



Welcome to the August 2008 edition of LTSU Alert, produced by USQ's Learning and Teaching Support Unit (LTSU). The aim of LTSU Alert is to disseminate news, information and events relating to learning and teaching – both in Australia and internationally.

HERDSA Conference 2008

The HERDSA conference in New Zealand involved over 290 participants from all universities in Australia and New Zealand and some from United States, United Kingdom and South Africa. The focus of the conference was Engaging Communities. The keynote speaker was Dr. Etienne Wenger, pioneer and globally recognized leader in the field of communities of practice and their application to organisations.

The work of Dr Jacquie McDonald (LTSU – 2 papers) and Dr Cassandra Star (FoB), and Dr Sara Hammer (LTSU – 1 paper) and colleagues was highly and very publicly commended and admired by Dr Wenger as excellent examples of communities of practice in operation in Higher Education. He was very impressed with the productivity of the partnership developed between FoB and LTSU staff and cited the work as one of the best examples of using theory to build effective communities of practice.

Cancer Institute NSW Research Grants

Applications are invited for Cancer Institute NSW Research Grants. The Institute is the NSW Government agency dedicated to the control and cure of cancer through prevention, detection, innovation, research and information. The Institute Research Program develops cancer research capacity in NSW by increasing the number, quality and international competitiveness of cancer researchers in NSW. Applicants may be engaged in any discipline of research relevant to cancer, including, but not limited to: Behavioural; Biomedical; Clinical; Epidemiological; Health Economics; Psychosocial and Health Services.

Applications are open for the following Research Grants:

- International Clinical and Research Fellowships
- Early Career Development Fellowships
- Clinical Research Fellowships
- Research Scholars Awards

Closing date: 5 September 2008

Although research must be undertaken within NSW (except for the International Clinical and Research Fellowships). Applications are encouraged from interstate and international researchers as well as those currently working in NSW. Guidelines and application forms available at <<http://www.cancerinstitute.org.au>>

For further information please contact Debbie Docherty, Manager Research Grants & Development. Tel: +61 2 8374 3561 Email: <research.secretariat@cancerinstitute.org.au>

Australia-India strategic research fund (AISRF)

Round three of the Indo-Australian S&T Fund and Indo-Australian Biotechnology Fund will be open on Monday, 4 August 2008 at 9:00 AM AEST and close on Friday, 26 September 2008 at 17:00 PM AEST.

Earth Systems Science has been added to the list of priority areas under Round three of the Indo-Australian S&T Fund.

If you have any questions regarding AISRF, please contact Jill Albion at the Office of Research and Higher Degrees.

Government education portal news

National training system's e-learning priorities emerge

<<http://www.flexiblelearning.net.au/flx/go/home/news/cache/bypass?sector=latest&id=3617>>

Innovative educational delivery at USQ

<<http://www.usq.edu.au/newsevents/news/wimbase.htm>>

NT trials to boost school attendance

<http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/internet/jennymacklin.nsf/content/boost_school_attendance_20june08.htm>

Wadeye students win international award

<<http://newsroom.nt.gov.au/index.cfm?fuseaction=viewRelease&id=4181&d=5>>

Visit the Education Portal to view a summary of these news stories at

<<http://www.education.gov.au/goved/page825.html>>

Edna newsletters – keep up to date

Edna publishes several free newsletters for different audiences in the education and training community. Choose from:

- Early Childhood News <http://www.edna.edu.au/edna/go/ece/ece_news/pid/197>
- edna for schools <http://www.edna.edu.au/edna/go/schooled/schools_news/pid/202>
- Higher Education Update
<http://www.edna.edu.au/edna/go/highered/highered_news/pid/83>
- The Communicator
<<http://www.edna.edu.au/edna/go/news/newsletters/communicator>>
- The Networker <<http://www.edna.edu.au/edna/go/news/newsletters/networker>>
- VET and ACE e-news <http://www.edna.edu.au/edna/go/vet/vet_news/vet_eneews>
- E-learning Insights <<http://www.edna.edu.au/edna/go/news/podcast/eli>>

Subscription information is available at <<http://www.edna.edu.au/edna/go/news/newsletters>>

Higher Education 2020 newsletter

The *Higher Education 2020* Newsletter aims to keep the sector and stakeholders informed about the Australian Government's higher education policies and programs. The current issue includes news on the Review of Australian Higher Education, updates on changes to legislation and guidelines, and information on funding rounds and other key developments.

