



2009 trials

Cluster One

The submission phase of the 2009 Excellence in Research for Australian (ERA) initiative trial of Cluster One—Physical Chemical and Earth Sciences (PCE)—has concluded with the submission of data into the System to Evaluate the Excellence of Research (SEER).

Congratulations on successfully submitting the PCE data from your institution. The submission data has been dissected into units of evaluation and soon they will be assigned to the ERA Cluster One Research Evaluation Committee (REC) for the trial. We expect to announce the membership of this REC shortly.

The role and responsibilities of REC members are outlined in the *ERA Evaluation Guidelines*, which were released earlier this year. The Guidelines are available on the ERA website at www.arc.gov.au > *Research Excellence* > *Trial*.

For the full ERA evaluations in 2010, the ARC will establish eight RECs—one for each discipline cluster.

Cluster Two

Questions keep flowing in about the 2009 trial of Cluster Two—Humanities and Creative Arts (HCA)—and we encourage institutions to continue asking questions to ensure they are adequately prepared when submissions for this cluster open on 3 August.

The Cluster Two REC for the trial will be established and announced following the close of the Cluster Two submission phase.

Journal rankings

The ARC is pleased to see that institutions and other interested parties are using the *new journal form* to request specific journals be considered in relevant journal lists. The team see this as important because your feedback and input will ensure this indicator of ERA is developed with the confidence of the research community.

The ARC is currently working with over 400 expert reviewers to finalise the journal list for ERA in 2010. This includes minor revisions to the PCE and HCA lists that are currently being used for the 2009 ERA trial.

You can view the 2009 PCE and HCA journal lists and download the new journal at www.arc.gov.au > *Research Excellence* > *Journal Lists*.

Note

Following your feedback, ***ERA News* will now be distributed monthly.**

Special editions of *ERA News* will be distributed more frequently when required.

Outreach

Leanne Harvey will be giving a presentation to Monash University's Academics Heads Network Conference in Melbourne soon.

Presentations and other Outreach activities are important in helping the research and higher education sector understand the importance of ERA and the rapid pace its development is moving at.

If you have any up-coming events that you would like ERA staff to attend and present at, please email Liz Visher at liz.visher@arc.gov.au or phone **02 6287 6665**.

What is ERA News?

ERA News is an Australian Research Council (ARC) produced newsletter targeted to ERA Liaison Officers. It highlights recent activities involved in the ERA initiative and answers questions about institutions' participation in ERA.

ERA News is emailed to ERA Liaison Officers and also published to the ARC website at www.arc.gov.au > *Research Excellence* > *ERA Newsletter*.

The ERA Team appreciates feedback. If you have any comments or suggestions for this newsletter, please email era@arc.gov.au or phone (02) 6287 6755.

Your questions

Must a research output submitted for peer review only have one link?

No. Institutions may provide any number links for each research output submitted for peer review.

Can we link from our repository to a research output held in an external site?

Yes. You may be able to link through to publishers' externally hosted repositories and to other websites, providing the necessary copyright provisions are observed and that the ARC can obtain access to these sites via SEER.

For the HCA trail in 2009, the ARC will only be supporting access to external (i.e. publisher) repositories that are publicly available. This access does not require authentication.

We have Research Output Digital Assets ("RODA") files that exceed the file size limit. Can we still make these available?

Yes. Institutions can provide links to external sites hosting these large files, providing the necessary copyright provisions are observed and that the ARC can obtain access to these sites via SEER.

Files that are greater than 15Mb can still be submitted; however, they must comprise less than five per cent of the total artefacts available for peer-review. File size will be capped at 30Mb.

If you have a question about ERA, please email era@arc.gov.au or phone **02 6287 6755** and we will be happy to help you.