Welcome to the second issue of the new-look Research EDGE.
Opportunities for attracting new international research degree students are emerging. You will hear more about this in May.

Meanwhile, you might be interested in my recent interview with ABC radio’s AM program on rare diseases emerging in the wake of the Queensland 2011 floods, wearing my Professor of Ecosystem Health (Barbara Hardy Institute) hat. Some of the student successes below involve communicating with the public. UniSA’s School of Communication, the Barbara Hardy Institute, and other research areas deal first-hand with research communication. In this April issue we highlight opportunities to improve your skills in this important area during your research degree.

Thank you for being a loyal reader, and I would like to repeat that I really welcome your feedback and ideas for content for subsequent issues!

Prof Phil Weinstein

Student success snapshot

Srinivasa Kunchala, PhD student of A/Prof Sandra Orgeig, School of Pharmacy and Medical Sciences, spent 3½ months in the laboratory of Professor Henk Haagsman (former UniSA Distinguished Visiting Researcher) from Utrecht University in the Netherlands.

Thuy Tran (pictured below) from the Institute for Telecommunications Research received top honours for Best Poster Presentation at the 2012 Australian Communications Theory Workshop (Aus CTW) 2012 held in Wellington, New Zealand. More

Emily Reeve, a PhD student of Prof Michael Roberts, Sephehr Shakhib, Ivanka Hendrix and Dr Michael Wiese, was awarded the prize for the best oral presentation in the Extended Scope of Practice stream at the annual Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia National Conference, for her presentation ‘Deprescribing and the role of the pharmacist’.

Maximise your success!
- View scholarships for current students (University-wide). Opportunities may also be available in your local area.
- Improve your presentation skills – attend a 3 Minute Thesis workshop

IWRI Research Medal

The Ian Wark Research Institute Medal is awarded annually to the graduate or graduand with the most outstanding thesis. The medal is awarded based on the:
- creativity and originality of the research
- student’s comprehension of the field
- significance and utility of the research as a contribution to, or as an application of, knowledge
- impact of the thesis through the number and level of international publications and presentations.

The 2011 medal was awarded to Dr Gujie Qian for his thesis Formation of pyrite under hydrothermal conditions. Gujie’s principal supervisor was Prof Bill Skinner. Previous winners

Pictured below: (centre left) Prof Allan Pring, associate supervisor; (centre right) Dr Gujie Qian; (far left and right) friends
Keen to publish? Be careful!

Don’t let the pressure to publish your research lead you to make a mistake you may regret. The Chronicle of Higher Education (Washington DC, USA) recently published the article ‘Predatory’ online journals lure scholars who are eager to publish. It was based on a US student who had submitted a paper to an online journal in response to an invitation for articles, and was then invoiced US$1,800 for publication. They refused to pay, but the article was published anyway, with errors, after they had withdrawn their submission. The journal was run by an open-access company.

The moral of the story – be very careful about where you try to publish! If in doubt, discuss any publishing plans with your supervisors or other experienced researchers in your institute, school, research centre or research group.

Ethics and Intellectual Property

Prior to commencing your research, please consult your supervisor regarding possible ethics requirements. It is a condition of candidature that you abide by the policies, codes and guidelines for research at the national and local level. Ethics approval and responsible practice in research

Intellectual Property (IP) is the result of an individual’s intellectual endeavours, most commonly in the forms of literary or artistic works, inventions, trade/commercial secrets or industrial designs. Intellectual Property

Scholarship opportunities

Maurice de Rohan International Scholarship

Applications for the Maurice de Rohan International Scholarship are due 15 April. The scholarship is valued at up to $15,000 plus a travel grant of $2,500 to cover airfares for travel to the UK or USA. Australian citizens studying for a doctoral degree at UniSA are eligible to apply. Other successful applicants

More information (eligibility and how to apply)

Scopus Young Researcher of the Year Awards

Are you a part-time research degree student and employee of UniSA?

You may be eligible for this 2012 award, brought to you by the Australasian Research Management Society and Elsevier. Application closes 1 June.

Eligibility criteria and how to apply

Environmental Research & Education Foundation

The Scholarship Program will consider applications from full-time PhD students with a clearly demonstrated interest in waste management research. Funding of up to $12,000 per year is available. Applications close 8 May. More

Other overseas opportunities for research degree students

Publications update

Completions booklet

UniSA’s divisions and research institutes publish their research degree student completions on the web.

The Graduate Research Centre gives each graduate a Research completions booklet with their name, degree and thesis topic included.

The 2010 Research completions booklet will be available to successful students soon. Enjoy this memory of your experience doing a research degree!

Research Students Guide

The 2012 Research Students Guide is available for download. New students will receive a hard copy at the Orientation (Induction Program session 1) Wednesday 4 April.

How to succeed as a research degree student

This handy guide provides five key tips for successfully completing your journey and enjoying the trip along the way.

In the news

UniSA researcher awarded a Fulbright Scholarship

UniSA scientist Dr Stephanie Reuter Lange is one of just 25 Australians to receive a 2012 Fulbright Scholarship. She will travel to the United States to expand on her research into why the response to medications varies between patients.

Fulbright Scholarships are also available to high-achieving postgraduate students. More information and how to apply

Other news from our researchers

Upcoming events – keep your diary free!

Induction Program for new research degree students

4 April

The Induction Program begins with a one-day event. More information and to register

QPR 2012: Quality in Postgraduate Research Conference

17–19 April

QPR is a major international conference focused on research on doctoral education. More information and to register

3 Minute Thesis workshops

14 and 30 May

Could you present your thesis topic in just three minutes? Develop your presentation skills – participate in 3MT workshops. More information and to register

Do you need ITEK?

ITEK is UniSA’s commercialisation company and can advise you on intellectual property and your project’s commercial viability: www.itek.com.au/