



PSLP eGov Project Completion Ceremony



Professor Shirley Gregor

The completion ceremony of the first phase of the successful AusAID Public Sector Linkage Program (PSLP Project), "eGovernment capacity building through knowledge transfer in Bangladesh" was held at the Faculty Suite of CBE on 29th April 2009. This project delivered a strategy document for eGovernment in Bangladesh and an eGovernment training package for senior government officials. The first offerings of the training package took place in Dhaka in October, 2008.

The event aimed to thank people and organizations involved in this year-long international project and was attended by dignitaries from government, research and academic organizations. Guests included His Excellency the High Commissioner of Bangladesh Lt Gen Masud Usddin Chowdhury, Pro Vice Chancellor of the Australian National University Professor Robin Stanton, Dean of CBE Professor Keith Houghton and Ms Elaine Ward, Director South Asia, AusAID. Officials from the Australian Government Management Information Office (AGIMO) and community members who participated in the project were also present to share their goodwill towards the achievements of this project.

Professor Shirley Gregor, the Project Director, and Mr Ahmed Imran, the Project Manager, extended their warmest thanks to all those who had so willingly given their time and effort to make the project a success. Those thanked and presented with tokens of appreciation included: AusAID, the project's funding body; and Dr Walter Fernandez (ANU), Tim Turner (ADFA), Ian Hirst and Clive Rossiter, who had contributed to the strategy document and training handbook. Also thanked were colleagues in CBE and ABIS who had supported the project and administrative staff who had dealt so patiently with the complexities of inter-country collaboration, including Gail McNamara, Georgia Foster and Trevor Jayamane.

Pictured is the High Commissioner of Bangladesh Lt Gen Masud Usddin Chowdhury in thanking ANU and AusAID, who stressed:

I believe this effort will be a great help not only to Bangladesh but to many other least developed countries around the globe... I would like to congratulate the team for the completion of the task.



High Commissioner of Bangladesh Lt Gen Masud Usddin Chowdhury

Attention All Staff: H1 N1 Influenza 2009 (Human Swine Influenza)

Please read the Human Resources Section of this Staff Newsletter (page 6) for important information regarding the H1 N1 Influenza 2009 (Human Swine Influenza).

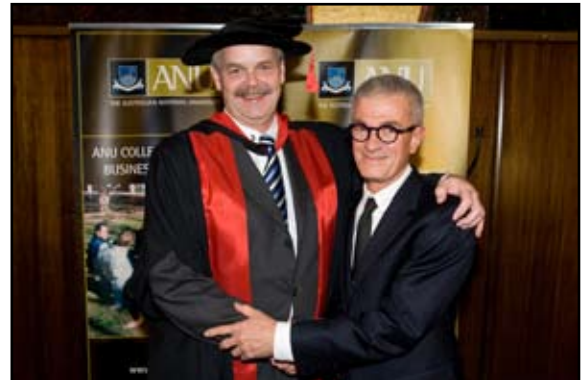
ANU COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS HONOURS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AT THE PRIZES & SCHOLARSHIPS CEREMONY

The ANU College of Business and Economics paid tribute to its academic elite in a special ceremony to award scholarships and prizes for academic excellence.

57 scholars were presented with an award by the Dean, Professor Keith Houghton, and Deputy Dean Associate Professor Alex Clarke in a formal ceremony held at University House on May 4.

Guest speaker for the evening was ANU College of Business and Economics Distinguished Alumnus, Dr Paul Paterson, Head of Telecommunications Consulting at Concept Economics. Dr Paterson was also recently appointed as a Visiting Fellow within the ANU College of Business and Economics after being inducted into the College's Hall of Fame in 2004. A special student response was provided by Ms Alissa Irgang, combined degree student in Actuarial Studies and Law and part of the ANU College of Business and Economics Student Ambassador program.

Many prizes offered by the College are sponsored by organisations external to the University, without whom it would be impossible to provide such a volume of students with such accolades. The University was fortunate to host representatives from a number of organisations who made special presentations to the students receiving their awards, including Accenture Australia, CPA Australia, Ernst & Young, the India Australia Association of Canberra and Oakton. A scholarship was also sponsored and presented by Emeritus Professor Deane Terrell, former Dean of the ANU College of Business and Economics.



