

Go8 OFFERS SUPPORT TO L'AQUILA STUDENTS

The Go8 will offer up to eight scholarships to early career researchers in the Italian city of L'Aquila to help them continue their research in Australia while the University of L'Aquila is rebuilt.

In the aftermath of the April 2009 earthquake in L'Aquila, which claimed nearly 300 lives and left thousands injured, the university has virtually shut down. Fifty five of those who died were from the university's 23,000-strong student body.

"Most of the university buildings are currently inaccessible and it will take at least 6-12 months before research staff and students will be allowed to access them," said Professor Silvia Bisti, who holds a chair of neuroscience in L'Aquila's Department of Biomedical Science and Technology.

"PhD students and postdoc fellows, particularly in the scientific fields, are the worst affected. The earthquake destroyed their laboratories, making continuation of their research almost impossible."

Professor Anna Tozzi, PVC International Relationships at the University of



L to R: Professor Silvia Bisti (University of L'Aquila), H.E. Mr Gian Ludovico De Martino di Montegiordano (Italian Ambassador to Australia), Kerrie Thornton (Go8), Professor Oscar Moze (Embassy of Italy in Canberra), Dr Vittorio Brando (Association for Research between Italy and Australasia).

L'Aquila, said "the Go8 contribution will make an enormous difference, providing not only practical help for researchers to continue their work but also hope for the community."

The Go8 will offer eight one-off scholarships of \$5,000 each to early career researchers to travel to Australia and spend time conducting research at Go8 universities.

The scholarships will be administered through the Association for Research between Italy and Australasia (ARIA)

and applications will be assessed by an expert panel.

Eligible researchers are those currently enrolled in a research degree at the University of L'Aquila or full-time staff of the university. Preference will be given to PhD students and early career researchers.

Further information including an application form is available at: http://www.scientificambitalia.org.au/aria/aria_act/AQUILA.htm

ARMS CONFERENCE

15-18 SEPTEMBER 2009 | CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND

The Go8 will once again sponsor the Australasian Research Management Society's (ARMS) annual conference 'Evolution of Research Management', to be held at the Christchurch Convention Centre in New Zealand, 15-18 September 2009.

In the last few years research management has 'evolved' from an administrative support function to a guidance role in leading and enabling researchers to better focus their energies in applying for funding, both nationally

and internationally. The conference aims to explore this transition and plan for a future where new technologies and ideas are harnessed to improve systems, processes and key business relationships.

While being held in New Zealand, the program includes many speakers from Australia and topics relevant to research administrators from Australian universities, medical research institutes, government research institutions and research funding agencies.

For more information or to register go to www.arms2009.org.

Go8 DIRECTORS' CONFERENCE



The inaugural Go8 Directors' Conference, held in Melbourne on 28–29 May, brought together the various Go8 directors committees with a view to developing understanding, increasing operating efficiency and improving collaboration across the Go8 network.

Following a policy and strategic scene setting session, led by (pictured L to R) Professor Richard Larkins (Vice-Chancellor, Monash University), Professor Alan Robson (Vice-Chancellor, The University of Western Australia), Elizabeth Baré (Senior Vice-Principal, The University of Melbourne) and Michael Gallagher (Executive Director, Go8), the participating Go8 committees were given the opportunity to present their current activities and plans for the future.

Go8–HARVARD–C9 CONFERENCE

The Climate: Science + Humanities Conference on 3–4 March 2010 at Harvard University will bring together 40 graduate students—leaders of the next generation—from Australia, China, and the US to present their global perspectives on climate and climate change from three very different national bases.

This 'emerging leadership dialogue' initiative aims to highlight research work that displays genuine disciplinary crossover.

Further information including an application form is available on the [Go8 website](#).

2010年3月3-4日, 40位来自澳大利亚、中国、美国三国的优秀研究生将汇聚一堂, 共同参加在哈佛大学举行的Climate: Science + Humanities研讨会。在此次盛会中, 这些代表着新一代的国际领导者和先锋的优秀研究生将会在气候和全球变暖相关研究问题上, 以三个国家不同的视角进行切磋探讨, 并交流各自观点和体会。

除了8-9名哈佛大学的优秀研究生作为会议参加者以外, 16名澳大利亚八校联盟大学的研究生和18名中国C9优秀大学的研究生将会选拔入围, 并获得全奖资助, 于明年初来到美国参加此次盛会。

中国九所大学(C9)的申请学生请到本人学校的研究生院获取更多信息和提交申请资料与论文摘要。报名截止日期为2009年8月。

如需要更多会议信息, 请访问澳大利亚八校联盟网站 www.go8.edu.au。

IN THE ZONE CONFERENCE, 8–10 NOVEMBER 2009

In the Zone will bring together internationally renowned experts and leaders from within 'the zone'—a time zone shared by conference host The University of Western Australia, 60 per cent of the world's population, and nations set to experience the greatest economic growth of the 21st century.

The conference is intended to stimulate debate on public policy, geopolitical and business challenges facing Australia and its major trading partners.

For registration details and more information visit www.zone.uwa.edu.au.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Go8 Deans of Medicine meet on 14 July in Canberra
- Go8 Deans of Arts meet on 15 July in Canberra
- Go8 International Directors meet on 17 July in Melbourne
- Go8 Vice-Chancellors meet on 23 July in Canberra
- Go8 Deans of Graduate Studies meet on 28 July in Sydney

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