This newsletter is for sharing information about things happening in and around the School of Biomolecular & Physical Sciences. For news from previous weeks, see http://www.griffith.edu.au/science/school-biomolecular-physical-sciences/newsletters

2007 Carrick Citations for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning

THREE!! of the staff of BPS received a 2007 Carrick Citation for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning at the Carrick Institute Award Ceremony on the evening of the 6th August.

The Carrick Institute for Learning and Teaching in Higher Education is the peak federal body charged with fostering excellent teaching, and promoting the fundamental importance of teaching in higher education to the general community. A Carrick Citation recognises and rewards the contributions that individuals and teams make to the quality of student learning. They are granted to people who have made a significant contribution to the quality of student learning in a specific area of responsibility over a sustained period, whether they are academic staff, general staff, sessional staff or institutional associates. Congratulations to our teaching stars!

Assoc Professor Denis Crane, School of Biomolecular and Physical Sciences
Citation: For sustained contribution to providing a partnership-based approach to RHD student training and outcomes in the molecular biosciences

Dr Ann McDonnell, School of Biomolecular and Physical Sciences
Citation: For leading undergraduate biomedical students on an inspirational journey to explore the true essence of “being human”

Assoc Professor Dianne Watters, School of Biomolecular and Physical Sciences
Citation: For scholarly research into student learning in the molecular biosciences and implementation of appropriate feedback and assessment practices to challenge students with authentic problem-solving activities

RMIT Medical Sciences

Michael Whitehouse was the Distinguished Interstate Lecturer at RMIT Medical Sciences, Bundoora, on the 9th August 2007. Michael presented a talk on the theme ‘Chemical-Medicine-Ethics: bridging the gaps’.

Research

Professor Zhihong Xu, Centre for Forestry & Horticultural Research, visited Shanghai and Beijing, as part of the Queensland Government Mission to China during 4-11 August 2007.

Professor Xu, together with Professors Stuart Bunn and Cordia Chu (Griffith School of the Environment), showcased their research centres and recent research projects in Shanghai and Beijing, as part of Griffith’s representatives in the Queensland Mission, along with other leading scientists from the University of Queensland (including Professor Ian Fraser, the Australian of the year 2006), QUT and University of Southern Queensland. Professors Xu, Bunn and Chu, also presented invited talks at the 4th Australia - China Symposium - Sustaining Global Ecosystems, 8-10 August 2007, Beijing, sponsored by the Australian Academy of Science (AAS) and Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS).

The strong representations from Griffith at both the Queensland Mission and the joint AAS-CAS Symposium have highlighted the research strength and leading expertise in the environmental science areas at Griffith, and will facilitate further collaborative research and linkages with leading universities and research institutions in China.