth Innovations sites.

The key objectives of the Gateway include; promoting research activities, researchers and students to demonstrate UNSW's status as a leading research institution; to reduce administration related enquiries and elimination of information duplication through existing research site consolidation into a single "user-centred gateway".

UNSW researchers and research projects will be profiled on the Gateway from information that will be sourced from UNSW data systems; HR, the Researcher Census, InfoEd and ResPubs which will populate the Gateway via direct data feeds making the process as seamless as possible for researchers but also providing the opportunity for researchers to add information, images, links and social media.

The Research@UNSW Gateway is close to completion; the Gateway has been built and the final technical issues (primarily involving data feeds) are in the process of being resolved.

Presentations to Faculties and Schools including Marketing and IT staff are being arranged to demonstrate the Gateway and to provide information about how “research project” and “researcher profile” data will be uploaded into the “People” and “Projects” pages of the Gateway and most importantly the process for input and engagement from Faculty & School staff and from researchers.

To arrange a Faculty or School demonstration, please contact Barbara Chmielewski, General Manager (Research) via email barbarac@unsw.edu.au or phone x55615.
5. ERA

ResPubs is the new research publication database initiated by the University that aims to integrate with the existing digital repository and enable academics to easily upload research outputs. Along with various sources of data, ResPubs provided the research output information in the ERA 2010 submissions.

As an interim measure, whilst ResPubs reporting functionality remains under development, the ERA Office is able to provide reports from ResPubs. Anyone wanting data from ResPubs should contact Murray Green (murray.green@unsw.edu.au or era@unsw.edu.au).

6. eResearch

An e-Research Coordination Group has been meeting every two months since late 2009. The group is chaired by Associate Professor Greg Leslie and consists of representatives from Faculties, Research Centres, the Division of Research, IT@UNSW and the University Library. The group was established to provide a forum for e-research and to act as a point of contact for eResearch between UNSW and external bodies, such as DIISR and Intersect. UNSW is a member of Intersect which is the peak body for e-research at UNSW (for more information, see http://www.intersect.org.au/)

The group sees e-research as the application of advanced information and communication technologies to the practice of research. Key areas include high performance computing, research data access and management, collaboration, networking, privacy and security. Intersect’s eResearch analyst for UNSW attends the group’s meetings to provide reports on Intersect’s activities at UNSW. Recent activities include co-ordinating proposals for EIF funding through the Australian National Data Service for a range of projects about the capture and management of research data. At its last meeting, the Group endorsed UNSW joining the Australian Access Federation. Significant EIF funding is in the pipeline for projects addressing data storage and research collaboration.

The group is supported by the Office of the DVC (Research) and the University Library. For now, the group will rely on newsletters and email lists to advise UNSW researchers of funding opportunities and its activities. If you have any questions, please contact Greg Leslie (g.leslie@unsw.edu.au) or Andrew Wells (a.wells@unsw.edu.au).

7. PG Expo – Research Forum

As part of the upcoming UNSW Postgraduate Expo the Graduate Research School will be running a Research Forum for prospective students interested in higher research degrees at UNSW.

Tuesday 28 September, 2010
4 – 6 pm
UNSW Science Theatre (Map & How to Get There)
4 – 5 pm Research Fair
5 – 6 pm Presentation Session

During the Research Fair current research students will exhibit their research and attendees will have the opportunity visit the various displays and talk to exhibiting students. There will also be a stall with Graduate Research School staff available to talk to prospective students about applications and scholarships.

During the Presentation Session the Associate Dean (Research)/Director of Postgraduate Research and a PhD student from each Faculty will present on research in their Faculty (5 minutes) and their own research (3 minutes) respectively (the students will be selected from those who presented at the 3 Minute Thesis Competition).

8. New Higher Degree Supervision Policy and Guidelines

The Policy on Supervision of Higher Degree Research Students at the University of New South Wales has recently been revised and approved by the Vice-Chancellor. The policy comes into effect immediately and specifies the criteria for the appointment of supervisors for higher degree research candidates, as well as the roles and responsibilities of supervisors.

Guidelines for the Supervision of Research Students have also been approved by the Vice-Chancellor. The purpose of these guidelines is to outline good practices that can assist and support the highest quality experience and outcomes for candidates; they have been written to assist both supervisors and candidates.

Higher Degree Research Supervision Policy -  
Higher Degree Research Supervision Guidelines -  

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