

October 2007 Bulletin

From the Dean

Kieran Walshe, Professor of Health Policy and Management at Manchester Business School

Professor Alistair Ulph (Dean of the Faculty of Humanities) and Professor Alan North (Dean of the Faculty of Medical and Human Sciences) are pleased to announce that Kieran Walshe, Professor of Health Policy and Management at Manchester Business School will take up the post of Director of the Institute of Health Sciences (IHS) from Feb 2009.

Kieran will take up this new role after completing a year long sabbatical. In the interim, Professor Bonnie Sibbald (past Director IHS 2000-2006) will assume the Director's post. Kieran has been a member of the IHS board since 2002, and is also the research director of the National Institute for Health Research service delivery and organisation (SDO) research programme. His own research is centred on performance, quality and governance in healthcare organisations and systems and he is Co-Director of the Centre for Public Policy and Management.

The Institute brings together researchers from across the University and local NHS trusts (primary, secondary and mental health care) to advance the development of evidence-based health policy and practice. Kieran's appointment will further cement interdisciplinary collaboration between humanities and medicine so strengthening the Institute's ability to seize national and international research opportunities. The Institute has seen income from research in the health sciences rise from £8m in 2000/01 to £43m 2004/5 with ongoing growth. Findings from this research have been influential in reforming health policy and practice in the UK and beyond. In December 2007, the Institute will move into its new headquarters in University Place, giving it a more visible presence on campus commensurate with its key strategic role.

If you would like to know more about the Institute's activities please visit <http://www.manchester.ac.uk/ihs> or contact the Co-ordinator, Rebecca Jones Rebecca.l.jones@manchester.ac.uk

Faculty Assembly

The Faculty Assembly took place on 24th October and a copy of the slides can be found at: <http://www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/humnet/committees/assembly/fileuploadmax10mb,126435.en.ppt>

The next Faculty Assembly has been arranged for 9th April 2008 at 2.00pm and will be held in the Whitworth Council Chamber.

ICT News

Staff Mailing Lists

The Faculty now has new email distribution lists for schools, divisions and the Faculty as a whole, which replace existing lists. The aim of these is to provide more relevant information and to ensure that everyone is 'on the list' by automatically using HR data. For more details on the new system see <http://ict.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/web/communications/mailling/maillist.html>

ICT Office Newsletter

The new issue of ICT News is available from <http://www.manchester.ac.uk/humanities/ict/atoz/aboutus/news/newsletter.html>

Widening Participation News

Humanities events for Y12 pupils

The Widening Participation office will be running a series of days for Y12 students, the first of which will be 'Discover Medieval Studies at The University of Manchester,' and will take place on the 28th November. This day will include an overview of History degree programmes, a career prospects talk and question and answer sessions with current Medieval Studies students. Academic staff and post graduate students will deliver lectures and workshops in order to give visitors a taste of Medieval Studies and to raise awareness of the subject's interdisciplinary nature. For more information please email katie.howley@manchester.ac.uk.

Access Open Day

The annual Access Open day will take place on the 20th November this year in the Howarth room, refectory building. This event has proved very popular in recent years and has attracted Access students from throughout Greater Manchester. Information on student finance and the art of application will be provided during the first half of the day, then from 1-3pm visitors will have the opportunity to speak to Admissions Tutors from across the university. The Faculty of Humanities will be based in the Howarth room, where there will be a stand for each School. All Admissions Tutors are invited to attend between 1-3pm. For further information please contact Katie.howley@manchester.ac.uk

Humanities Adult Learners Reception

Following the success of the Humanities Adult Learners preparatory course in September, there will be a second meeting for all those who attended the course on the 14th November. The purpose of this meeting is to provide a forum for adult learners to share their experiences of university life so far, through reflecting upon and discussing both positive and negative experiences during the first term at university. We hope to form a focus group of mature learners who can provide an insight in to areas in which further support is needed in order for us to look at ways in which we can ease the transition to university, particularly for students who are not coming through traditional progression routes and students who have had a significant period out of education. For further information please contact Katie.howley@manchester.ac.uk

Junior Conference: Art City Spectacle: Revisiting the 1857 Manchester Art Treasures Exhibition

A junior strand, 8th November, to the international conference to be held in Manchester on 9th-10th November.

