



ANU COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Staff Newsletter - April 2008

HIGH COURT OF NEW ZEALAND

Professor Martin Richardson has been appointed as a lay member of the High Court of New Zealand. He will be involved in a hearing of a case between the Commerce Commission and Telecom Corporation of New Zealand.

New Zealand's competition law requires that certain cases, particularly appeals from the Commerce Commission (ACCC equivalent) involve a lay member on the bench. Professor Richardson will bring his expertise in Economics to the case. The College supports and celebrates Professor Richardson's appointment to the High Court of New Zealand and we wish him well.

Professor Richardson will be absent at times in the middle of the year. Acting Heads have been appointed.

2020 SUMMIT

The Australia 2020 Summit, organised by the Federal Government is to be held in Canberra from 19-20 April. There were many ANU staff nominated to participate in the Summit. Congratulations to all who were selected.

Participants associated with the College include:

- Gary Banks (distinguished alumni)
- Professor Steve Dowrick - Future directions for the Australian economy
- Dr Jane Golley - Australia's future security and prosperity in a rapidly changing region and world
- Dr Andrew Leigh - The Productivity Agenda (education, skills, training, science and innovation)
- Professor Warwick McKibbin - Population, sustainability, climate change and water
- Ian McPhee (Adjunct Fellow ANCAAR) - Future of Australian Governance

SINGAPORE ALUMNI AND FRIENDS COCKTAIL RECEPTION



Pictured: Andrew Linfoot, President of the Singapore Actuarial Society and Professor Keith Houghton, Dean ANU College of Business and Economics.

Over 40 College alumni, colleagues from the National University of Singapore (NUS) and members of the Singapore Actuarial Society attended a cocktail reception hosted by the ANU College of Business and Economics at The Regent Hotel in Singapore on Wednesday 12 March.

The evening was attended by Professor Keith Houghton, Dean, ANU College of Business and Economics; Professor Terry O'Neill, Head, School of Finance and Applied Statistics; and Dr Steven Roberts, Senior Lecturer, School of Finance and Applied Statistics.

Professor Houghton opened the event, welcoming guests and providing an update on recent advancements. In particular, Professor Houghton highlighted the recent decision by the Institute of Actuaries of Australia to allow students enrolled in the joint ANU/NUS Bachelor of Social Science (Honours in Actuarial Studies and Economics) to receive exemptions for certain courses undertaken at the NUS.

The evening was a valuable networking opportunity for the College and considered a great success in establishing new connections and strengthening existing ties to our Singapore alumni and friends.

SCHOOL NEWS

ECONOMICS

Expert Panel on National Innovation Review

On 22 January 2008, the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Senator Kim Carr, announced a review of Australia's national innovation system. This review is to be conducted by a panel consisting of national and international experts from various fields. The review acknowledges the important role of innovation in fostering the nation's productivity and international competitiveness. The School of Economics is proud to have Professor Steve Dowrick, a renowned researcher in economic growth, global inequality and international income comparisons, appointed to this panel.

CAMA 2008 Working Paper Series

Six new additions to the CAMA Working Papers Series can be viewed at: <http://cama.anu.edu.au/publications.asp>

FINANCE & APPLIED STATISTICS

Welcome Aaron Bruhn

Mr Aaron Bruhn is a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries of Australia who joined the School of Finance and Applied Statistics as a Lecturer in Actuarial Studies in February. Bruhn, originally from New Zealand, worked for several years at Tower, AIG/AIA and the Ministry of Defence. When asked about what brought him to the ANU, Bruhn said, "it was time to pursue a long-held desire to engage with students and also pursue research areas of interest." With his wife, two young girls and a baby on the way, Bruhn moved his family to Canberra.

His first experience at the ANU involved "a welcome from a possum trapped in the office within the first week or so, and the occasional sighting of spiders bigger than anything I've seen before." Bruhn said "2008 will be a busy year - but one we are enjoying to date! Thanks to all for the nice welcome, including use of a car whilst getting settled (thanks Tom), and of course the Aussie possum which Terry claims was his personal touch."

MANAGEMENT, MARKETING & INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS



The European Union is Australia's New Business Horizon

Associate Professor Pierre van der Eng of MMIB, together with Mr Don Kenyon of the ANU National Europe Centre, organised a two-day symposium called The European Union: Australia's New Business Horizon, which was held 13-14 March 2008.

The symposium discussed current issues in business relations between Australia and the EU. About 60 invited participants from private enterprise, Commonwealth public service, foreign diplomatic service in Canberra, and the ANU contributed to a varied program that contained 10 presentations. The event was supported by the European Australia Business Council and Minter Ellison Lawyers.

Discussions revealed that the bilateral business relationship is strong, and also that both parts of the world are committed to the liberalisation of trade and investment. Consequently, following Asia and North America, the EU can be regarded as Australian's new business horizon. However, a range of 'behind-the-border' regulations in both Australia and the European Union may stand in the way of further growth. Discussion canvassed how this issue may be addressed at political and diplomatic levels and in academic research.

Left: Mr Charles Curran (Goldman Sachs JBWere / European Australia Business Council) responds to the presentation of Ambassador Bruno Julien, Head of the Delegation of the European Commission in Canberra.

