



MISSENDEN SEMINARS | AUTUMN 2004

PVCs, Deans, Senior university management and administrators, heads of Graduate Schools, Quality, Teaching and Learning units, postgraduate tutors and supervisors

1. Research pooling

2/3 September

Special: to be held at Apex City Quay Hotel, Dundee

David Gani, Director of Research Strategy and Policy, SHEFC
John Coggins, Dean, Institute of Biomedical and Life Sciences, University of Glasgow
Caroline MacDonald, Assistant Principal, University of Paisley, Chair, Modern Universities Research Group
John Palfreyman, Head, School of Contemporary Sciences, University of Abertay Dundee, Chair, Scottish Deans of Science
Stephen Partridge, Associate Dean of Research and Enterprise, Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design, University of Dundee

2. PhD Supervision: developing best practice

16/17 September

John Wakeford

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3. Postgraduate Research Programmes: adopting the new QAA Code of Practice

14/15 October

Gill Clarke, Assistant Director (Development and Enhancement), QAA
Susan Bassnett, University of Warwick, Member of QAA Board
Tim Brown, General Secretary, National Postgraduate Committee, 2002/04

4. Quality & Standards: providing information for the new TQI web site

21/22 October

John Slater, Open University and Co-ordinator for both TQI and the National Student Survey
David Parry, Dean, Academic Quality Service, Southampton Institute

5. Collaboration, FDL and e-learning: opportunities and risks and implementing the new QAA code

18/19 November

David Buckingham, Assistant Director, QAA
Liz Beaty, Director (Learning and Teaching) HEFCE

6. Positioning your faculty, school and institution: the leagues, fee – and research – strategies

9/10 December

Steve Smith, Vice-chancellor, University of Exeter
John Cater, Chief Executive, Edge Hill College

Future seminars will include:

Professional standards for lecturers

With Paul Ramsden, Chief Executive designate, Higher Education Academy

Complaints, appeals and the OIA

Training established academics as supervisors



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1. Research pooling

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For university research in Scotland to be recognised as of international class HEIs may need to pool resources and compete for funds externally rather than internally. What are the prospects, opportunities and risks in different disciplines and institutions and their RAE profile? What mechanisms could be employed? And what lessons are there for institutions in England, Wales and Northern Ireland?

* www.apexhotels.co.uk The hotel is 3 miles from Dundee Airport. There are frequent 85-minute flights to Dundee from London City Airport by www.scotairways.co.uk

2. PhD Supervision: developing best practice

16/17 September, 11.00 am start

Future funding of postgraduate research programmes is to be limited to those with trained supervisors. This seminar provides an opportunity for supervisors, and those providing training for them, to share in the examination of current problems and the development of good practice. Special attention can be paid to CASE awards and engaging experienced supervisors in training programmes.

3. Postgraduate Research Programmes: adopting the new QAA Code of Practice

14/15 October

The new QAA Code to be published in September will be used by funding bodies in England, Scotland and Wales to inform funding decisions, as from 2006 (2005 in England). This seminar will provide the first opportunity for all those responsible to examine, under Chatham House Rules and with members of the QAA Working Group, the implications of the Code for their own programmes and institutions.

4. Quality and Standards: providing information for the new TQI web site

21/22 October

All English HEIs are now loading information on the quality and standards of their teaching on to the UK HE TQI site which will be displayed alongside data provided by a national survey and by HESA. The site will be fully launched in summer 2005. What are the political and technical problems for HEIs in this process? How can institutions take advantage of this facility to help with recruitment and retention?

5. Collaboration, FDL and e-learning: opportunities and risks and implementing the new QAA code

18/19 November

'The greater risks inherent in the offering of programmes or UK awards at "arm's-length" need careful management. Particular care needs to be taken when the links are with overseas associates...' QAA Annual Report 2002–03. Participants are invited to share the practical issues raised by collaboration, FDL and e-learning, and the implications of the new QAA Code of Practice.

6. Positioning your faculty, school and institution: the leagues, fee – and research – strategies

9/10 December

'You will need a clear-sighted understanding of what your market is and where you stand in relation to your market. A lot of your strategic decisions will flow from that. We worry that some institutions may get this wrong.... The implications of getting it wrong will be visited on institutions very quickly and probably very severely because you are all operating on paper-thin margins', Howard Newby, HEFCE Annual Conference, April 2004.



Model programme †

Three weeks before seminar

John Wakeford will contact you to find out if you wish to identify a specific problem for discussion

Thursday: the first day of the seminar

18.30 Reception

19.30 Dinner

21.00 You will be invited to share your own agendas in an informal round table discussion

Friday

7.30 Breakfast

8.30 Dialogue with the experts: you will have the opportunity to quiz the speakers following their short briefings or presentations

11.00 You will join a group of 'consultants' confronted by problems identified by one or two other participants, and be expected to prepare summary conclusions and recommendations

12.30 Lunch

13.30 'Consultants' present their conclusions and advice. 'Clients' question and comment

15.30 Discussion of the implications of these conclusions and opportunity to formulate individual action plans

16.00 Seminar ends

† Applies to all seminars **apart from PhD Supervision**, 16/17 September which starts at 11.00am. Details on website

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Apart from PhD Supervision which starts at 11.00 am, each seminar starts at 6.30pm on a Thursday and finishes at 4.00pm the following day.

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| two | PhD Supervision * 16/17 September Starts 11.00am | | | | |
| three | Postgraduate research programmes 14/15 October Starts 6.30pm | | | | |
| four | Quality & Standards 21/22 October Starts 6.30pm | | | | |
| five | Collaboration, FDL & e-learning 18/19 November Starts 6.30pm | | | | |
| six | Positioning your faculty... 9/10 December Starts 6.30pm | | | | |

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