Dear Colleagues,

This DVC(R) Bulletin #43 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](http://research.unsw.edu.au/deputy-vice-chancellor-research-bulletin).

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1. **Professor Margaret Harding’s new appointment**

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Professor Margaret Harding on her new appointment as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) at the Australian National University. This is a very prestigious posting to one of Australia’s leading Universities and I am sure that you will all join me in congratulating Margaret and wishing her all the very best. I sincerely thank Margaret for the very significant contribution to the research success that UNSW has seen over the last few years.

Margaret’s last day at UNSW will be on Friday 20th April. I will advise on interim arrangements in due course while we commence the process to recruit a new PVC(R).

2. **Staff changes in the Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)**

After many years as the gate-keeper and back-bone of the Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), Kerry Shepherd will head off for a south coast sea change shortly. I would like to ask you to join me to farewell Kerry and wish her all the best for a well deserved and more relaxed lifestyle.

Jennifer Timms, joined the Office as the new Executive Assistant, on Wednesday 4th April.

3. **Responsibility for Pre-Award Processes for Contract Research and Consulting**

From 1 January 2012, the responsibility for pre-award processes for contract research and consulting has transferred from the Grants Management Office to the Research Partnerships Unit (RPU). The RPU will have capacity to provide more support for researchers in scoping and pricing projects, ensuring contractual arrangements are appropriate and concluded quickly (in close consultation with the Legal Office and New South Innovations as appropriate).

The RPU will be an ongoing point of contact for sponsors throughout the life of projects, aiming for repeat business via effective relationship management. The Grants Management Office will continue...
to sign off on research contracts, open associated accounts, track deliverables including invoicing and reporting, and close out the contract. Info Ed will remain the key business tool for tracking contracts across the life cycle. One of the strategic drivers for this change is to increase contract research income from government and industry at UNSW over time.

You can contact the RPU at: Research.partnerships@unsw.edu.au and obtain further information via the Research Gateway at: http://research.unsw.edu.au/units/research-partnerships.

4. **2012 UNSW Innovation Awards - Coming Soon!**

Applications for the UNSW Innovation Awards - 2012 (formerly known as the UNSW Inventor of the Year Awards) will be opening soon. The Innovation Awards recognise and reward individuals, or teams, who are developing innovations in any field of activity across campus and at any stage in development. In 2012 we are introducing a broader, more inclusive, criteria set and encourage you all to take a look and apply. There are categories specifically for student-led innovations.

For further announcements please visit the New South Innovations web site: http://www.nsinnovations.com.au.

NewSouth Innovations (NSi), at the University of NSW, helps inventors turn their research discoveries into breakthrough innovations, products or services.

5. **ERA Update**

A. **Research Evaluation Committee (REC) – ERA 2012 Submissions**

The ARC has announced the Chairs and members of each of the Discipline clusters that will evaluate the data submitted for the ERA 2012 initiative. The REC members and Chairs have been selected from a large group of distinguished and internationally-recognised researchers from Australia and overseas. We congratulate the following UNSW researchers who were selected, and are now members of their designated committees.

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B. **UNSW ERA Submissions**

Stage 1 of the ERA 2012 Submissions commenced on 5 March and ended on 26 March. This stage involved uploading of the institution submissions in SEER (System to Evaluate the Excellence of Research), and validation process which determines that the submissions met the technical requirements.

Stage 2 Submissions commenced on Wednesday, 28 March and has now been extended by the ARC to Thursday 26 April. In this stage the ARC will further verify and check the integrity of the submitted data. The deadlines for Stage 3 and Stage 4 is now Friday 27 April and 4 May respectively. Stages 3 and 4 involve the final certification and lodging of the hard copy of the certification statement,
respectively. UNSW has submitted its data to the ARC and these are now undergoing validation checks.

6. Do you know…who your Advisor in Research Integrity is?

UNSW Researchers are bound by the UNSW Research Code of Conduct. Under the Code, Advisors in Research Integrity have been appointed in each Faculty to provide confidential advice to staff and students with regards to the UNSW Research Code of Conduct, and to mediate disputes over authorship, if and when they arise. At UNSW, Advisors in Research Integrity are also the Associate Deans (Research).

Though there is an Advisor in Research Integrity within each Faculty, staff and students are not restricted to consulting with the Faculty specific Advisor in Research Integrity. Staff and students are free to speak with any one of the 9 Advisors across UNSW.

A list of all Advisors in Research Integrity, and their contact detail are outlined on the UNSW Research Gateway at https://research.unsw.edu.au/responsible-research-practice.

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