Professor Keith Houghton, Dean, pictured with Dr Paul Paterson, Distinguished Alumnus

SCHOOL NEWS

ACCOUNTING & BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS

DESRIST'09

Professor Shirley Gregor was an invited member of the Doctoral Consortium faculty at DESRIST'09, the 4th International Conference on Design Science Research in Information Systems and Technology, held at Penn State University on 6 May, 2009. At the subsequent DESRIST conference she was awarded the "Herbert A Simon Award" for the best Design Research paper of the conference itself, for her paper entitled "Building Theory in the Sciences of the Artificial". The award is accompanied by a prize of US\$1000. The paper is at <http://desrist2009.ist.psu.edu/Papers.html>

CBE staff invited to speak at CeBIT 2009



Professor Shirley Gregor and Mr Ahmed Imran

Professor Shirley Gregor and Mr Ahmed Imran were invited speakers at the e-Government Forum at CeBIT, Australia's largest international ICT exposition in Sydney on 13 May 2009. Their presentation 'Helping to close the digital gap between technologically rich and poor nations' reflected on their experiences in an AusAID project in 2008 that aimed at improving the situation of a least developed country, Bangladesh. The project promoted the use of information technology in e-government as one means of addressing some of the country's deep-rooted problems, beginning with lack of transparency and inefficiency in government. Professor Gregor and Mr Imran were the only academic speakers at the forum, which also included CIOs of large government agencies. For more information: <http://www.cebit.com.au/speakers-egovernment.html>

FINANCE & APPLIED STATISTICS

New Appointments in FAS

There are five new appointments in the School of Finance & Applied Statistics. Dr Phong Ngo and Dr Stephen Sault are already in FAS, Dr Raymond Liu and Mr David Tan will be joining the school in July, and Dr Geoff Warren will be joining us in October. Dr Ngo and Mr Tan are taking Lecturer positions and Dr Liu, Dr Sault, and Dr Warren are moving into Senior Lecturer roles.

Dr Liu will be joining us from the University of New South Wales where he is currently a Senior Lecturer. Dr Liu's research interests are focused on trading links between security and derivative markets, how order placement strategies and monitoring technologies interact, and trader actions around market openings for newly listed stocks. He also has published work in political economy, including a newly released monograph *Inframarginal Economics*.

Dr Ngo has been with FAS for a couple of years as a post-doctoral fellow. His research work is concentrated in banking and financial intermediation. In particular Dr Ngo has investigated the role of bank capital requirements – how the regulatory requirements contrast with bank's own capital decisions, as well as how different country's regulatory regimes can influence international bank capital decisions. Dr Ngo continues to manage the highly successful FAS seminar series.

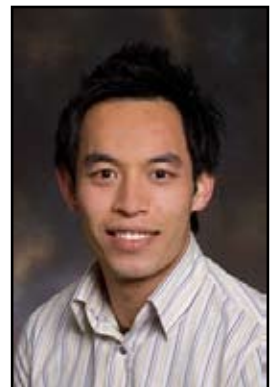
Dr Sault is a Lecturer in FAS and works in the investments area. His research focuses on risk and volatility structures in portfolios. Dr Sault looks at long-term patterns volatility, both its persistence and variation across industries. Dr Sault has also used data from investor internet discussion boards to link trading patterns and volatility to investor sentiment.

Mr Tan is finishing his Ph.D. at the University of New South Wales. His research centres on corporate governance – how corporate governance measures relate to performance, default, and fraud. In addition he has recently published a paper looking at monetary policy surprises and the bank bill term premium.

Dr Warren is coming from Russell Investments where he is currently Director of Capital Market Research. Dr Warren brings both academic experience as well as a distinguished research career in industry, having also been Head of Strategy Research for JP Morgan Australia. His work links asset pricing models to portfolio strategy and he has a forthcoming paper on the portfolio consequences of fixed income exposures.



Dr Steve Sault



Dr Phong Ngo

Institute of Actuaries of Australia Biennial Convention

During the April teaching break, eight staff and students from the School of Finance and Applied Statistics attended the Institute of Actuaries of Australia (IAAust) Biennial Convention at the Sydney Convention Centre at Darling Harbour. The convention attracted over 60 speakers from around the world, who spoke on topics ranging from the Global Financial Crisis to the Aging Population problem. Among the speakers were two FAS staff members: Mr Adam Butt, who presented a paper on "The Funding of Closed Defined Benefit Schemes", and Ms Genevieve Hayes, who presented one on "Stochastic Solvency Testing in Life Insurance". FAS was also represented by Mr Tim Higgins and PhD student Tungalag Lailan, who each prepared poster presentations on their research. These posters were displayed in the "Research Corner", a section of the Convention Centre dedicated to showcasing the work being conducted by Actuarial researchers in universities throughout Australia.

