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DAIRY SCIENCE AWARDCALIFORNIA DAIRY  
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We are delighted to advise that **Professor Nagendra Shah** is the winner of the 2009 William C. Haines Dairy Science Award in recognition of his contribution to dairy science. The award, presented by the California Dairy Research Foundation, includes a plaque, \$1,000 and the opportunity to present during the Cal Poly Dairy Ingredients Symposium, which will be held March 10-11th of this year in San Francisco.

## ERA UPDATE

## DRAFT ERA SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The Excellence in Research branch of the ARC has just released draft Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) guidelines for the first two discipline clusters. Copies are available from <http://research.vu.edu.au/era.php>. The draft technical specifications are also available from the same website.

The first two ERA submissions will be Physical, Chemical and Earth Sciences (PCE) and Humanities and Creative Arts (HCA) which includes Law. These two submissions are scheduled to be completed by **May 8, 2009**.

The draft ERA submission guidelines contain several significant new details:

1. All eligible academic staff, as at 31 March 2008, need to be reported in at least one discipline cluster. Typically this includes academics who are Research Only or Teaching and Research. We will be seeking further clarification on this issue.
2. Research publications from 2002-2007 will be reported. Publications are only included where at

least one author is reported as an eligible researcher.

3. Research income from 2005-2007 reported in the university's HERD collection will be reported.
4. 20% of HCA outputs will be subject to peer-review.
5. Brief background statements will be submitted to support the ERA submissions.
6. The ERA submissions will include data on both 'esteem' and 'applied' research measures from 2005-2007.
7. Creative works will need to be submitted with a 'Research Statement for Peer-Review' which outlines the research aspects of the submitted work.

The University has an opportunity to provide feedback on the guidelines. The Office for Research will be compiling a response. If you have comments you wish to have included in this response, please forward them to Neale Yates ([neale.yates@vu.edu.au](mailto:neale.yates@vu.edu.au)) by COB Monday 2nd February. Final responses are then due at the ARC by February 6th.

## ERA SUBMISSION PROCESS

The Office for Research already holds much of the data required for the ERA submissions, however some new material will need to be collected and most existing data will require checking. As far as possible, the OFR intends to use the research data portal (<http://research.vu.edu.au/rdp/rdp.php>) to allow researchers to easily access and update the research data they need for the ERA submission preparations. We hope to keep our requests for information to a minimum, however this will depend on the timing release of information by the ARC's ERA team.

Further information and updates will be made available at <http://research.vu.edu.au/era.php>

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## EDUCATION ENDEAVOUR STRENGTHENS AUSTRALIA-KOREA TIES

Five distinguished Korean scholars and professionals have been selected as *Endeavour Award* recipients and will travel to Australia in 2009 to help enhance the education ties between the two nations. Three Australians have also been selected to undertake research in Korea.

"The 2009 *Endeavour Award* recipients are all excellent scholars who will share their knowledge, in the spirit of learning and cultural exchange between Australia and Korea," Australian Ambassador Mr Peter Rowe said.

The recipients came from diverse academic and professional backgrounds and will undertake a wide range of projects. Three won Endeavour research fellowship for their post-doctoral research.

Dr Kicheol Kim, a researcher in the health research department in Gyeonggi province Institute of health and environment will focus on Environmental studies at National Research Centre for Environmental Toxicology at the University of Queensland, **Dr. Won-Hee Park, a Senior researcher at Korean Railroad Research Institute will research in fires in railways at Victoria University** and Dr. Eun-Seok Kim, a post doc research fellow in KAIST will research Econometrics and Business Statistics at the University of Sydney.

In other award categories, Mr. Hyung Min Kim will undertake Doctoral course in Architecture at the University of Melbourne, and Ms Geon-Mae Kim will study a Diploma in Banking and Finance.

"Each year, a new group of Endeavour Award recipients build enduring professional and personal networks with their counterparts in Australia and Korea, which continue long after they have returned home. This leads to strong, ongoing ties between our two countries" Australian Ambassador Mr Peter Rowe said after presenting letters of commendation to each recipient.

## FORTHCOMING BOOKS

Dr Julie Stephens (Social Sciences and Psychology) has received news that Columbia University Press will publish her book *Post-Maternal Thinking: Feminism and the Politics of Cultural Memory*. Publication in late 2009 will be timed to coincide with the twentieth anniversary of Sara Ruddick's influential and award winning study *Maternal Thinking: Toward a Politics of Peace*. Julie is also working on a book project with Anne Manne, an edited collection of essays examining 'care ethics' and cultural meanings of dependency to be published by Black Inc in 2010.

## NEXT BIG THING AWARD 2009

INNOVIC's International Next Big Thing Award™ is a global competition and annual award to find and showcase new inventions and innovations that have the potential to become 'the next big thing'.

