

UCSA PostGrad Newsletter 9th April 2008

Hi everyone,

The International Festival was a great success last weeeek. I was called away unexpectedly so I'm sorry I missed it, but by all accounts it was great fun. Well done to everyone who participated!

I also apologise for the repetitive sending of that February email! IT has checked it out and hopefully the problem is rectified. Thanks to all of you for your patience, and also to those of you who emailed me about the problem - I appreciate hearing from you!

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1. UC Postgraduate Committee:

PhD students may have noticed changes in the Progress Report Forms. The aim is to ensure that reporting is open, transparent and constructive. At the monthly committee meeting for March, the revised Progress Report Form was slightly modified and it will be re-evaluated in six months time.

To view or download the form go to: <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/acad/phd/proposal.shtml>

Scroll down to "Progress Reports" and click on "PhD Progress Report Form".

Please send me any feedback you have about the form, and I will pass your comments on to the Postgraduate Committee.

2. Library tutorials:

I highly recommend the tutorials offered by the library, especially Endnote. They provide specific and useful information, they're free, and you can go as often as you like!

To book tutorials go to

<http://webapps.libr.canterbury.ac.nz/webdb/course.php> The library is also running a very useful course for thesis writers or researchers called:

"Keeping Current - Using Alerts and RSS Feeds"

Using alerts and RSS feeds helps you to stay up to date with key journals and other literature in your subject field. (Bookings from the same place).

Also, do remember that Information Librarians are available for your area of study, and that they are happy for you to book a one-on-one session with them. They are very keen to spend the time to help you with the information that you need.

The quickest way to find a list of all the Information Librarians is under Help (left hand side of the Library home-page). Here's the link to the list:

<http://library.canterbury.ac.nz/services/infoserv/sublibs.shtml>

You can phone, email or ask at the service desk at any of the campus libraries.

3. Postgrad Student Reps:

The UC Research Committee has space for a PhD student representative. The Research Committee meets once per month -- the 3rd Thursday of the month for approximately 2 hours. This is a great opportunity to be involved and keep up with developments, and it's important that we have an interested PhD student on board. If you would like to be considered, please respond to: education@ucsa.canterbury.ac.nz

4. Arts Change Proposal:

There were over 300 submissions, and all the submissions that were available to the public have been collated and can be read in Michael Goldstein's office (UCSA President). There is also an excellent submission clarifying the issues posted on the UCSA website at: <http://www.ucsa.org.nz>

There will be an announcement made today by Prof Roy Sharp.

5. Learning Skills Tutorials:

Do remember to check out the tutorials offered by Learning Skills at: <http://www.uco.canterbury.ac.nz/lsc/category.php?category=188> these can be useful both for developing your skills, and also for making contact with other post grads.

All the best,
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