

## ThePostgraduate

*The September edition of The Postgraduate has details of our THE Awards shortlist, a reminder about the ICPD Call for Papers, news of our Working Groups and details of forthcoming UKCGE events.*



### CCHAIR'S QUARTERLY BLOG



Welcome to the September Postgraduate newsletter and to my Autumn 2017 blog, a time to look ahead to the challenges and opportunities that the new academic year presents.

Before I do that, I would like to pass on my thanks to all of you who joined us at our Annual Conference in Porto, especially to the University of Porto and particularly the Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences (FPCEUP) who welcomed us so warmly.

Prior to the conference itself, I gave a keynote on Doctoral Education Developments in European Context to a well-attended FPCEUP Centre for Research and Intervention in Education (CIIE) workshop. The conference itself was an opportunity for all of us, in the light of the 2016 Brexit vote, to think about what our future relationship with Europe might be like and how we could seek to shape that connection.

Personally, I feel that relationship is quite clear: We're geographically, culturally, academically and socially very close to Europe. That won't change. We have to carry on collaborating with our European counterparts and that

has to be the message threaded through all that we do.

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## TOP STORY

### THE Awards Shortlist Announced

The highly anticipated shortlist for our [Outstanding Research Supervisor of the Year](#) award at this year's THE Awards was announced last month. And we're pleased to say that, just as in 2016, this category received a fantastic response from the PG community.

This year's winner will be the individual who has created the most supportive, stimulating and inspirational research environment for doctoral students. This year the nomination process required the supervisor's institution to support the submission and student testimonies had to be included in the supplementary documentation.

The shortlisted supervisors are:

|                  |                 |                |         |             |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------|-------------|
| <b>Gerardo</b>   | <b>Adesso</b>   | University     | of      | Nottingham  |
| <b>Jon</b>       | <b>Anderson</b> | Cardiff        |         | University  |
| <b>Francesca</b> | <b>Arrigoni</b> | Kingston       |         | University  |
| <b>Yogesh</b>    | <b>K.</b>       | <b>Dwivedi</b> | Swansea | University  |
| <b>Jelena</b>    | <b>Grbic</b>    | University     | of      | Southampton |
| <b>Matthew</b>   | <b>Inglis</b>   | Loughborough   |         | University  |

We're sure you'll join us in wishing all the nominees the very best of luck!

The winner will be announced at THE Awards ceremony at the Grosvenor House Hotel on Thursday 30th November. We'll update you here with news from the event as soon as we have it or you can follow our coverage of THE Awards live on Twitter (follow us [@ukcge](#)) on the night.

## UKCGE NEWS

### UKCGE LAUNCHES REGIONAL NETWORKING MEETINGS

The Council is excited to announce that we are launching a new series of regional UKCGE networking events that are free-to-attend for anyone working in the postgraduate education sector.

These meetings will be an opportunity for you to hear from a prominent speaker and to meet & connect with peers from other HEIs in your region. Helping to build relationships and support networks to strengthen the sector in those regions.

The events will also be a friendly introduction to the UKCGE for those of you who haven't yet been to one of

workshops, seminars or conferences before - giving you an overview of how the UKCGE can support you throughout your career.

The first two meetings are taking place in November - with the 1st at Liverpool John Moores covering the North West and 2nd at Durham University covering the North East. And, if these events are a success, we'll be hitting the road to take them to the other regions of the UK over the coming academic year.

If you're from an institution in either of those regions, we'll send more details about your local event in the next 2 weeks. So please do keep an eye on inbox.



## Measuring the Impact of PSS Funding

**King's** **Manor,** **York**  
*1st* *November* *2017*

### **Event**

### **Overview**

This half-day seminar will draw on key lessons from HEFCE's Postgraduate Support Scheme to identify and develop transferable insights for institutional postgraduate policy and support.

The event will be led by Professor Paul Wakeling, University of York, who carried out the evaluations of the Postgraduate Support Scheme in 2014/15 and 2015/16.

### **Who Would Benefit by Attending?**

The event will be of interest to staff in higher education institutions who are involved in strategy or policy for recruitment and support of 'home' taught postgraduate students. Also interested will be academic and professional staff with a significant taught postgraduate remit, as well as student representatives such as student union officers.

### **Cost:**

**£100 per**

**delegate\***

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*information*

**&**

*bookings:*

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\* UKCGE member rate.

*Workshop*

**Graduate School Managers**  
**Network Annual Meeting**

**13th November 2017**  
Imperial College London

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*Workshop*  
**Effective supervision of  
Professional and Practice-based  
Doctorates**

**7th December 2017**  
Central London - Venue TBC

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*Residential Workshop*  
**Enhancing the Student  
Experience for International  
Doctoral Students**

**28th November 2017**  
The Teacher Building, Glasgow

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*Residential Workshop*  
**Deans and Directors of Graduate  
Schools Network**

**1st - 2nd March 2018**  
Macdonald Hotel, Manchester

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6TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATES

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[6th International Conference on Professional Doctorates](#)

## REMINDER: ICPD CALL FOR PAPERS!

A brief reminder that the [Call for Papers](#) for the [6th International Conference on Professional Doctorates](#) closes on **20th October 2017**, so please act quickly if you or a colleague would like to make a submission.

## Themes of the Conference

The conference will be arranged around the following broad themes:

- Curriculum development in collaboration with industry and commerce, professional and statutory bodies
- Pedagogy including novel modes of delivery
- Professional impact and transformation
- The candidate experience.

## Paper Formats

Papers will be presented in the following formats:

- Paper presentations
- Round-table discussions
- Thematic workshops
- 'Pecha Kucha' presentations
- Impact case study posters
- Poster displays

## Information Required With Your Submission

Authors are asked to submit an abstract, of up to 300-words, that provides details of:

- Aims and objectives
- How it is relevant to the conference theme
- The evidence base for the content
- Expected conclusions

## Submit Your Paper

Once you have all the required information you can make your submission

here: <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ICPD2018submission/>

*More conference information & submissions:*

<http://www.ukcge.ac.uk/profdocs>

## WORKING GROUPS UPDATE

### PGT

### EXPERIENCE

### INAUGURAL

### MEETING

The first meeting of the Postgraduate Student Experience Working Group took place at the University of Edinburgh on the 31st August.

The group, chaired by Gale Macleod, continues the Council's commitment to support PGT, and will consider in further detail the findings of their previous investigations, as well as developing additional areas.

At the meeting, it was agreed the group will be split into a small number of subgroups, each focusing on an individual issue. Proposed areas of interest were tabled for consideration, with a final agreement to be made at the next meeting in early October. More updates to follow.

## **PG FUNDING WORKING GROUP WELCOMES NEW CHAIR**

The Postgraduate Funding Working Group has appointed Simon Ells, the University of Birmingham's Doctoral Training Partnerships Officer, as its new chair. Simon's appointment follows Dan Pearson's decision to step down as Chair after changing roles at Warwick. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Dan for all his hard work during his tenure as Chair and wish him the very best for his new role.

Additionally, the group welcomes Andrea Buck of Swansea University as the UKCGE's Executive Committee's link member on the working group and will be joined on the group by Jane Johnston, of the University of Edinburgh, to present a Scottish perspective and Mark Kelly, from Queen's University Belfast, to present a Northern Irish perspective.

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