



News Bulletin for Research Staff

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Items for inclusion in this bulletin

Please forward any items to Matt Randall (matt.randall@sci.monash.edu.au).

Requests should include full information on application / nomination procedures, dates and deadlines, and contact details or web links to further information.

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Part A – News

1. ARC Research Network results

Congratulations to **Dr Andrea Taylor** of the School of Biological Sciences and **Professor Fima Klebaner** of the School of Mathematical Sciences who are members of groups that were awarded ARC Research Network funding commencing in 2004.

Dr Taylor is in a research group that will be part of a recently awarded ARC Research Network for Environmental Futures, based at the University of Adelaide. This is the only one of the 24 new networks that is focussed on environmental research, and will receive funding of \$300,000 per annum for five years. **Professor Klebaner** is a member of the Financial Integrity Research Network (FIRN) that was awarded \$350,000 per annum for five years.

Further information

- **Environmental Futures Network**
<http://nesuab.ees.adelaide.edu.au/page/default.asp?site=1>.
- **Financial Integrity Research Network (FIRN)**
<http://www.firn.net.au/news/index.html>

2. Are you on the Synchrotron news email list?

Professor Rob Lewis, Director of the Monash Centre for Synchrotron Science, asks all synchrotron users (including potential users) who are not already on the Monash University Centre for Synchrotron Science email list to provide their names and contact details to Ms Nancy Place (Nancy.Place@sync.monash.edu.au) so that they may be kept informed of Synchrotron-related news, and fellowship and scholarship programs.

3. Reminder: research involving humans and human ethics clearance – staff satisfaction survey

A reminder that the human ethics survey will be available until Friday, 10 September 2004.

About the survey

The Committee of Associate Deans Research (CADRES) is conducting a survey of attitudes towards the management of the review of research involving humans and human ethics clearance and wants to hear from staff about what we are doing well and what we need to improve. Your response to the survey will assist with improving the processes involved with human ethics clearance.

The survey will cover a range of issues including general attitudes about ethics, the Human Ethics Office, the Standing Committee on Ethics in Research Involving Humans (SCERH), and about process and attitudes about resources/services.

Complete the survey

Find out more and have your say by completing the online survey at:

<http://www.e-value-it.com/survey/27574931/>

4. Identification of Australian / UK research collaborations

Dr Jade Sharples has recently been appointed to the role of Science and Technology Officer within the British High Commission in Canberra. This is the first time the High Commission has employed a dedicated, full-time science attachè. The UK government recognises the benefits to research and innovation that could be achieved through enhanced collaboration with Australian scientists at all levels, from research and government through to industry.

Jade's background is in biological science. She has a PhD in plant physiology, has been employed as a post-doctoral fellow and is currently finishing a law degree. She has also spent time researching at the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology, Huntingdon UK.

As the Science and Technology Officer, Jade's first task is to compile a report outlining Australia's particular scientific strengths, existing Australian/UK collaborations and identify any areas of weakness that could benefit from enhanced Australia/UK collaboration. In order to complete this task, she is currently compiling a database of prior and existing Australia/UK relationships.

If you have had any collaborations with the UK over the past five 5 years, either through research grants, fellowship schemes or any participation at the industry level, Jade would greatly appreciate it if you could inform her of your connections.

Please feel free to telephone or email her directly with your project details:

Further information

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5. ARC e-Research Support

The Australian Research Council (ARC) is proposing a new Special Research Initiatives scheme for e-Research. Details are given on the ARC website at http://www.arc.gov.au/pdf/e-Research_slides3.pdf.

Part B - Events

6. Workshop on accessing National Institutes of Health (NIH) and other sources of US funding

The Victorian Branch of the Australasian Research Management Society (ARMS) and Mr Matt Vinery, Parliamentary Secretary for Industry and Innovation, invite you to a workshop on accessing US research funding, focussing on the National Institutes of Health. The presenter will be Mr Bill Schweri, Director of Federal Relations and Sponsored Program Development, University of Kentucky.

