

Subject: [CSHODs] CORE President's newsletter - January 2014
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Dear colleagues

A belated happy new year and may 2014 be an excellent year for you all!

Most of the details of this CORE President's newsletter is actually contained in the AGM slides and notes off the CORE web site. You can find them here:

<http://core.edu.au/index.php/page/minutes>

Below is essentially a brief set of minutes for the meeting (since I don't think we actually took any on the day :-), aside from the notes from some of the break-out groups I have - if anyone from one of the break-out groups without notes on the web have some they can send me or Alison, please do. Thanks!!).

Summary of CORE Activities 2013

I briefly summarised the things we did in 2013. You can review this off the slides I used. Many of the items are supported by various documents off the CORE web site:

CORE exec minutes: <http://core.edu.au/index.php/page/minutes>

CORE Conference portal: www.core.edu.au/coreportal

CORE 2013 conference rankings:

<http://core.edu.au/index.php/categories/conference%20rankings/1>

AWPA IT workforce study: <http://www.awpa.gov.au/publications/Pages/Publications-2013.aspx>

Future of ACSW: http://corediscussions.shoutwiki.com/wiki/Future_of_ACSW

School technology curriculum:

<http://core.edu.au/cms/images/downloads/documents/Technologies%20feedback%20CORE%20Submission.pdf>

ACDICT research performance discussion paper and measures

<http://www.acdict.edu.au/documents/LeonACDICT-ResearchBenchmarksProposal.pdf>

Break-out Sessions

I decided to experiment with a whole-day Heads and profs meeting with two sets of break-out sessions, one in morning and one in afternoon.

I felt this worked well (despite absconding to speak to the ECR event in the morning one!).

Notes from several sessions are off the AGM URL near the start of this email.

I am missing a few notes - can the person in each of those groups designated to take them please send to me?? Many thanks!

I welcome feedback from the Heads and Profs who attended (and those whether I should run next year's meeting in the same manner, or if something different would be good?

CORE Expenditure 2013 and Budget 2014

Summary from Lin off the URL above.

I will shortly (sometime next couple of weeks) call for proposals for CORE supported activities in 2014.

ARC Presentation on Citation Analysis of Conference Publications for ERA 2015

We had a presentation from the ARC General Manager Leanne Harvey on plans for a "pilot" in ERA 2015 of citation analysis for conference papers. I will send a separate email summarising the ARC's proposal after I meet with Tim Cahill from the ARC this week and ask for your feedback.

There is a general call from the ARC on ERA 2015. See:

http://www.arc.gov.au/era/current_consult.htm

We will make a CORE submission. I will send an email about this out very soon.

CORE Conference Co-ordinator

Alex Potanin has stepped down as CORE conference co-ordinator after 5 years

of exceptional service (including one while on sabbatical leave - how dedicated is that?!). I thank Alex very much for his outstanding service to the CORE community.

After discussion, it was agreed two conference co-ordinators, one from NZ and one from Oz would be a good idea. Nick Faulkner from Uni Adelaide and Christof Lutterof from Uni Auckland have kindly volunteered for this role. I thank them very much for their willingness to serve the community in this important capacity.

CORE Executive Elections

We were overwhelmed with nominations**

The following were duly elected:

CORE President

-Prof John Grundy, Swinburne University of Technology

CORE Vice-President

- Prof Alistair Moffat, University of Melbourne

CORE Secretary / Treasurer

- Prof Lin Padgham, RMIT University

I greatly thank Aditya Ghose from Uni Wollongong for his service to the CORE community on the executive as Vice-President.

Tom Gedeon from ANU continues on the executive as Immediate Past President.

** well, Ok - so these were the ONLY nominations received! I would really like someone to consider running against (or instead of) me in 2015... :-)

ACSW 2014

Rumours of the demise of ACSW seem a bit premature as we had approx 235 attendees, a range of excellent papers and presentations, and some really good old-fashioned networking. I - for one - greatly enjoyed and got a lot out of attending. I hope others felt the same way.

A few interesting trials were had, including an ECR development event and an ACSC doctoral symposium. Both seemed to go very well and

we hope to do again @ ACSW 2015.

The same conferences, symposia and workshops appear committed to joining again for ACSW 2015, and we have the possibility of 1-2 more joining if not 2015 then 2016...

Some good discussion was had of various models and changes to ACSW - the General Chairs of ACSW 2015 and the CORE conference co-ordinators will further discuss, informed by comments received to date.

I encourage feedback on ACSW 2014 from those who attended.

A great big thanks to Tony Clear and his team for the excellent efforts on organising a very successful ACSW 2014, and particularly as Tony had to put up with my various suggestions, comments, meddling etc as he went along. Again, I thank them very much for their service to the CORE community.

ACSW 2015

Simeon Simoff and Anthony Maeder from UWS have volunteered to pick up ACSW 2015 organisation, running the conference in western Sydney (us Melbournians will just have to rough it I guess...). I greatly thank Simeon and Anthony for their willingness to serve the community.

ACSW 2016

We are looking for a venue for ACSW 2016. We have one in mind based on length of time since last there, and I have asked for - uh - potential "volunteer" General chair etc. But the CORE executive would entertain expressions of interest from elsewhere.

iAwards

Call for nominations for the 2014 iAwards is up:

<http://www.iawards.com.au/>

It would be good to see a number of CS departments nominating student projects or R&D projects.

CORE Activities 2014

The new executive will meet I hope in the next few weeks and begin thinking about our activities and focus in 2014.

As always - I welcome suggestions from you all!!

I will shortly send out a call for proposals for CORE support (\$ and otherwise) for community-building activities.

All the best for 2014 - I hope it is a good year for you all!!

Best,

John

PS. A slight change of role for me in 2014+ @ Swinburne, as per the .sig below. I am actually *hoping* that it will allow me a bit more time for CORE activities, among other things. We shall see!!

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