The newsletter will continue to be published on a bi-monthly basis. This issue and copies of previous issues are available on-line at:

<www.dest.gov.au/sectors/higher_education/publications_resources/2020_newsletter/default.htm>

NAGCAS ALTC Symposium outcomes

The symposium held on 19 June 2008 in Melbourne was part of a project funded by the Australian Learning and Teaching Council (ALTC) being led by the National Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services (NAGCAS), the peak professional body of careers and employment services for Australian students and graduates.

For further details about the Symposium, please go to
<<http://www.usq.edu.au/nagcascarrickproject/symposium/default.htm>>

Symposium papers available at:
<<http://www.usq.edu.au/nagcascarrickproject/symposium/prereading.htm>>

Wolfson e-Learning Fellowship programme

The Wolfson e-Learning Fellowship programme enables senior academics and academic-related staff from higher education institutions worldwide to carry out a programme of e-learning related study in Cambridge for a ten week period. Visiting Fellow status confers full membership of Wolfson College, Cambridge and includes accommodation, all meals during the week and UK visits as well as access to many University of Cambridge facilities. To find out more about the programme and details of how to apply please visit:

<<http://www.welf.org.uk/>>

Australian Learning & Teaching Council (ALTC) news

2008/2009 Grants - dates released

New program guidelines for 2009 ALTC Grants in learning and teaching are available for download at: <<http://www.altc.edu.au/carrick/go/home/grants/pid/54>>

The RED report: the contribution of sessional teachers to higher education

The RED report and RED resource outcomes from a project on the contribution of sessional

teachers to higher education are available. Refer to the website
<<http://www.cadad.edu.au/sessional/RED/>>

ALTC Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning

The Citation ceremonies will be held at 4pm at the following locations:

Brisbane: 4 August Customs House
Sydney: 5 August The Scientia, UNSW
Melbourne: 6 August Zinc @ Federation Square
Adelaide: 7 August National Wine Centre
Perth: 8 August WA Maritime Museum, Fremantle

See website for more details <<http://www.altc.edu.au/carrick/go>>

Learning and Teaching Books, Journals and Other Resources

New Learning and Teaching Books

Two new open access texts on online learning from The International Review of Research in Open and Distance Learning (IRRODL)

Website <<http://www.irrodl.org/index.php/irrodl>>

The first, published by Athabasca University Press, is the 2nd edition of 'The Theory and Practice of Online Learning', edited by IRRODL's editor Terry Anderson, Ph.D. This book can be ordered in paper format or downloaded free from

<<http://www.col.org/colweb/site/pid/5312>>

The second book, 'Education for a Digital World: Advice, Guidelines, and Effective Practice from Around the Globe', is published cooperatively by BC Campus and the Commonwealth of Learning. This text focuses as much on personal as institutional-driven learning, and has excellent chapters on various new media. This book is also available for free download from

<<http://www.col.org/colweb/site/pid/5312>>

Learning and Teaching Journals

EdITLib Digital Library TOC Alert

The latest issue of 'Journal of Technology and Teacher Education' is now available on the Ed/ITLib Digital Library. <<http://www.editlib.org/index.cfm/>>

International Journal for the Scholarship of Teaching & Learning (IJ-SoTL)

The July 2008 issue is now online at <<http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/ijstl/v2n2.html>>

SAGE education journals

SAGE is committed to developing the quality and impact of the journals we publish. We are pleased to highlight the following from the 2007 Journal Citation Reports® recently released by Thomson Reuters. Website: <<http://www.sagepub.co.uk/>>

Review of Educational Research has been ranked in the top 10 in the Education & Educational Research category for at least 5 years and is currently ranked 4/105. The journal has a 2007 Impact Factor (IF) of 2.600.

Journal of Educational and Behavioural Statistics saw its IF increase by almost 90% over last year, from 0.727 to 1.361. Over the last 5 years its IF has increased by over 60%. It is now ranked 6/105 in the Education & Educational Research category.

