Dear Colleagues,

This DVC(R) Bulletin #48 provides an update on important issues affecting researchers at UNSW. If you missed the previous bulletins – the contents are available at http://research.unsw.edu.au/deputy-vice-chancellor-research-bulletin.

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1. **Building Research Partnerships with Industry**

This two hour workshop will provide an introduction to the key skills needed to initiate, develop and strengthen effective research partnerships and collaborations with industry and other external organisations. Partnerships with Industry may take the form of contract research, consulting or industry linked grant opportunities such as ARC Linkage.

**Target audience:** UNSW academic staff interested in finding out how to establish research partnerships with industry. A case study involving a current industry partner from the Faculty of Engineering will be presented.

**When:** Monday 22nd October 2012, 10am to 12:30pm,
**Where:** Rupert Myers Theatre

Please visit our website for more information & to register http://research.unsw.edu.au/events/building-research-partnerships-industry
2. Managing Critical Research Infrastructure- a Workshop for Facility / Laboratory Managers and Research Group Leaders

Presented by Associate Professor Grainne Moran (Division of Research), Robert Kelly and Greg Kaplan (Facilities Management)

When: Monday October 8, 1 – 2pm,
Where: Matthews Building, Room 320

The Division of Research in collaboration with Facilities Management is organising a series of workshops, to provide support for research facility/laboratory managers and to share ideas to improve the management of critical infrastructure.

For more information contact Associate Professor Grainne Moran, g.moran@unsw.edu.au, Ext 54262.

RSVPs are essential, by email to analytical@unsw.edu.au (include your contact details and the lab/facility you manage). Expressions of interest for future workshops can also be sent to this email.

3. UNSW Research Pricing Tool

The UNSW Research Pricing Tool has been developed to support UNSW researchers undertaking externally funded research including contract research and consultancy projects, and competitive grants that are not listed on the Australian Competitive Grants Register (ACGR). The Tool will go live from 1 January 2013 to price projects from that date onwards.

The Research Pricing Tool enables projects to be appropriately priced in accordance with the UNSW Competitive Neutrality and Pricing Policy and associated UNSW Procedure for Pricing Externally Funded Research. These documents are currently open for consultation pending final approval. They provide relevant background information and advice on how to use the Research Pricing Tool.

Features of the pricing tool:

1. Web based
2. Calculates project price to the sponsor/funding agency inclusive of UNSW indirect costs
3. Enables market price adjustment where appropriate
4. ‘Save’ functionality allows researcher to work at their own pace in developing the budget
5. Final budget can be exported as pdf or xls to be included in the proposal

All UNSW academic staff will be able to access the pricing tool using z-pass authentication. Professional staff must be approved to use the tool by completing the Administrative Access form. More information can be found at https://research.unsw.edu.au/pricing-tool
4. **2012 Scopus Young Researchers of the Year Awards**

The 3rd annual Scopus Young Researcher of the Year Awards 2012 were announced during the 14th annual Australian Research Management Society conference at the Gold Coast, Australia.

The Scopus Young Researcher of the Year Awards is part of a global initiative by Elsevier (a leading provider of scientific, technical and medical information products and services) and the awards recognize outstanding young scientists and researchers. The Awards support early career researchers in their quest to advance the frontiers of science across a broad range of disciplines.

**UNSW Winners and Finalists:**

1. **Humanities and Social Sciences**  
   Finalist - Associate Professor Michelle Moulds (Psychology)

2. **Engineering and Technology**  
   Winner - Dr Cyrille Boyer (Chemical Engineering)

3. **Life Sciences and Biological Sciences**  
   Winner – Dr Michael Kasumovic (BEES)

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all UNSW Researchers who submitted their research for the awards and I heartily congratulate those UNSW finalists and winners.

5. **Study on Mobility of Researchers**

The European Commission recently launched a large international study on the mobility patterns, career paths and working conditions of researchers ([http://www.more-2.eu/](http://www.more-2.eu/)). A first survey focusing on the opinions of researchers currently associated with a European university was launched in June 2012.

This second survey looks beyond Europe and focuses on the international mobility of researchers to and from Europe and other places in the world. The European Commission would like to know about your views, needs and experiences with international mobility. Which countries have you worked in as a researcher? Have you previously worked in Europe and if so, how does this compare to other parts of the world? Have you considered carrying out future research in Europe?

Your responses will help the European Commission to develop better policies that should improve the mobility opportunities, career prospects and working conditions of researchers.

[CLICK HERE](http://www.more-2.eu/) to go to the survey website. The questionnaire should take no more than 10-15 minutes to complete. It will remain open till 15th October 2012.
6. Human Research Ethics Workshop

A Human Research Ethics Workshop is being held to identify and address the most challenging ethical issues arising in human research. This workshop is open to all UNSW Research Staff and Students.

**When:** Tuesday, 30 October 2012, 1:00pm to 3:30pm,
**Where:** Rupert Myers Theatre

Guest Speaker will be Professor Colin Thomson – a lead author of the *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research*.

For further information, including RSVP details and if you would like to present a ten minute paper at the workshop then please go to [http://research.unsw.edu.au/events/human-research-ethics-workshop](http://research.unsw.edu.au/events/human-research-ethics-workshop)

7. Reviews for Consultation and Feedback

There are currently a number of Government Reviews underway including:

1. **UNSW Research Code of Conduct and associated Procedures**
   - Feedback is still being sought on the:
     1. UNSW Research Code of Conduct
     2. Procedure for Handling Allegations of Research Misconduct
     3. Procedure for Handling Research Material and Data
     4. Procedure for Authorship and for Resolving Disputes Between Authors
     - While the deadline for feedback has now passed, any additional comments are welcome to b.greene@unsw.edu.au.

2. **Human Ethics**
   - *Chapter 3.4: Human tissue samples* and *Chapter 3.6: Human stem cells* of the *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research* (2007).
     - The public consultation pack and further information on how to make a submission can be found at [http://consultations.nhmrc.gov.au/](http://consultations.nhmrc.gov.au/).
     - Deadline for feedback to b.greene@unsw.edu.au is 12th October 2012.

3. **Patents & Intellectual Property**
   - Proposed amendment to the *Patents Act 1990*, which would raise the patentability threshold for Innovation Patents to the same level of inventiveness as required for Standard Patents
     - Deadline for feedback to b.greene@unsw.edu.au is 19th October 2012.
   - Exposure draft of the *Intellectual Property Legislation Amendment Regulation 2012*. The exposure draft regulations would make changes to implement the *Intellectual Property laws Amendment (Raising the Bar) Act 2012*. 
8. **Do you know... Publishing the Same Thing more than Once?**

It’s not an uncommon practice in many disciplines for the same material to appear as part of a conference presentation, then as a preliminary communication or note, then as a full paper and perhaps then as part of a compilation of work on a specific topic or a review.

It is clearly contrary to the UNSW Code of Conduct for the Responsible Practice of Research to publish the same material more than once and to claim or imply it to be original in each case. However, providing material is clearly and appropriately cross-referenced to inform any reader that parts of the work have been reported elsewhere, it is a very acceptable and common practice to provide reference your own prior work.

With the advent of software packages that can compare vast quantities of material, we are seeing more instances of researchers and research students being accused of “self-plagiarism” i.e. publishing the same material multiple times. The proper defence against this accusation is to ensure that any material which has been presented previously, is thoroughly cross referenced back to the original works.

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