The Biennial Convention is the IAAust's premier event and was attended by over 500 delegates, making it the largest IAAust Convention to date. The convention spanned three days and provided a valuable opportunity for the FAS attendees to network with business professionals and fellow academics.

MANAGEMENT, MARKETING & INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

Congratulations Dr Buttriss and Dr Capezio

Congratulations to Drs Gary Buttriss and Alessandra Capezio who were admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the recent graduation ceremonies at UNSW and the University of Sydney. Dr Capezio's thesis was titled: Does Performance Pay? An Economic and Structural Analysis of CEO Cash Reward and Firm Performance in Australian Public Companies and Dr Buttriss thesis was titled: An analysis of the process of evolution and impact of Internet technologies on firm behaviour and performance using narrative sequence methods.

CENTRE FOR APPLIED MACROECONOMIC ANALYSIS

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

Conference to Honour Professor Adrian Pagan, 13 - 14 July 2009, Crowne Plaza, Coogee Beach, Sydney

Registrations are now open for this two-day conference celebrating the work of Professor Adrian Pagan. Professor Pagan's work has had significant impact on econometrics and applied time series, and we honour his work over the two days of this conference with sessions presented by people whose work has felt his influence.

A full program is now available on the conference website. Professor M. Hashem Pesaran, Professor of Economics and Fellow of Trinity College University of Cambridge and Professor Pravin K. Trivedi, Rudy Professor of Economics Indiana University, Bloomington will deliver Plenary Speeches.

Registration for this conference is free and we look forward to seeing many of you at the event.
<http://cama.anu.edu.au/Pagan2009.asp>

RESEARCH SERVICES

Publications

Authors: J.G. Powell, J. Shi, T. Smith and R.E. Whaley
Journal: Journal of Banking and Finance (ABDC/A*)
Title: Political regimes, business cycles, seasonalities and returns

Authors: S.Y. Ho, D. Bodoff and K. Y. Tam
Journal: Information Systems Research (ABDC/A*)
Title: Timing of Adaptive Web Personalization and Its Effects on Online Consumer Behavior

Authors: A. Hughes and S. Dann
Journal: Marketing Theory (ABDC/A)
Title: Political Marketing and Stakeholder Engagement

Author: S. Webbey
Journal: Insurance Law Journal (ABDC/A)
Title: eHealth: the evolving electronic health record and its regulation

Authors: S.Y. Ho, D. Bodoff and K.Y. Tam
Journal: Data Base for Advances in Information Systems (ABDC/A)
Title: Personalization and Choice Behavior: The Role of Personality Traits

For further information and abstracts: <http://cbe.anu.edu.au/research/publications/>

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Professor Keith Houghton, Dean, pictured with [L-R] Raymond Chow, Yaathavan Aiyelanthan and Di Dai

Annual ANU Dux Awards

The Annual ANU Dux Awards Morning Tea was held on Wednesday 6 May. The Dux Awards are given to the Dux of each ACT College/School if and when they enrol at ANU. Of the 13 ANU Dux Awardees in 2009, 3 were from the ANU College of Business and Economics.

The recipients were:

- Di Dai, Bachelor of Actuarial Studies/Bachelor of Finance
- Yaathavan Aiyelanthan, Bachelor of Actuarial Studies/Bachelor of Finance
- Raymond Chow, Bachelor of Actuarial Studies/Bachelor of Science

Interstate Careers Advisors Visit

The College hosted 15 Careers Advisors from Secondary Schools across the country as part of their three day visit to ANU in May. In addition to providing the Careers Advisors with information about the programs that we offer, our session included an Interactive Student Panel with a number of our Student Ambassadors available to answer questions about what it is like to be a student at ANU, why they choose their degree and why they enjoy living in Canberra.

Media skills workshop

The Communications and External Liaison Office (CELO) runs regular media skills workshops for ANU staff. Participants in these free sessions will learn how to generate and make the most of news coverage, as well as covering essentials like media releases and interview techniques.

The next session will be on Wednesday 3 June 2009 at the Chancellery. Registration is essential. For more information or to request registration, please email: simon.couper@anu.edu.au or call Simon Couper on x54171

ANU Graduate Information Evening

229 prospective students attended the ANU Graduate Information Evening on Tuesday 5 May at University House.

The ANU College of Business & Economics held 3 information sessions, Pathways into Economics, presented by Professor Martin Richardson, Managing financial crises – Studying Finance at ANU, presented by Professor Barry Oliver and Studying Management at ANU, presented by Mr Ed Russell.

The ANU College of Business & Economics information table received over 60 enquiries across the different disciplines.

