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Dear Colleagues,

This is DVC(R) Bulletin #13 to provide 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>.

1. ERA Update

PCE Journal Rankings Released - The ARC released the ERA journal ranking list for PCE (Physics-Chemistry and Earth Sciences) panel on Monday, 23 February 2009. The ARC has released the PCE Journal Ranking list in two formats:

- i) [Unique ERA PCE journals with all associated FoR codes in one record](#)
- ii) [Complete ERA PCE journals broken down on a discipline \(FoR code\) basis](#)

Esteem indicators no longer included in this round - Following strong feedback from the sector, esteem indicators will not be included in the ERA trial. Minister Carr has asked the ARC to revisit the collection of esteem indicators, which he says will be included in future evaluations.

Citation Information provided by Scopus - The ARC announced on Friday, 20 February 2009 that Scopus will provide the citation information for the ERA evaluation. The ARC has arranged for a team from Scopus to work directly with institutions, to match their publication records with unique article identifiers in the Scopus database. The cost of matching university publication records will be met by the ARC.

Critical Dates – (i) Final ERA Submission Guidelines and ERA-SEER Technical Specifications for the trial will be released in early March (ii) the PCE cluster will commence in June 2009; the HCA (Humanities-Creative Arts) cluster will commence in August 2009; (iii) The outcome of the trial will inform the full ERA process in 2010.

Research Census - UNSW ERA Team is working on aligning the data we collected 2 years ago in the UNSW Research Census with the draft submission guidelines. We will re-run the UNSW Research Census to update existing information, collect any additional information that we require as well as common esteem indicators, patents and other researcher related indicators that we don't have information on centrally. This will be a University wide data collection and not limited to the PCE and HCA clusters. The Census will commence as soon as the Final submission ERA specifications are released.

Collection of Research Outputs - UNSW ERA Team will be circulating templates to faculties for collection of research outputs that are not in the University's publications database but have been published in the ERA reference period from 1 January 2002 to 31 December 2007. The templates will be released as soon as the Final ERA submission specifications are released.

2. ANNUAL HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCH DATA COLLECTION (HERDC)

Each year the University submits research data to Canberra which informs our future funding for the Research Training Scheme, Institutional Grants Scheme, RIBG, and APA/IPRS scholarships. We are about to kick off this years collection of research income data for inclusion into the HERDC Return.

A Faculty Information Pack will be sent out to Deans, Associate Deans (Research), Finance Managers and relevant administrators by Friday 6th March. The Information Pack will include a template, project plan with timeline, and an invitation to workshops which will commence in the week starting 16th March.

3. ANIMAL ETHICS

Animal Ethics On-line Training - The Grants Management Office will be organising training sessions in March and April covering (i) how to create and submit new animal ethics applications; (ii) when and how to validate submitted animal ethics applications; and (iii) how to create and submit modifications for approved animal ethics projects. Further information including on-line enrolment is available from: http://www.gmo.unsw.edu.au/Ethics/Ethics_Online/ethics_training_schedule.html.

Annual Animal Usage & Compliance On-Line Forms - To fulfil mandatory legislative requirements, each year the Animal Care and Ethics Committees (ACECs) are required to monitor projects that use animals in research and teaching and to provide the NSW Department of Primary Industries with statistics on animal use in teaching and research approved by the UNSW ACECs. Those with active animal ethics approvals would have been sent an email from the Ethics Secretariat requesting you to complete the animal usage and annual compliance form online and were given instructions as to how to do this and a deadline. I really need your co-operation to complete this form by Friday 27 February 2009 as the Ethics Secretariat has a tight turn around time to process this information to satisfy the necessary external compliance reports and those who do not comply, risk having protocols suspended since we simply must meet the deadline.

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