Date

Monday, 20 September 2004 from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Venue

The Centre for Innovation and Technology Commercialisation (CTIC)
Level 1, 257 Collins Street, Melbourne

RSVP

Please RSVP to Ms Cynthia Korevaar by email at cynthia@deakin.edu.au by Monday, 13 September 2004

Further information

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7. Teaching/Research Nexus Symposium

Monash is actively exploring the nexus between research and teaching. An exciting program has been arranged for this one-day event. Speakers include Professor Alan Lindsay (DV-C Academic), Professor Edwina Cornish (DV-C Research), Professor Graham Webb (Director, CHEQ), and Professor Denise Kirkpatrick (Director, Teaching and Learning) who will collectively outline Monash's position.

Representatives from faculties will discuss how the Nexus is being made manifest in their discipline. There will be opportunities to engage in discussion throughout the day. All staff and postgraduate students are warmly invited to attend.

Date

Monday, 27 September 2004 from 9:20 am - 4:30 pm

Venue

Manton Rooms, Building 11, Clayton Campus

RSVP

Please RSVP to Ms Vicki Mihalakopoulos by telephone on (03) 9905 6940 or email at Vicki.Mihalakopoulos@celts.monash.edu.au

Further information

<http://www.celts.monash.edu.au/hedu/nexus/>

8. Research Grants and Ethics Branch (RGEB): 'What's coming up?' web page

The Research Grants and Ethics Branch (RGEB) maintains a page of upcoming news and events for researchers at www.monash.edu.au/resgrant/general/latestnews/index.html

Part C - Grants and Fellowships opportunities

9. AINSE Awards

The Australian Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering (AINSE) provides funds to assist researchers from member universities to gain access to ANSTO and other AINSE facilities. Awards are awarded for one year commencing in January.

Further information

<http://www.ansto.gov.au/ainse/2005grant/grant.htm>

Deadline for applications

Wednesday, 15 September 2004 (online application with AINSE)

Please contact Dr Trevor Hicks by email if you have any queries at Trevor.Hicks@spme.monash.edu.au

A message from Dr Dennis Mather, AINSE Scientific Secretary

Dear colleague

Becquerel Laboratories agreement with ANSTO expires on 30 September. AINSE is intending to have some arrangements in place to cover this requirement in 2005 but we will not be able to finalise arrangements prior to 15 September, the deadline for AINSE Applications for 2005.

If you have a proposal which would use these facilities I would urge to complete an application form in the usual way, but in Step 4 omit '4 Facilities' and in '5 ANSTO Equipment and Materials' section quantify what analyses you want and put a nominal amount of money against it.

In this case I will be the 'Primary Contact Officer' and you should ring me to obtain my PIN.

Becquerel Laboratories agreement with ANSTO expires on 30 September and future arrangements for NAA will be finalised after that date.

Regards
Dennis

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10. Rural Industries Research & Development Corporation research support

The Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC) is an agency of the Australian Government, and was established on 1 July 1990 to facilitate industry and government investment in industry-directed and market-focused R&D.

RIRDC funds a wide range of research and development activities by individuals, companies, organisations and government agencies. These activities include new markets and marketing, commercialisation of technology, joint research with processing companies, travel and workshops/conferences, and postgraduate education.

For the 2005-2006 round of research support, the Rural Industries Research & Development Corporation is inviting preliminary research proposals by 17 September 2004. Successful applicants will be advised in early December and invited to submit a second round (full proposal) by 7 February 2005.