AIESEC

AIESEC is the world's largest student organisation and is based in over 100 countries and 1700 universities worldwide. Their aim is to facilitate the development of university students, such as those at the ANU, into the next generation of world leaders by providing practical leadership opportunities, personal and professional development assistance and access to internships in their vast international network.

This year AIESEC is establishing a chapter in the Australia National University to complete its presence among the Go8 universities of Australia. Part of their work involves establishing partnerships with universities as well as external organisations to further develop the quality and quantity of internship positions that they provide. In their pursuit of providing an ever increasing volume of high quality experiences they would very much appreciate assistance by way of introductions to external industry representatives who would be interested in their programs.

AIESEC's international exchange program is two-way arrangement. When they are able to provide more opportunities for AIESEC members internationally to be placed in an internship in Australia they increase the capacity of their organisation to provide opportunities to ANU students and recent graduates. In particular they find that Economics and Business students are both uniquely attracted and uniquely suited to their programs and they would be able to facilitate an internship experience for these students. Further the organisation they partner with themselves gain the advantage of access to globally minded and active employees who have undergone intensive leadership and professional development programs.

If you are willing and able to assist AIESEC please contact: Kara Grimsley at kara.grimsley@aiesec.net or ph: 0424 517 946

HUMAN RESOURCES

Attention All Staff: H1 N1 Influenza 2009 – Human Swine Influenza

Most of you will have seen the recent e-mail from the Vice-Chancellor regarding the H1 N1 Flu and that there have been five students and one staff member who have been advised by ACT Health to stay in home quarantine for 7 days because they have come into contact with a confirmed H1 N1 case. They show no symptoms – and pose little risk.

In order to assist with plans to lower the risk of outbreak across the University, each individual staff member and student is responsible for reporting to their supervisor, as a matter of urgency, if they have either been identified with H1 N1 Flu, or have been in contact with someone who is either a Primary or Tertiary Individual. Supervisors in turn must report this information to their School Administrator, Head of School or the CBE Human Resources Manager as matter of urgency.

A "Primary Individual" is a person who has tested positive to H1 N1 Flu. A "Tertiary Individual" is someone who has come into contact with an individual who has been in contact with someone that has tested positive for H1 N1 Flu.

If there are any confirmed cases of H1 N1 Flu within the College, the College HR Manager should be e-mailed or called immediately, on ph: 6125 9843 or e: julie.veitch@anu.edu.au

For further information the University has provided a web page outlining a "Flu strategy at ANU", which can be viewed at: <http://facilities.anu.edu.au/ANUPandemic/pandemic.html>

The National Swine Flu Hotline is contactable on 180 2007.

Staff Health Insurance Plan for the ANU

The ANU has negotiated very competitive corporate rates for a range of private health insurance plans with Bupa Australia. These health plans are provided by HBA, and supported in the ACT by MBF (both HBA and MBF are part of Bupa Australia).

- Corporate premiums that are lower than the public retail rate
- New HBA members receive one month of cover – absolutely free
- No 2 month waiting period on extras
- Introductory additional bonus for May-June 2009 only – entry into a competition for one of four weekend escapes for two valued at \$2,800 each.

All staff (except casual/sessional staff) can access these corporate rates via payroll deduction or direct debit. Casual/session staff can access these corporate rates via direct debit.

In recognition of the benefit that health insurance can bring, ANU is offering a 10% subsidy towards your premium when staff (except casual/sessional staff) pay via the convenience of payroll deductions. (10% subsidy applies after an initial payment via direct debit).

To find out more, visit: [ANU Staff Health Insurance Plan](#)

Next Staff Briefings:

Where: Sparke Helmore Law Theatre 2

When: Wednesday 10 June 2009

10am: Corporate covers for Australian citizens and permanent residents

11am: Corporate overseas cover for 457 visa holders

No need to book, just come along.

Personal Consultations: Can be booked by calling Janice McKenzie on (02) 6248 8044 or (02) 62815325 or janice.mckenzie@mbf.com.au

For all HR enquiries please contact: hr.cbe@anu.edu.au

STAFF CHANGES

New Staff Members

- Ms Julia Woodruff, Student Administrator, ABIS

Staff Departures

- Professor Gary Monroe, ABIS
- Professor Des Nicholls, MMIB
- Ms Belle Campo, College Student Administration
- Ms Garmisch Aguilar, Marketing & Development Office

DEADLINE FOR CONTENT FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER EDITION IS: MONDAY 27 JULY 2009

Please forward your news items to Fleur Hamilton (Fleur.Hamilton@anu.edu.au) for inclusion in the College's next newsletter.