

ORD UPDATE / RESEARCH UPDATE

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Dear Colleagues

The following information may be of interest to you, your research teams and students:

- 1. MILLENNIUM TECHNOLOGY PRIZE**
- 2. CONFERENCE ON INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER FOR GLOBAL HEALTH**
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1. MILLENNIUM TECHNOLOGY PRIZE

The Millennium Technology Prize is a biannual award given to a groundbreaking innovation that promotes people's quality of life, contributes toward the realization of humane values and encourages sustainable development. It is Finland's tribute to life-enhancing technological innovation.

At the one million euro level, the Millennium Technology Prize ranks among the worlds most prestigious awards in its class. The Prize is awarded by the Millennium Prize Foundation, an independent fund established by Finnish industry and the state of Finland in partnership.

Candidates for the Millennium Technology Prize are sought across the world and in all fields of technology. Nominations are welcomed from universities, academies, research institutes, and industrial enterprises and organisations. Citizens of all nations are eligible.

The inaugural Millennium Technology Prize was awarded in 2004 to Professor Tim Berners-Lee, who revolutionized electronic communication by inventing the World Wide Web. The prize was awarded for the second time in September 2006 to Professor Shuji Nakamura for developing new, revolutionary, energy-saving light sources. The next Millennium Technology Prize will be awarded on 11th June 2008 in Helsinki.

The nomination period for the 2008 Millennium Technology Prize has now begun. Nominations must be sent by conventional mail and received by the Millennium Prize Foundation by the deadline of 1st October 2007.

As ORD will co-ordinate the submission of nominations the Nominator for the purpose of the application form will be Prof Linda Kristjanson, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Research

and Development. Anyone intending to submit a nomination is asked to register with ORD so that we may assist with the submission of the nomination.

Further information is also available on the Foundation's website: <http://www.millenniumprize.fi/>

Nomination forms MUST be received by ORD by no later than Monday, 17 September to allow sufficient time for delivery to the Millennium Prize Foundation.

2. CONFERENCE ON INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER FOR GLOBAL HEALTH

The “Oxford Conference on Innovation and Technology Transfer for Global Health: Bridging the Gap in Global Health Innovation — From Needs to Access”, will take place at the Said Business School, Oxford, UK from **9-13 September 2007**.

The conference grew out of three prior conferences held through the Gordon Research Conferences programme and is the inaugural in a planned series of bi-annual conferences to be held at the Said Business School.

This conference is designed to examine emerging international systems of innovation and their implications for the management of technology transfer for global health. Discussions will address the rapidly changing world of innovation, technology transfer and global health. The conference will look specifically at improving access of the poor to health technologies.

The conference will bring together researchers, practitioners and policymakers from diverse backgrounds to share strategies and practical experience in promoting affordable access and adoption of health and agricultural interventions for impoverished societies. Descriptive case studies of effective practice will be featured, including public-private partnerships at the local and international level. Topics will address critical pathways to global access including: intellectual property management; market sizing and economics; manufacturing and supply; distribution systems; pricing and financing mechanisms; marketing; social entrepreneurship; leadership strengthening and capacity building; post-launch considerations; and public policy considerations.

Up to 30 travel awards will be provided for individuals from low and middle income countries.

For further information see

<http://www.sbs.ox.ac.uk/events/Innovation+and+Technology+Transfer.htm> or contact Ms. Junko Chapman E-mail junko.chapman@mih.org.

Applications to attend the conference must be submitted to Ms Chapman by **Friday 6th July 2007**

3. SUPPORT FOR FRONTIERS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MISSIONS AND WORKSHOPS

The Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering receives funding from the Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) for the Frontiers of S&T Missions and Workshops element of the International Science Linkages - *Science Academies Programme*, part of *Backing Australia's Ability*. In order to strengthen and further the objectives of the International Science Linkages Programme, ATSE is offering Australian researchers an opportunity to submit expressions of interest for international Missions and Workshops during the calendar year 2008-2009.

Support will only be provided for the following activities:

- a. overseas missions by Australian scientists and technologists and missions by overseas researchers in similar disciplines into Australia.
- b. participation by Australia's scientific and technological community in workshops held outside Australia by foreign organisations;
- c. workshops held in Australia in which a significant number of the lead participants are from outside Australia; and
- d. a programme of site visits arranged in conjunction with workshops referred to in sub-items (b) and (c), but the workshops must be the predominant activity.

All EOI Proposals will be assessed by the International Relations Committee against the goals and priorities of the ISL Programme. Administrative and financial support for selected activities will be provided by ATSE.

An EOI form as well as further information is available on the ATSE website: <http://atse.org.au> or email elizabethm@atse.org.au.

ATSE will not fund the following activities:

- conference sponsorship
- attendance or participation in conferences
- collaborative research projects
- Postdoctoral or Fellowship exchanges

Please submit applications direct to the ATSE - Closing date for receipt of EOI Proposal – Tuesday 31 July 2007 by 5.00 pm EST. It would be appreciated if a courtesy copy of the EOI could be provided to ORD.

4. FOREST AND WOOD PRODUCTS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (FWPRDC)

The Forest and Wood Products Research and Development Corporation invites the submission of preliminary research proposals (PRPs) from suitably qualified research providers in response to the projects listed below:

1. Human health implications from incidental exposure to Chromated Copper

- Arsenate(CCA)treated timber surfaces
2. Carbon accounting for long term wood products
 3. Code of practice (guidelines) for the specification, installation, and use of preservative treated wood products
 4. Code of practice for timber fencing

Further details and application forms available at: <http://www.fwprdc.org.au/index.asp>

Completed PRP's, together with a completed RPAT must Monday, 2 July to allow sufficient time for delivery to the FWPRCD prior to the closing date of Friday, 6 July. Apologies for late posting but this opportunity has just been drawn to our attention.

5. GRAINS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (GRDC)

The GRDC have advertised a call for a number of funding opportunities such as:

- Grains Industry Visiting Fellowships
- Grains Industry Senior Fellowships
- Grains Industry In-Service Training (IST) Awards

Please visit the GWRDC website for further details:
http://www.grdc.com.au/researchers/app_rep.htm.

Applications together with a completed RPAT must Friday, 19 October to allow sufficient time for processing by ORD prior to the closing date of Friday, 26 October.

Regards

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