Further information

<http://www.rirdc.gov.au/researchpriorities/index.htm#KEY>

Deadline

Friday, 17 September 2004 (preliminary research proposals) with RIRDC

11. Australian Academy of Science Support for Travel and Research: call for applications / Expressions of Intent

The Academy invites applications and expressions of intent for support in these areas:

- Travelling fellowships for the exchange of scientific ideas, to increase public awareness of science and scientific issues and to carry out research
- Research conferences that focus on rapidly developing fields of research
- Endangered vertebrate species for research aimed at the improvement and management of conditions necessary for the species' recovery

Further information

<http://www.science.org.au/researchconferences.pdf>

<http://www.science.org.au/travellingfellowships.pdf>

<http://www.science.org.au/awards>

Deadline for applications

Thursday, 30 September 2004 with the Australian Academy of Science

12. The Royal Society of New South Wales: Edgeworth David Medal, Clarke Medal, and Walter Burfitt Prize

(The Nomination process and deadline for each medal and prize is given below.)

A. Edgeworth David Medal

The Edgeworth David Medal is awarded for distinguished contributions by a young scientist. The conditions of the award of the medal are:

- The recipient must be under the age of 35 years at 1 January 2004
- The award will be for work done mainly in Australia or its territories; or contributing to the advancement of Australian science

Nominations are called for the names of suitable persons who have contributed significantly to science, including scientific aspects of agriculture, engineering, dentistry, medicine, and veterinary science.

B. Clarke Medal

The Clarke Medal, established in memory of the Reverend William Branwhite Clarke, one of the fathers of the Royal Society of New South Wales, is considered for award annually for distinguished work in the natural sciences done in, or on, the Australian Commonwealth and its territories.

This year's award is in the field of geology in all its aspects, and nominations are called for the names of suitable persons who have contributed significantly to the science of geology.

C. Walter Burfitt Prize

The Walter Burfitt Prize is awarded at intervals of three years to the worker in pure or applied science, resident in Australia or New Zealand, whose papers and other contributions published during the past six years are deemed of the highest scientific merit, account being taken only of investigations described for the first time, and carried out by the author mainly in these countries.

The award may be granted to two authors working in collaboration.

The award will be made for work published during the six years ending 31 December 2003.

Nomination process for each of the medals and prize

The Royal Society of New South Wales requests that every nomination be accompanied by a list of publications, a full curriculum vitae and also by a statement clearly indicating which part of a nominee's work was done in Australia and which was done overseas.

Agreement of the nominee to his or her nomination must be agreed by the nominator before submission of the nomination and included in the submission.

Please note that no responsibility regarding publications sent in support of nominations can be accepted by the society, but every care will be taken to return them to the nominators.

Further information

<http://nsw.royalsoc.org.au>

Application requirements

Three (3) copies of the nomination and supporting material should be submitted to

The Honorary Secretary
The Royal Society of New South Wales
PO Box 1525
MACQUARIE CENTRE NSW 2133

Electronic copies may be sent to info@nsw.royalsoc.org.au

Deadline for nominations

Thursday, 30 September 2004 with The Royal Society of New South Wales

13. DEST support for Australian organisations seeking to promote involvement in European research

The Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) is providing support for Australian organisations seeking to promote involvement in European research.

On 15 June 2004 the European Commission (EC) issued a Call for Proposals for Specific Support Actions for Targeted Countries (ie Call FP6-2004-TC-SSA-General), which includes Australia. The purpose of the call is to support - on a competitive basis and in countries that have an S&T Agreement with the EC - activities that will highlight and improve S&T cooperation between researchers from Europe and the targeted countries. Information on the Call for Proposals is available at http://fp6.cordis.lu/fp6/call_details.cfm?CALL_ID=145.

DEST has supported essentially identical objectives and activities to those of this call through the Forum for European-Australian S&T cooperation (FEAST). DEST intends to continue such support through the activities of any Australian organisation chosen by the EC as a result of the Specific Support Actions call, and will conduct a process to identify eligible organisations and activities.

Through the DEST process, Australian applicants would be provided with statements indicating the level of support DEST would provide if the organisation were chosen by the EC to undertake activities in Australia. DEST believes that the statements of support that it will provide to potential applicants will be of great value in indicating to the EC the commitment of a key stakeholder in Australia, ie the Department.

