



Investing in our Researchers



1st Research Staff Conference

24th March 2009, Foresight Centre, University of Liverpool

Conference Programme

Conference Chair : Dr Liz Oliver, Research Fellow, Law School

Conference webpage: http://www.liv.ac.uk/researcher/conf_2009.htm

9.00 – 9.20	Registration and Refreshments
9.20 – 9.30	Welcome note and Introduction by conference team & Research Fellow – Wendy England & Dr Christos Petichakis (Research Staff development) and Dr Liz Oliver (Conference chair)
9.30 – 10.00	1st Keynote – Deputy VC, Professor Jon Saunders , (topic: From RAE to REF) Brief Description: Professor Saunders will discuss the University's performance in the recent Research Assessment Exercise (RAE). The assessment and funding of research has been restructured and new arrangements have now been introduced. The session will demonstrate the key attributes of the new Research Excellence Framework (REF) and how it links to the roles of Research Staff.
10.00 – 11.00	VOX Coaching (Networking with Confidence) Brief Description: A practical and highly interactive session at networking in research environments. Advice and suggestions to communicate with confidence and speak about your work at conferences, with colleagues and key people in your discipline.
11.00 – 11.15	Coffee Break
11.15 – 11.30	Intro session to 1st parallel: The Enterprising Researcher, Innovation and Knowledge Exchange – Professor of Entrepreneurship (ULMS), Professor Ossie Jones Brief Description: An introduction to the meaning and purpose of enterprising research activities, innovation and knowledge exchange. Why researchers need to be aware of such activities and how it links to the continuous professional development.
5 mins	➔ Moving to workshop rooms
11.35 – 12.20	1st parallel - Research Enterprise and Knowledge Exchange (3 parallel sessions) Brief Description: Discipline specific examples of enterprising research activities and knowledge exchange. Presenters will demonstrate the application of research knowledge in a range of activities aiming to benefit the local community and economy, examples from: Discipline 1: Dr Jason Ralph (Electrical Engineering and Electronics) – for Researchers in Engineering, Physics, Chemistry and related sciences Discipline 2: Dr John Hunt (Clinical Sciences) – for Researchers in Biosciences, Biomedicine and Health related divisions Discipline 3: David Dawes (CEO of Entreprenurses) – for Researchers in Arts and Humanities (3 rd Sector)
12.20 – 13.20	Lunch

13.20 – 14.00	<p>2nd parallel - Supporting Research excellence (4 parallel sessions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Session 1: Pete Bailie (VOX Coaching) – “Speak for yourself: Assertive Communication” Brief Description: Many people find aspects of the academic environment intimidating, whether communicating in meetings with high status individuals or dealing with difficult situations. The session will explore simple and effective ways to communicate clearly and assertively ❖ Session 2: Dr Stephanie Petrie (School of Sociology and Social Policy) – “Research, Ethics and Participatory Approaches” Brief Description: This session will discuss ethical issues (incl. dilemmas) in research using case studies that relate issues that receive extensive media coverage. ❖ Session 3: Dr. Tomke Lask (School of Sociology and Social Policy) - "The international researcher: a profile and its reality" Brief Description: The session will highlight the experiences of a highly mobile Researcher and the issues associated with worldwide research mobility and employment. ❖ Session 4: Catherine Cochrane (RBS) – “An introduction to Research & Business Services” Brief Description: A presentation on the role and services offered from RBS and how Research Staff can receive support for research funding.
5 mins	➔ Moving to workshop rooms
14.05 – 14.45	<p>3rd parallel - Funding and Fellowship parallel sessions (4 parallel sessions)</p> <p>Brief Description: Current Fellows present their experiences in research and information on fellowships</p> <p>Session 1: Dr David Joss (Advanced Fellow of EPSRC, Physics)</p> <p>Session 2: Dr Raphaël Levy (BBSRC David Phillips Research Fellow, Biological Sciences)</p> <p>Session 3: Dr Mark O’Brien (Senior Research Fellow - Liverpool Learning Networks, Humanities)</p> <p>Session 4: Dr Ian Prior (Royal Society University Research Fellow, Biomedical Sciences)</p>
14.45 – 15.00	Coffee Break
15.00 – 15.20	2nd Keynote – Professor Lu-Yun Lian (Biological Sciences), Frances Hewison (Human Resources), Topic: Institutional strategic objectives and the role of Research Staff
15.20 – 15.40	3rd Keynote – Professor Louise Ackers (Law), Topic: Career Progression, mobility and internationalisation issues for Research Staff
15.40 – 16.00	Deputy Vice Chancellor Address, Professor Jon Saunders , Topic: the Strategic Plan, the role of Research staff, Research excellence & Knowledge Transfer
16.00 – 16.30	Q&A panel discussion with Deputy Vice Chancellor - panel includes: Prof. Louise Ackers, Dr. Mark O’Brien, Prof. Ossie Jones, Prof. Lu-Yun Lian, Frances Hewison – Another opportunity to ask your questions to senior members of our University
16.30 – 16.45	Conference summary and close
16.45 – 17.30	Wine Reception

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