Students and Staff

Congratulations to Richard Wiley on being officially accepted as a member of IUCN’s World Commission on Protected Areas.

A very big thank you to Ahmed Alhazmi the SoE Research Student Association President for organising the ‘Around the World in a Lunchtime’ event on the 27th of May. This was the first social event for the SoE RSA. Thank you to Yana Ostapenko and Aidd Almalki for their cultural contribution and to everyone who cooked and provided food. It was a great lunchtime event attended by over 20 staff and students which was a wonderful.

Thank you to Dr. Zainal Abiden Bin Sanusi and Dr. Barbara Chancellor for presenting at the 27th May SoE Research Seminar. Dr. Zainal Abiden Bin Sanusi is a visiting scholar from the Higher Education Leadership Academy, Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia. Welcome Dr. Sanusi and thank you for providing the SoE with your invaluable insights into the Malaysian education system. This session was also attended by over 20 staff and research students which was terrific.

There is no research seminar scheduled for June 2011 as everyone will be in either marking mode or having a well earned break. The next scheduled research seminar is on the 29th of July 2011 and will be in the city Building 94, Level 3 Room 018. The session is being delivered by Dr Helen Smith and Dr. Leonie Wheeler who will be presenting research about Associate Degrees at RMIT.

I am thinking of organising an introductory NVivo Qualitative data analysis one day session in early Semester 2 2011. However, I would like to gauge interest for such a session. Can you please contact Louise prentice and let her know if you would like to attend a one day workshop please. Check out the NVivo web site for further information regarding this software program.

http://www.qsrinternational.com/products_nvivo.aspx

Next SGR Colloquium

The next SGR Research Colloquium is on Ethics at RMIT in 2011. It is being delivered by Professor Barbara Polus the Chair of the RMIT HREC and Dr. Peter Burke the Senior AO to the University HREC. It is to be held at Bundoora West Campus, Building 206, Level 3, Room 7 from 12.15pm –2.00pm on the 7th of June.
Congratulations to Hung-Pai Chen, Ahmed Alhazmi and Mark McCrohon our three PhD candidates who presented at the School of Education (SoE) Research Seminar on the 29th April.

- **ICT in School Music Education in Taiwan - Experts, Experience and Expectation.** Hung-Pai Chen

- **What does it look like for Saudis to be in a mixed gender environment? A theoretical perspective.** Ahmed Alhazmi

- **An Examination of Chinese International Student Perspectives of Academic Integrity.** Mark Mc Crohon

This research seminar was the first to have a HDR student focus. The presentations were a powerful demonstration of the quality of the HDR research being undertaken in the SoE. There was a large crowd of participants and lively interaction from everyone present. Thank you Hung-Pai, Ahmed and Mark for giving everyone you valuable insights to your research studies.

**Staff and Supervisors**

The intensive two-week *Writing for Publications Workshop* run in May by Carla Taines was completed by eight SoE staff members. The primary aim of the workshop was to assist academic staff to develop a current piece of writing for publication in a refereed journal. The secondary aims are to improve participants’ understanding of publication processes and to develop their skills in peer review processes. The intensive workshop was conducted over a two-week period. It involved writing, class presentations, group work, and individual sessions with the convenors. Thanks to David Forrest, Annette Gough and Heather Fehring who were the co-convenors with Carla Taines. Thanks also to Karen Corneille and Louise Prentice who facilitated the organisation of this event. From the feedback from a number of the participants, the event was a very worthwhile experience with a great deal of valuable learning occurring in relation to writing for publication purposes. Good luck to all the staff who will now submit their completed work to a journal for publication.