Further information

The guidelines for the International Science Linkages Programme are available at:

<https://sciencegrants.dest.gov.au/ISL/Pages/Guidelines.aspx>

Application requirements

Organisations must submit to DEST a statement that provides a sufficient outline of their organisation and proposed activities by 4 pm on Friday, 1 October 2004.

DEST will then consider what support it may be able to offer under the Strategic Policy component of the International Science Linkages programme, and will fax and courier letters outlining this possible support to those who submit statements on Friday, 8 October 2004.

14. The Cancer Council of Victoria Postdoctoral Cancer Research Fellowships 2005

The Cancer Council Victoria invites applications for Postdoctoral Cancer Research Fellowships commencing in 2005.

Eligibility

The fellowships will provide research assistance to Victorian PhD candidates at the time of thesis submission. Applicants must have submitted their thesis between 1 April 2004 and 1 October 2004.

Benefits

The fellowship funding will be paid to the host institute at the NHMRC Personnel Support Package (PSP) Level 3 rate of \$58,500 per annum for one (1) year. The PSP amount covers all salary and salary on-costs (eg payroll tax, worker's compensation, leave loading, compulsory and contributory superannuation) as well as some additional support for minor operational maintenance such as postage, printing, and computer hardware and software.

Further information and application procedures

www.cancervic.org.au/cancer1/sub_research.htm

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Deadline for applications

Monday, 4 October 2004 with The Cancer Council Victoria

15. Monash Fellowships Category 3 - Time Release Awards

Monash University has established the Monash Fellowships Category 3 - Time Release Awards to encourage early career researchers who have already been or will be appointed to continuing positions at Monash University to boost their research at a crucial early stage of their academic careers when they often have a heavy teaching load and are restricted by time constraints.

This Time Release Award is open to existing Monash University staff only, primarily from humanities and social sciences, although not restricted to these disciplines. The Departments of successful applicants will receive time-release funding of up to \$50,000 over one year.

One Time Release Awards will be made in this round.

Applicants should discuss the proposed project with the Head of the Department in which they propose to undertake the research and obtain approval on the application form.

Deadline for applications

Thursday, 14 October 2004 with RGEB

Further information

<http://www.monash.edu.au/resgrant/grantinfo/digest/monashfellowships/mufell3.html>

16. Research Grants and Ethics Branch (RGEb): funding opportunities web page

The Research Grants and Ethics Branch (RGEb) maintains monthly lists of research grant funding opportunities on its website at

<http://www.monash.edu.au/resgrant/grantinfo/digest/indexes/rgmonth.html>

Part D –Dates and deadlines

September

Friday, 10 September 2004

- Deadline to complete research involving humans and human ethics clearance – staff satisfaction survey [see item 3]

Wednesday, 15 September 2004

- Deadline for applications for AINSE Awards 2005 (with AINSE) [see item 9]

Friday, 17 September 2004

- Deadline for applications for Rural Industries Research & Development Corporation (RIRDC) research support (with RIRDC) [see item 10]

Monday, 20 September 2004

- Workshop on accessing National Institutes of Health (NIH) and other sources of US funding [see item 6]

Monday, 27 September 2004

- Teaching/Research Nexus Symposium [see item 7]

Thursday, 30 September 2004

- Deadline for Australian Academy of Science Support for Travel and Research: call for applications / Expressions of Intent (with Australian Academy of Science) [see item 11]
- Deadline for applications for The Royal Society of New South Wales: Edgeworth David Medal, Clarke Medal, and Walter Burfitt Prize (with The Royal Society of New South Wales) [see item 12]

October

Friday, 1 October 2004

- Deadline for applications for DEST support for Australian organisations seeking to promote involvement in European research [see item 13]

Monday, 4 October 2004

- Deadline for applications for The Cancer Council of Victoria Postdoctoral Cancer Research Fellowships 2005 (with The Cancer Council of Victoria) [see item 14]

Thursday, 14 October 2004

- Deadline for applications for Monash Fellowships Category 3 - Time Release Awards with RGEB [see item 15]