Local sixth forms and colleges have been invited to experience a taste of academic life in the form of a conference to be held at the Whitworth Art Gallery, complete with Reception at the newly opened JRUL Deansgate. Faculty of Humanities WP are able to offer this thanks, to Helen Rees – Leahy who has agreed to present a shorter version of her main conference paper specifically for this audience, Carol Burrows of JRUL Deansgate who is also giving a paper and has facilitated the hosting of the Reception and Victoria Whitfield from AHVS who will be presenting an ‘interactive lecture’ based on portraiture.

For more information please contact Katie.Howley@manchester.ac.uk

PGR Team Activities

Postgraduate Research Skills Training Programme

The skills training programme commenced at the beginning of October, and courses on project management, time management, effective presentations, working with your supervisor and coping with academic pressure have already run, and in many cases are being repeated. The courses have been well-evaluated by students, with many attendees scoring them 4/5 for both usefulness and enjoyment.

Part- Time Postgraduate Research Student Training Days – highlighted at UKCGE workshop as an example of good practice

The Research Training Days run by the PGR Skills Training Team, last April were highlighted as an example of excellent practice at a recent UKCGE workshop on ‘Meeting the needs of part-time PGR students’. PT PGR students generally find it difficult to attend training, so a block of a few days is often better suited to them as they can fit in a large amount of training in a short space of time. The team are repeating these training days in April 2008.

Postgraduate Research Students Training Guide

The PGR Students Training Guide is now available. The aim of the guide is to provide course descriptions of all on-line and face-to-face training taking place in 2007/8 as well as giving information on all aspect of training such as how to sign up for courses, the Skills Audit and the Joint Statement of the Research Councils’ Skills Training requirements. Copies of the Guide are being sent to Schools for distribution to staff and students.

Congratulations

Dr Brian Squire, Lecturer, Manchester Business School

Professor David Farrell has secured accreditation from The Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS) for his undergraduate programmes in supply chain management – students graduating will now be awarded with a BSc, MCIPS.

Contact kate.jeffery@mbs.ac.uk

School News

Centre for New writing

The Centre for New Writing's first 'Literature Live' season took off in earnest in early October, as it joined forces with Manchester Literature Festival to host three landmark events.

For further information see: <http://www.arts.manchester.ac.uk/newwriting/events/LiteratureLive/>

MA in Creative Writing Graduate Jonathan Trigell's first novel, *Boy A* (Serpent's Tail) has been developed as feature film for Channel 4.

For further information see: <http://www.arts.manchester.ac.uk/newwriting/news/BoyA/>

Chris Killen has secured a two-book deal with Canongate, for his first novel *The Bird Room* and second *Indoor Fireworks*. *The Bird Room* will be published as a large trade-paperback in spring 2009, and the publishers are already seeking interest in foreign rights.

For further information see: <http://www.arts.manchester.ac.uk/newwriting/about/alumni/>

Manchester Business School

A study from Manchester Business School's Institute of Innovation and Research and ICI has confirmed that getting people talking informally – watercooler networking – is one of the most effective ways of unlocking knowledge within an organisation.

Contact kate.jeffery@mbs.ac.uk

School of Arts, Histories and Culture-Martin Harris Centre

The end of October saw the launch of the electroacoustic studio in the Martin Harris Centre.

The first event in November is on Friday, 2nd November and is the **MANTIS FESTIVAL** – full programme listing can be found on:

<http://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/news/display/index.htm?id=126258>

News in general

Procurement office – information on diaries and photocopier paper:

<http://www.campus.manchester.ac.uk/purchase/news.htm>

Forthcoming Events

Forthcoming events are listed <http://www.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/humnet/aboutus/events/>