Nobel Laureate opens new UC research centre

15 August 2011: Australian Nobel Laureate Professor Peter Doherty has opened a new research centre at the University of Canberra.

The University’s Centre for Research in Therapeutic Solutions (CResTS) will bring together the multidisciplinary expertise of its researchers to develop novel ‘immune-therapeutics’ for diseases that cause significant global mortality, such as dengue fever and AIDS and those immune diseases that are becoming increasingly prevalent worldwide, such as cancer and asthma.

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Thesis in three minutes

15 August 2011: A group of 10 University of Canberra research students had just three minutes to explain their sometimes complicated thesis project in a competition held on campus last month.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) Professor Frances Shannon said the three minute thesis competition was a great way for students to practice explaining their research to people who are not familiar with the field.

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UC associate professor on the pathway to success

18 August 2011: An inspiration to many of her students, Associate Professor Mary Walsh is one of four teaching staff at the University of Canberra to receive an Australian Learning and Teaching Council (ALTC) Citation for outstanding contributions to student learning.

Dr Walsh has been awarded the citation for inspiring her students to achieve career-enhancing outcomes through a research and publications-based portfolio.

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Students head south for winter term unit

27 July 2011: Forty University of Canberra students spent last week at Lake Tabourie on the South Coast. However they weren’t relaxing by the beach or dipping their toes in the chilly water, instead they were examining marine and land-based planning issues in the area.

Students studying Marine Ecological Systems examined the ecology of three marine ecosystems on the South Coast, mangroves, rocky intertidal zones and sea grasses.

They also examined the effects of climate change and land use changes on the coast.

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**Monitor News**

**UC appoints new art curator**

The University of Canberra has appointed the former director of ACT Museums and Galleries Peter Haynes as the new art curator. In his previous role, Mr Haynes helped raise the profile of many local artists and hopes to do the same at the University of Canberra.

**Customs centre makes ACT Export Hall of Fame**

The Centre for Customs and Excise Studies (CCES) at the University of Canberra has been inducted into the ACT Export Hall of Fame. While still in office, the then Chief Minister Jon Stanhope unveiled the new Hall of Fame plaque to over 80 local exporters and business leaders at the ACT Chief Minister’s Export awards in April. The plaque recognises businesses that have made a significant contribution to the local economy and acknowledges innovation and success in reaching global markets.

**UC professor wins prestigious award for his work in Thailand**

Industrial design lecturer Livio Bonollo has been honoured by the Crown Princess of Thailand for his achievements as a visiting professor at Thailand’s Ubon Ratchathani University. It is the UBU’s most prestigious award, with previous recipients including former Thai Prime Ministers and a selection of distinguished professors and social workers.

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**University of Canberra Agreement with Daicel**

The University of Canberra represented by the Vice Chancellor Prof. Stephen Parker has signed a confidential disclosure agreement with Daicel Chemical Industries, Japan to explore business opportunities in the field of fabrication of chiral capillary silica monolithic columns for industrial pharmaceutical application.

Dr Ashraf Ghanem visited the company in Osaka and Kyoto, Japan and presented two lectures about the business opportunities in the field of chiral separation using his new silica column. The CD agreement was followed by a signed commitment from Daicel to purchase the licence of the product upon successful completion and evaluation.

**Daicel Chemical Industries, Inc., formerly known as “Dainippon Celluloid Company” was established in 1919 through a merger of eight celluloid producers in Japan. Based on their expertise in celluloid chemistry, they have developed a variety of cellulose derivatives and brought them to the market over the years. Cellulose acetate is one of their major products. It is used for photographic film and cigarette filters. Daicel also manufactures organic chemicals e.g. acetic acid used in the synthesis of cellulose acetate. They produce more than 400,000MT/year of acetic acid along with products such as ketene, diketene and their derivatives. Daicel is one of the largest Japanese chemical companies with consolidated net sales of ca. US$3 billion p.a.**

**The Chiral Pharmaceutical Ingredient - CPI Company** is an internal company within Daicel. The CPI Company offers chiral solutions to worldwide customers. Their core technologies are chiral chromatographic separation and biotransformations (enzyme) as well as chemical synthesis capability under a rigorous quality control system. Their interest directly fit to our Chirality program at the University of Canberra (www.chiralitygroup.com).

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**A New, stronger voice for Indian community in the region**

ACT Minister for Multicultural Affairs Joy Burch has been named the patron of the Canberra Indian community’s new peak body, at the launch the Federation of Indian Associations of ACT.

Ms Burch said she was honoured to be invited to be the new organisation’s patron, and looked forward to working with the peak body to strengthen relationships with the Indian community and better promote multiculturalism in the ACT.

“This Federation has brought together the strengths of 20 different Indian associations from the ACT and region into a single voice that can more effectively champion the causes its members,” Ms Burch said.

One of the Federation’s prime roles will be to channel communication between the Indian community and governments. It will also promote social and cultural interaction between the Indian community and non-IndianCanberrans through initiatives such as sport and recreation activities, open days and celebrations of days significant to both countries.
The Canberra Times

Research aims to define Aussie accent

The Australian accent is being examined by a new project at Australian universities.

Researchers at the University of Canberra, the Australian National University and nine other institutions will spend six months gathering voice recordings of 1000 Australians for the project.

UC researcher Yuko Kinoshita said the voice database would enable further development of forensic voice technology and voice recognition systems, as well as help define the Australian accent.

“We talk about the Australian accent but we actually don’t enough data to really define what it means, how Australians speak and their characteristics,” Dr Kinoshita said.

“We haven’t had any database of this scale before.”

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New Courses for Semester 1, 2012

Several offerings will be available at the Royal Institute of Management, Bhutan.

The faculty of Business and Government has agreed to deliver a new offshore offerings for the masters degree courses in Management and in Public Administration.

These offerings include:

1. Master of Management (Bhutan)(734AB)
2. Master of Public Administration (Bhutan)(737AC)
New IELTS Course

UCELI is offering a new course IELTS PREP PLUS. IELTS PREP PLUS is for students with higher English levels who are seeking an IELTS band score of 7 or 8 and would like to study a preparation course before their IELTS test. Classes start August 20th with more dates to follow shortly.

For the complete information, brochures and link to the application form please click here.

Accommodation

From January 2012, the Australian Homestay Network (AHN) company will be managing all Homestay placements for UCELI, UCC and UC.

For the new cost structure and more information please click here.

 Students coming to the University of Canberra are highly encouraged to apply for accommodation early. This is to avoid difficulties in finding available accommodation on arrival.

The University of Canberra Village (UCV) is the on-campus accommodation. Only within a walking distance to the University campus, UCV offers one to twelve bedroom apartments.

For further information on UCV room availability, rates and how to apply, click here.

For other options in accommodation, click here.

Online Applications

For faster application process, International students within or outside Australia can now apply online.

More details, click here.

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