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1. UWA NEER committee

The main committee for NEER has been meeting on a monthly basis ever since submitting the bid last March. Since learning of our Network's success, we have established a small steering committee which meets every week to prepare draft documentation and formulate plans in advance of receiving guidelines from the ARC. Theme leaders are sent minutes and draft documents for their consideration and input. The main committee continues to meet every month, currently under the chairmanship of Chris Wortham, during Pam Sharpe's maternity leave.

2. Planning Day 12 November

Plans are well advanced for the NEER Planning Day to be held in the Institute of Advanced Study at UWA on 12 November 2004. We have invited the Theme Leaders: Stephanie Trigg U Melbourne, Michael Bennett U Tasmania, Peter Holbrook U Queensland and Nick Eckstein U Sydney; the signatories to the original application; Ian Donaldson of the Australian Humanities Research Centre; and the UWA NEER committee.

3. Issues to be discussed.

   a. forms of governance,
   b. membership criteria,
   c. programme of symposia and conferences,
   d. the creation and use of the Digital Early European Portal: DEEP,
   e. the establishment of the postgraduate e-consult and advanced seminar schemes.

4. Website for Planning Day

Draft discussion papers for the Planning Day are in the process of preparation and will be posted to the website in advance of 12 November, as soon as they are ready. The same applies to the programme for the
day, and to the monthly bulletins.

5. Forthcoming Conferences

As part of the planning, we need to know of any forthcoming Australasian conferences for 2005 and 2006 which are relevant to NEER, and would be grateful for any information you can provide. A number of people have written to me already on this point, but at the time most had no certain dates for their conferences / symposia. We hope to plan the NEER symposia and conferences to dovetail with others, in an attempt to achieve the best possible attendance. If you can give even an approximate date - giving at least the month and year of your planned event - we can make reference to it in our planning schedule. As usual with NEER, we need this information quickly, so that we can incorporate it in our draft documentation for the Planning Day.

6. Terminology

There have been a few changes in terminology:

- 'Theme leaders' instead of 'team leaders'
- 'e-consult scheme' instead of 'e-mentoring scheme'
- 'advanced research seminars for postgraduates' instead of 'research training workshops for postgraduates'

7. Lloyd Davis

We are sorry to report that Lloyd Davis, one of our theme leaders, is on lengthy sick leave. We wish him a speedy return to health. His place is taken, temporarily, by his colleague from UQ, Peter Holbrook.

8. Pam Sharpe

The good news is that Pam Sharpe and her baby daughter are both well. Freya attended her first NEER meeting with Pam last Friday!

Best wishes,

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