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Recent events (FEAST 2)

FEAST 2 embraced a series of events aimed at increasing our interaction with multiplier agencies, setting the scene for the development of regional chapters of FEAST and enhancing our linkages with the industry research community in its interactions with Europe.

ACT Multiplier agencies

On 16 June, with invaluable support from the Embassy of Spain as then Presidency of the European Union, FEAST held a reception and information event for over 50 invited Canberra based representatives of multiplier agencies, European diplomatic missions, academic institutions and granting agencies. This event followed a meeting of our Joint Advisory Group.

ARMS Victoria

On 8 July, in association with the Victorian Chapter of the Australasian Research Management Society and with the support of Dr Glenn Swafford of the University of Melbourne, FEAST held an information seminar on research cooperation with Europe. Speakers included representatives of government departments, granting agencies, Australia-EU projects and the European Commission.

Industry Consultations

During June 2002 FEAST's Executive Manager, Michael Parker held meetings with industry representatives and agencies in Melbourne, Adelaide, Sydney and Brisbane. The Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources provided financial support for these meetings which placed particular emphasis on industry associations and State government agencies.

A number of messages relevant to the information role of FEAST will influence our future work plan. These included: Network issues; Participation in the European Framework program; Intellectual Property issues; Innovation and technology diffusion; Government support and funding.

Technology diffusion forum

On 23 July, Michael Parker participated in an invited industry forum convened by the Welding Technology Institute of Australia. The forum had the objective of developing and proposing a more coordinated and effective national approach to technology diffusion in Australia. FEAST will continue to emphasise the international dimension and opportunities of the technology diffusion process and is leading one of the groups contributing to the forum report to government.

Coming Events

Launch of the European Sixth Framework Program

From 11 to 13 November 2002 the European Commission will hold a major conference to mark the launch of the EU's Sixth Framework Programme for research, covering the period 2002 to 2006. The launch conference will include seminars, symposia, round-tables, workshops and a major exhibition,

with around 150 stands from the European Union and from international players, including Australia.

Participation in the exhibition is focussed around projects, not countries and Australia will participate as 'FEAST'. The Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) will be coordinating the Australian group, which will include representatives from current Framework Projects; ARC Centres of Excellence; the National Centres of Excellence in ICT and biotechnology; Intelligent Manufacturing System; nanotechnology sector; health and medical research; and industry. We also expect to hold an information seminar on EU/Australian collaboration at the Conference.

Based on the experience of a similar event in 1999 which attracted over 5000 participants, the conference will be a major forum to present the objectives and priorities of the Framework Programme and to explain the rules for participation. At the same time the conference is meant to create opportunities for scientific debate and exchange of best practice beyond those subjects addressed in the Framework Programme.

The conference will be held in the Palais du Heysel in Brussels. The registration cost is Euro 180 (approx. AU\$300). Further information can be obtained from the following website:

<http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/conferences/2002>

The overall structure and content of the conference is shown in the [programme](#). And further information can be obtained from the Information and Communication Unit Directorate-General for Research European Commission. Tel: +32-2-295 99 71 Fax: +32-2-295 82 20
Email: rtd-conference2002@cec.eu.int

For further information in Australia, contact Graeme Rankin, DEST, on (02) 6240 5163 or Lynne Hunter, Adviser to the Delegation of the European Commission on (02) 6271 2742.

IST 2002: Partnerships for the Future

Europe's leading networking event for Information and Communications technologies, 4 – 6 November 2002, Copenhagen

The general theme for IST 2002 is 'Partnerships'. The aim is to help Europe's researchers and industrialists build networks for collaboration, at a time when the IST priority within the EU's 6th Framework Programme for research and technological development is getting under way.

IST 2002 is an excellent opportunity to meet Europe's top researchers and decision-makers from the information and communications industries and the related public sectors. The event will feature a wide range of workshops designed to maximise opportunities for discussion and informal networking.

IST 2002 is organised by Information Society Directorate-General of the European Commission and the Danish Ministry of Science, Technology and

Innovation, under the patronage of European Commissioner Erkki Liikanen and Minister Helge Sander.

Further Information:

http://europa.eu.int/information_society/newsroom/documents/ist2002_first_announcement.pdf for Conference announcement

<http://www.woco.dk/> for information on Copenhagen

<http://www.cordis.lu/ist/> for information on the EU IST Research Programme

FEAST 3 - Melbourne

FEAST 3 will be held in Melbourne on 26 November 2002, in association with the annual conference of the Australasian Research Management Society (ARMS 2002). FEAST 3 will take place immediately after the launch in Brussels of the European Sixth Framework Program and will place special emphasis on the opportunities for Australian researchers and firms to join Framework projects.

Further information on ARMS2002/FEAST 3 is available on the ARMS website www.researchadmin.org.au/conferences or by contacting this office info@feastonline.org.

FEAST 4 - Canberra ACT

Planning is under way for FEAST 4 to be held in May 2003 in Canberra. FEAST 4 will be a major event aimed at key players in the academic and industry research community. We expect to involve policy and decision makers in government administration and research agencies from Australia and Europe. More details of FEAST 4 will be publicised as the event takes shape.

Post Your Event Here

Are you holding (or attending) an exhibition or conference that would be of interest to other researchers interested in collaboration between Europe and Australia? Email info@feastonline.org to arrange the inclusion of your event in our newsletter.

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Redevelopment of the FEAST website

Redevelopment of the FEAST website and partner search database has taken longer than anticipated. Thank you for your patience. You are invited to send your comments and suggestions for the website to our webmaster webmaster@feastonline.org

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Review of existing European-Australian research collaboration

FEAST is continuing to develop baseline data on current collaborative research and technological development relationships between Europe and Australia. Our Collaborative Activities Working Group led by Ms. Lynne Hunter of the European Commission Delegation to Australia has canvassed information from a number of organisations including researchers, funding bodies, learned academies and industry research groups. We plan to have broad overview material available for presentation at the 6FP launch in Brussels and at FEAST 3 in November 2002.

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FEAST position vacancy: Project Officer (full time)

FEAST is seeking a full-time Project Officer for our web-based partner search and information system and for the FEAST office administration overall. The occupant of this position will be responsible directly to the Executive Manager of FEAST.

This position is available for immediate filling and will be located at Barton in the ACT and is funded by a grant from the European Commission. This funding will continue until 2004 and there is no guarantee that the position will remain after that time.

For further information about this position please contact Mr Michael Parker on (02) 6273 4823 or by e-mail, mparker@feastonline.org.

The position is advertised in the Canberra Times newspaper of Saturday 31 August and applications close on **Wednesday, 11 September 2002**.

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Share your experiences

The FEAST office would like to hear from researchers including industry researchers already or previously involved in European-Australian collaboration. Don't waste your valuable experience; consider sharing it with others through our newsletter.

Publication in our newsletter is free. Your contributions may be edited for clarity.