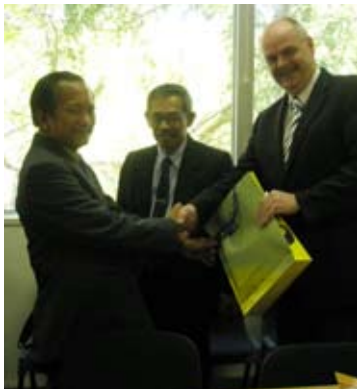
VISIT FROM UNIVERSITAS ISLAM INDONESIA

On Monday 3 March, the College hosted a visit from members of Universitas Islam Indonesia (UII). The high profile delegation from UII included:

- Ir Sutarno (Vice-Rector)
- Dra Primanita Setyono (Director International Collaboration)
- Drs Asmai Ishak (Dean, Faculty of Economics)
- Ms Rebecca Meckelburg (Manager, International Program Development, Faculty of Economics)

Professor Mandy Thomas, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Research), attended the meeting along with Professor Keith Houghton, Dean; Associate Professor Alex Clarke, Deputy Dean; Associate Professor Pierre van der Eng, from the ANU College of Business and Economics. As well as Ms Jane McNytre and Ms Elaine Ee from the College's Marketing and Development Office.

The discussion with UII revealed that the Indonesian Government offers many PhD level scholarships to academic staff working at Indonesian universities to study overseas at English speaking institutions to allow them to achieve their doctorate.



Professor Houghton (left) and Professor Thomas (right) with representatives from UII.



RESEARCH OFFICE

Up coming Conference: Retaining and Sharing Knowledge from an Ageing Workforce

Date: 9 April 2008

Where: Sydney

Led by Kate Andrews, this course will give you the best practice tools and techniques to confront the challenges of a mobile and ageing workforce. Organised by: Key Forums Australia.

For more information contact Louise Badcock or head to <http://www.keyforums.com.au>

UP COMING EVENTS

ANU College of Business and Economics Annual Prizes and Scholarships Ceremony

Date: Thursday 8 May

Time: 6:00pm

Venue: The Hall, University House

ANNOUNCEMENT

Influenza Vaccination

The University Health Service is conducting influenza vaccination clinics:

- Thursday 10 April

The College has agreed to pay for our staff with standard or fixed-term appointments to receive this vaccination if they wish.

To take up this opportunity you must:

1. Make an appointment with University Health Services 6125 3598
2. At least one day before your appointment, e-mail your appointment time to finance.cbe@anu.edu.au
3. Take your medicare card to the appointment - otherwise an additional fee of \$15 will be charged and this will not met by the College

We have made a special arrangement with the University Health Services and it is important to follow the steps above. More information: <http://www.anu.edu.au/health/index.php>

STAFF CHANGES

Staff who have left:

- Susi Sarumpaet, ABIS level A

HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE

Current and Trained Fire Wardens:

- Don Puttick – Chief Warden
- Nathan Daley, ABIS
- Juliana Ng, ABIS
- Maria Tatarow, ECO
- Jennifer Hunt, FAS
- Steven Roberts, FAS
- Tracy Skinner, FAS
- Dora Gava, MMIB (below right)
- Tony Watson – Deputy Chief Warden
- Lorna Monaghan, HR
- Andrew Churches, IT
- Scott Rutar, Research Office (right)
- Erin Pugh, Student Administration
- Challis Boland
- Alex Clarke

Fire Safety Training

The above individuals undertook Fire Warden Training last month. Remember, if you discover a fire, it is your responsibility to call or delegate someone to call the Fire Brigade on 000.

You must specify the location of the building, eg: Copland Building 24, The Australian National University, Canberra ACT and give the operator your name.

You must then contact the Chief Fire Warden or any other Warden who will decide on the appropriate action.

Without intervention by the Chief or Deputy Chief Fire Wardens, the alarm system will automatically go from building ALERT to building EVACUATE.



College OH&S Activities

The Dean appointed a College OH&S Committee in late 2007. The Committee is based on the core membership of the existing College Staffing Committee and includes:

- Associate Professor Alex Clarke (Chair)
- Ms Lorna Monaghan (Secretary)
- Mr Donald Puttick
- Ms Joan Rabey
- Ms Julie Veitch
- Mr Tony Watson

It is intended to keep the Committee small during its formative period. However, representation will be sought from the Schools, First Aid Officers, RACLO/OSLO Officers and Wardens from time-to-time. Legislation requires that the Committee meet four times per year, however, in the first six months of 2008 it is meeting monthly. The Committees agenda and minutes are available on the College web site.

One of the main priorities for the Committee has been to reaffirm the College Emergency Procedures and update the list of Fire Wardens. Thank you to all who answered the call for nominees and also to those who were gently co-opted.

Is your new staff member holding a valid Australian Working Visa?

The University has an excellent working relationship with the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC). However, over the past few months the University has received a number of breach notices and as a result Central HR will not process any contract unless there is appropriate evidence relating to an individuals Working Visa and their Health Insurance.

When making any request for a new contract of employment, please check whether the individual requires an Australian Working Visa. If they do, please call or e-mail hr.cbe@anu.edu.au and we can go through what needs to be done.

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

DEADLINE FOR CONTENT FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER EDITION IS: MONDAY 28 APRIL

Please forward your news items to Garmisch P.S. Aguilar (Garmisch.Aguilar@anu.edu.au) for inclusion in the College's next newsletter.