



Message from the General Manager

Welcome to 2010 and the first ERA News for the year. As you are all aware this is a big year for us all with the full ERA process.

As you would appreciate, we have released a large amount of material to help you prepare for the full ERA. I am aware there may be occasions where we become aware that there are parts of the sector interpreting things differently or wording clarification is needed. In these circumstances, we will release additional material to clarify and so we will soon be providing a dedicated ERA notification page on our website. This page will be updated when components of ERA documentation have been clarified (not changed! But clarified) – we will, of course, continue to notify ERA Liaison Officers directly.



I look forward to working with you all in the year ahead.

Leanne Harvey

Ranked Outlets

Following an extensive period of wide public consultation, the ARC has released the full Ranked Journal List for the 2010 ERA. This represents the consolidated views of over 700 expert reviewers who assisted in the development of the list.

For each journal, the Ranked Journal List includes:

- Journal title
- ISSN(s)
- ERA ID (unique to each Journal)
- Up to 3 Field of Research (FoR) codes
- A single quality rating of A*, A, B or C. Journals that commenced in 2008 were considered too new to be assigned a firm quality rating so they are not ranked.

All information relating to the new list can be obtained from the ARC website at: www.arc.gov.au/era/era_journal_list.htm.

ERA-SEER Technology Pack

The ARC has released a revision to the *ERA-SEER 2010 Technology Pack*. This information was communicated to ERA Liaison Officers and ERA Technical Officers on 22 February 2010. The new version of the Technology Pack is available on the ARC website at:

www.arc.gov.au/era/key_docs10.htm.

It contains updates to the XML schema and corresponding examples, and amendments to the *ERA-SEER 2010 Technical Specifications*. It also contains the ERA 2010 Ranked Journal List and ERA 2010 Conference Lists in Excel and XML formats.

Repository Testing

Preliminary repository testing is being undertaken between SEER and specific universities. A thorough testing period is expected to take place on each institution's repository from March 2010. Universities will be contacted in the coming weeks about this repository testing strategy.

Important dates in 2010

With the full ERA to take place this year it is an opportune time to highlight the important dates for 2010. The following table outlines submission activities along with their commencement and end dates.

Activity	Start Date	End Date	Responsible
Submission opens	Tuesday 1 June	Friday 18 June	Institutions
Submission verification	Monday 21 June	Thursday 22 July	ARC, with Institutions
Electronic certification	Friday 23 July	Thursday 29 July	Institutions
Hard copy certification	Friday 30 July	Friday 6 August	Institutions

Outreach

The following presentations on ERA are being given by ERA staff during March:

- 17-19 March** **Charles Sturt University**
- 25 March** **Southern Cross University**
- 25-26 March** **University of Melbourne and RMIT**

If you have any up-coming events that you would like ERA staff to attend and present at, please email era@arc.gov.au or phone the ERA Helpdesk on **02 6287 6755**.

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