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ASSEMBLY WATCH

Public Consultations

The Welsh Assembly Government is seeking your views on the following:

[Severn Tidal Power Feasibility Study](#)

[Climate Change Strategy Consultation](#)

Please click the above for further details

Appointments to the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales

27 January. Four new members and the reappointment of one existing member, to the Higher Funding Council for Wales have been announced.

New Assembly paper on Climate Change

The National Assembly's Members' Research Service has recently published a current awareness paper entitled: **Climate Change & Sustainability**. A copy of the 21-page publication can be found at:

<http://www.assemblywales.org/ca09-002.pdf>

Enterprise and Learning Committee

The Committee has released its interim report on the Economic Contribution of Higher Education in Wales. The final report is expected in the summer, following the publication of Professor Mervyn Jones' recommendations to the First Minister on tuition fees.

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-guide-docs-pub/bus-business-documents/bus-business-documents-doc-laid.htm?act=dis&id=113522&ds=1/2009>

AROUND THE UNIVERSITIES

ABERYSTWYTH



[Green fuel](#)

27 January. Scientists at IBERS are set to play a major role in a £27m UK initiative to develop clean, green and sustainable fuels.

Pictured is Dr Iain Donnison who will be a member of a team of scientists working on this project.

CARDIFF

[Cardiff scientists start clinical trials following drug discovery](#)

21 January. The latest finding in the School of Medicine's ongoing exploration into chronic lymphocytic leukaemia.

[Imaging technology deal puts next-generation chip technology in focus](#)

21 January. Lab-on-a-chip imaging technology has potential to speed up diagnosis of disease.

GLAMORGAN

[University Launches First Research Journal](#)

21 January. The first edition of the 'Journal of Applied Research in Higher Education' has been published by the University of Glamorgan.

BANGOR

Bangor Scientist Appointed to Prestigious Finnish Post

27 January. Professor David Thomas, Bangor University's Professor of Marine Biology, has been appointed one of 12 international Finland Distinguished Professors by the Academy of Finland.

[Click here for more...](#)

USEFUL LINKS

Progress of Legislative Competence Orders (LCOs) and Measures: <http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-legislation/bus-legislation-progress-lcos-measures.htm>

Find my Assembly Member:

<http://www.assemblywales.org/memhome/member-search.htm>

Roles and Responsibilities in the Assembly:
<http://www.assemblywales.org/memhome/mem-role-response.htm>

IN THE NEWS

[Science now needs a broader dialogue with the public](#)

Media Wales 9 February

MOST people will be aware of the Human Genome Project, if only from populist media coverage. But how many fully appreciate what a landmark event it represents? An article by Dr Paul Walker, Chair, PHA Cymru.

[National Assembly produce damning report on Wales' battle with climate change](#)

Media Wales 9 February

"THE National Assembly's new report on carbon emissions presents an unflattering portrait of Wales' engagement with the issue of climate change".

Attacking the Recession

NESTA, the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts has published a paper entitled: ***Attacking the Recession: How Innovation Can Fight the Downturn*** to contribute to and stimulate the wider discussion of what the recession means for the UK and how we should respond. The paper was discussed at *Innovation in an Economy Downturn - Wales*, an event organised by NESTA at the Wales Millennium Centre, Cardiff Bay, on 28th January.

The speakers included report co-author Charles Leadbeater and Huw Lewis AM, Chair of the Assembly's recently formed Cross-Party Group on Science and Technology.

To download the 24-page, please click below

http://www.nesta.org.uk/assets/Uploads/pdf/Intereport/attacking_the_recession_discussion_paper_NESTA.pdf

EVENTS

National Museum Cardiff

Darwin: A Revolutionary Scientist

From now until January 2010

This exhibition explores Darwin's remarkable life, voyages and discoveries. Find out about Darwin's fieldtrips in Wales; discover the species he would have encountered on the Beagle voyage; and get to grips with evolution.

Special Evening Lecture: Darwin's Island

Thursday 12th February 6.30pm

Dr David Robinson from the Open University asks 'What does the future hold for Darwin's islands?'

All / Free / Places limited / Booking essential: (029) 2057 3148.

Bangor University

RSC Lecture: Ionic liquids and their Industrial Applications

Tuesday 24th February 2009, 4.15pm to 5.00pm, Orton Lecture Theatre, 2nd Floor, Adeilad Alun Roberts, Bangor

Royal Society of Chemistry

Voice of the Future 2009

Tuesday 10th March, 12 Noon, Portcullis House, Westminster

The Royal Society of Chemistry is once again organising ***Voice of the Future*** with the objective of strengthening links between the scientific community, Parliament and Government. The event is free to attend and open to anyone with an interest in Science under the age of 37.

Phil Willis MP, Chair of the House of Commons Select Committee on Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills, will chair a special **Science Question Time**, providing the opportunity to put questions to a panel of MP's to discuss the concerns and issues facing us today.

Further details are available at

<http://www.rsc.org/ScienceAndTechnology/Parliament/Events/VOF2009.asp>