

C9-Go8 HDR Forum



Following the inaugural C9-Go8 HDR Forum “Climate: Science + Humanities” at Harvard University in 2010, the second “C9-Go8 HDR Forum” jointly developed by the Consortium of China Nine Universities (C9) and Go8 was successfully held on 12 -15 October, 2011 at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China.

The theme of this year’s forum was “Clean Energy and Global Change”. Over 50 research students and faculty members from C9 and Go8 universities participated in the event. During the forum, the students presented their research on themes including energy management, business and economics, energy systems and modelling, law, policy and regulation.

At the same time academic staff from Go8 and C9 universities participated with the students in a workshop on research leadership. The workshop covered disciplinary, cultural and ethical models of leadership and influence, human relations and cross-disciplinary problem solving, global research trends, and teamwork and project management.

The C9-Go8 HDR Forum has created a platform for students from a broad range of academic fields to exchange ideas. It provides an opportunity for Chinese and Australian research students to connect and engage with each other, raise their awareness of global challenges and enhance their inter-disciplinary research, innovation and leadership skills.

The next C9-Go8 HDR Forum will be hosted in Australia in 2012.

For more information: www.go8.edu.au/university-staff/events/go8-c9-hdr-forum-2011-clean-energy-and-global-change-for-the-future

IDE Berlin

The President of the Free University of Berlin, Professor Peter-Andre Alt, officially opened the annual International Dialogue on Education (IDE) on 10 October 2011 in Berlin.

The theme of this year’s event was inter-disciplinary research. The international panel of experts and audience members considered ways to successfully organise inter-disciplinary research within higher education institutions as well as the impact it has on academic research careers.

The Go8 partners with the German Academic Exchange Service, the British Council and the Free University in hosting this annual dialogue. This year experts from Australia (Pauline Nestor, Monash University), the UK (Simon Goldhill, Cambridge University), the US (Frank Kessel, University of New Mexico) and Germany (Carsten Dose, Freiburg University) presented their detailed understanding of systems and developments in each country.

Further information available from the IDE and DAAD websites.

www.daad-magazin.de/18777/index.html

www.daad.de/ID-E_Berlin/



Professor Peter Andre-Alt, President of Free University in Berlin, opens the International Dialogue on Education in Berlin on 10 October 2011.

\$1.3 million additional funding for research exchange with Germany

The Go8 and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) recently announced a further \$1.3 million of funding for joint research exchange with Germany.

In 2007 the Go8 formed a partnership with the DAAD to create the Go8-Germany Joint Research Cooperation Scheme.

Since then the scheme has provided AUD5 million to support research exchange between Australia and Germany. The scheme has a particular focus on opportunities for early career researchers.

In its first five years the scheme has provided funding for 153 projects on issues ranging from renewable energy and emissions trading to ageing and integration of migrants.

The Go8 was able to match the DAAD's increased funding this year which resulted in a 37 per cent success rate for applicants.

Further details about the scheme including comprehensive lists of projects funded since 2008 are available from the Go8 website at: www.go8.edu.au/university-staff/programs-and-fellowships-1/go8-germany-joint-research-co-operation-scheme

Go8 universities in Europe

Staff of all Go8 member universities attended the 23rd European Association for International Education (EAIE) conference in Copenhagen from 14-16 September 2011.

The conference continues to attract a larger audience each year with a record 4,300 delegates this year.

The Go8 booth at the EAIE exhibition offered a great place for staff and students from partner universities from all over the world to meet.

The next EAIE will be held in Dublin from 11-14 September 2012.



New Go8 Backgrounder: 'Answering the Global Challenge – Experiences from European Excellence Initiatives'

There is now a great deal of experience across different countries as they work to improve the productivity and excellence of their higher education institutions. Each nation strives to create an international reputation for excellence that will attract students, academic staff and business.

This backgrounder describes and explores the lessons of the German Excellence Initiative and a similar program in France.

Available to download from the Go8 website at: www.go8.edu.au/university-staff/go8-policy-and-analysis



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Go8 Deans of Medicine meet in Canberra on 8 November
- Go8 Deans of Graduate Studies meet in Dunedin on 9 November
- Go8 Research Integrity and Ethics Group meet in Melbourne on 15 November
- Go8 Academic Policy Committee meet in Sydney on 16 November
- Go8 Planning and Statistics Directors meet in Perth on 17-18 November
- Go8 Deputy Vice-Chancellors (Research) meet in Auckland on 17-18 November
- Go8 Board meets in Canberra on 17 November
- Go8 International Directors meet in Canberra on 23 November
- Go8 Human Resources Directors meet in Melbourne on 24 November

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