More information can be found at <<http://sage-news.msgfocus.com/q/1pcFH6UkR8o03/wv>>

International Review of Research in Open and Distance Learning

(IRRODL) Volume 9, No.2 is now available and online at <www.irrodl.org> Do you want to submit a paper to an open issue of IRRODL? If so, please visit the Author Guidelines web page to submit your paper online for peer review
<<http://www.irrodl.org/index.php/irrodl/about/submissions#onlineSubmissions>>

International Journal of Education and Development using ICT

Volume 4, No.2 (2008) of International Journal of Education and Development using ICT (IJEDICT) has now been published online at <<http://ijedict.dec.uwi.edu/viewissue.php?id=16>>

Technology, Pedagogy and Education

Journal of the Association of Information Technology in Teacher Education (ITTE)
Routledge would like to announce a Special Issue of the journal, with *Glimpses of the Wider Picture*. Available at <http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/title~content=t716100724~db=all>>

eLearn Magazine

Latest articles on their website <<http://www.elearnmag.org/>> including 'Tools for Designing Learning: Who will use them?' by Mark Notess, Indiana University, USA.

Studies in Learning, Evaluation, Innovation and Development (SLEID)

Volume 5, No. 2, now available online at <<http://sleid.cqu.edu.au/viewissue.php?id=16>>

Learning and Teaching Conferences & Seminars

Within Australia

Association for Active Educational Researchers (AARE) Workshop

'The utility of theory(ies) in educational research'

Website: <<http://www.aare.edu.au/futwork.htm>>

24-26 September 2008. Charles Sturt University

AARE is sponsoring a residential workshop for research students and early career researchers. Presenters will include leading theoreticians in the field of educational research.

Education.au Seminar

26 August 2008. University of NSW, Leighton Hall, Randwick Campus

Website: <<http://www.educationau.edu.au/>>

The keynote speaker will be Professor Martin Westwell who will explore how technology is transforming the mind and what this means for teaching, learning and the workplace.

ASCILITE 2008 Conference*The Australasian Society for Computers in Learning in Tertiary Education***30 November – 3 December 2008.** Deakin University, MelbourneWebsite <<http://www.ascilite.org.au/conferences/melbourne08/register.htm>>

Call for papers and early bird registration. The conference theme is 'Hello! Where are you in the landscape of educational technology?'

FYE – Curriculum Design Symposium

'Articulating a Transition Pedagogy'

5-6 February 2009. QUT Kelvin Grove Campus

This Symposium is an outcome of research made possible through an Australian Learning & Teaching Council (ALTC) Senior Fellowship Program that has investigated good practice in first year undergraduate curriculum design.

Legacies 09 Conference

13-14 February 2009. Toowoomba

Website <<http://www.usq.edu.au/legacies09/>>The Legacies '09 Conference will be held at the [Downs Club](#) in Toowoomba. The conference will be hosted by the [Public Memory Research Centre](#), USQ.**Overseas****The SoTL Commons Conference: An International Conference for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning**Website <<http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/ijsotl/conference/2009/index.htm>>**11-13 March 2009.** Georgia Southern University (Statesboro, Georgia, USA)

Early registration is now open and the submission of proposals period is 15 August – 15 October, 2008.

Making Connections Conference: Final Call for ParticipationWebsite <<http://mancons2.middlesex.wikispaces.net/>>**6 November 2008.** London, UK

A one day conference bringing together research on e-learning and student retention.

Student Volunteering in Higher Education: Transitions and Turning PointsWebsite <<http://www.wlv.ac.uk/default.aspx?page=16895>>**11 September 2008.** Wolverhampton, UK**The Internationalising of UK Higher Education Learning & Teaching**

Reflections on policy, practice and theory

Website <http://www.c-sap.bham.ac.uk/events/conference_08/>**27–28 November 2008.** Edinburgh, UK**Tertiary Learning Advisors: 2008 Conference**

'Transformations'

Website <<http://www.atlaanz.org/>>**19-21 November 2008.** Whitireia Community Polytechnic, Porirua, New Zealand**International Conference of Education, Research and Innovation (ICERI) 2008**Website: <<http://www.iated.org/iceri2008>>**17-19 November 2008.** Madrid, Spain

ICERI2008 will be an excellent opportunity to present and discuss your projects and

innovations on education and research in a multicultural forum that will count with the presence of professors and researchers from all continents of the world. The general objective of the conference is to promote international collaboration in the fields of Education, Research and Innovation in all educational fields and disciplines.

EDU-COM 2008 International Conference

Website <<http://educom2008.scis.ecu.edu.au/>>

19-21 November 2008. Khon Kaen, Thailand

7th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Education

Website <<http://www.hiceducation.org>>

4-7 January 2009. Hilton Hawaii, Honolulu

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