### WHAT CAN YOU WIN?

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### APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!

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## NEW CRC PROGRAM

### CRC PROGRAM GUIDELINES - A NEW RE-INVIGORATED CRC PROGRAM

The CRC Program provides funding to build critical mass in research ventures between end-users and researchers which tackle clearly-articulated, major challenges for the end-users. CRCs pursue solutions to these challenges that are innovative, of high impact and capable of being effectively deployed by the end-users.

The new Cooperative Research Centres Program Guidelines are now available. These new Guidelines cover all aspects of the Program, not just the selection round requirements. The Guidelines will provide current CRCs and prospective applicants with a comprehensive overview of the Program.

They reflect the new policy and program design principles developed in response to the review of the CRC Program conducted as part of the broader Review of the National Innovation System. The key changes to the Program may be found in the Executive Summary of the Guidelines.

The Guidelines are available [here](#).

## 2010 ARC DISCOVERY PROJECT TIMEFRAME

	Responsible	Date
Face to Face Feedback with Emeritus Professor Alan Johnson (30 minute sessions)	OfR for organising date and time	Friday, 30 January 2009
Closing date for Eligibility Ruling & Exemption		Friday, 9 January 2009 to be confirmed.  Friday, 16 March 2009 to be confirmed
Final Application submission	CIs	Monday, 9 February 2009 (A/Deans R&RT & OfR)  4 March 2009 (ARC)
Rejoinder	OfR	June/July

workshop		2009
Post application success announcements	OfR; A/Deans – (Research & Research Training)	Oct/Nov 2009

## 2009 ARC LIEF GRANT TIMEFRAME

	Responsible	Date
EOI submission to the OfR	OfR	Friday 13th February 2009
EOI workshop with Associate Deans (Research & Research Training) & OfR	OfR	TBA
EOI for the PVC/DVC (Victorian Research Group)	OfR	Friday 6 March 2009
Reviewing via approved reader program	A/Deans - (Research & Research Training)	TBA - March 2009
Final Application submission	CIs	TBA April 2009 (A/Deans – R & RT) TBA April 2009 (OfR); TBA May 2009 (ARC)

assist research staff and students in relation to ethical procedure and process. Further information and contact details may be viewed on the Ethics and Biosafety website at:

<http://research.vu.edu.au/ethics0.php>

Submission deadlines and dates for University and Faculty Human Research Ethics Committee meetings are also available on line at:

<http://research.vu.edu.au/hrec.php>

### MICROBIOLOGIST REQUIRED - INSTITUTIONAL BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE (IBC)

The Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) seeks a suitably qualified and experienced microbiologist to join the IBC. Meeting biannually, the role will provide an opportunity for staff to develop and exercise vital skills in an academic setting and provide the University with an essential service.

Interested staff may download the Duty Statement from the IBC website at:

[http://research.vu.edu.au/ibc\\_index.php](http://research.vu.edu.au/ibc_index.php)

### UPCOMING CONFERENCES

- AWA Membranes and Desalination Speciality Conference III, 11 - 13 February 2009, Sydney, Australia. More info: [www.awa.asn.au/events/mdsc3](http://www.awa.asn.au/events/mdsc3)
- Advances in Materials for Proton Exchange Membrane Fuel Cell Systems, 15 -18 February, 2009, Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove, California, USA. More info: <http://www.polyacs.org>
- 11th Government Food Analysts Conference, 22 - 24 February 2009. Registration and call for papers. More info: <http://www.measurement.gov.au>
- Advances in Materials and Processes for Polymeric Membrane Mediated Water Purification, 22 - 25 February 2009, Asilomar Conference Centre, Pacific Grove, CA. More info: <http://www.polyacs.org>

## ISI HIGHLIGHTS

• The Werribee Library has received a copy of the Victorian Desalination Project: Environment Effects Statement (Wonthaggi Desalination plant). The Environmental Effects statement is contained in 17 volumes (5 volumes dealing with issues such as the marine environment, energy effects, water transfers etc, 11 Appendices and the application). These are available for borrowing via the library.

• Nalin Sharda, Chris Perera and Jodieann Dawe (WQRA) have been successful in getting a \$14,746 project entitled "Investigations of techniques for maximising the utilisation of harvested rain water using a digital ecosystem".

**THANK YOU** to all who contributed to the content of the Research Matters bulletin. 😊

## THINKING ETHICS

### GEARING UP FOR ETHICS IN 2009

Researchers are reminded that projects involving human participants or animals or a potential bio-hazard requires the appropriate ethical clearance prior to commencement.

Staff in the Ethics and Biosafety Administration Group located in the Office for Research are available to