MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING HEAD

The Head of School, John Foster, is currently Acting Dean of the BEL Faculty for three months, and as a result Tim Coelli is Acting Head in his place.

2004 has been a very busy year for the School of Economics. Enrolments continue to be strong in all undergraduate and graduate programs. In particular, the Honours program has over 20 students enrolled this year, which is always a good indicator of a healthy teaching program.

Research activity in the School has also been quite significant, as evidenced by the large number of excellent conference presentations and publications listed within this Bulletin. The School has also continued to foster strong linkages with other academic organisations and the wider community. We have hosted visitors from a range of countries, including Greece, Japan, UK, Germany, China and Thailand, plus we have also received a number of excellent seminar speakers from around Australia and overseas. In addition, the School has hosted two conferences this year: the Asia Pacific Productivity Conference and the Chinese Economic Studies Conference, plus two workshops on Remittances, Microfinance and Technology and the French-Australian Workshop of the Research Groups in Economic and Management Sciences.

So congratulations are due to all general and academic staff for their excellent contributions this year. The final exams are almost upon us, so we are clearly in the home straight for 2004.

I wish you all the best for the remainder of the semester and the summer vacation.

Tim Coelli,
Acting Head

Any items of interest, as well as work related items, are welcome. Sue Scott, Editor
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IMPORTANT DATES

SECOND SEMESTER 2004
Revision 1/11/04
Exams 8/11/04
Semester ends 20/11/04

SUMMER SEMESTER 2004-5
Classes 29/11/04 – 29/1/05
Mid Semester Break 25/12/04 – 4/1/05
Classes Resume 4/1/05 – 29/1/05
Revision 31/1/05
Exams 7/2/05
Semester ends 12/2/05

STAFF CHANGES

Welcome…

- Mr. John E. Hall has been appointed Adjunct Professor in the School until 31 December 2006.
- Professor Steven Bradley has been appointed Honorary Professor until 31 December 2006.
- Dr Michael Graff has been appointed Senior Lecturer commencing March 2005.
- Mr Stuart McDonald has been appointed lecturer in economics commencing January 2005.
- Mr David Willis has been appointed lecturer in economics commencing January 2005.
- Mr. Sandy Suardi has been appointed lecturer in economics commencing January 2005.

Departures…

- George Docwra retired from the School on 1 March, 2004. He has been appointed Honorary Research Consultant for 3 years from 1 July, 2004.

GREETINGS

Hi. I’m back again, filling in for Kaelene until 17 December, 2004 while she is on secondment to Gatton Campus. Please email all your entries for the Bulletin.
Congratulations to...

- **John Foster**
  - was reappointed as Head of School of Economics for a period of five years from 1 January 2004.
  - appointed as Acting Executive Dean, BEL Faculty, UQ from 23 August to 12 November, 2004.
  - elected Vice President of the International Schumpeter Society at its last conference at Bocconi University in Milan, 9-12 June 2004.

- **John Quiggin**
  - has won the 2004 Australian Citation Laureate for economics. He is the only Queensland academic amongst 17 national winners in a range of fields from space science to philosophy.
  - has topped an Australian Hall of Fame for economists, outranking nine star economists for quantity and quality of journal publications in the latest edition of the *Economics Bulletin*.

- **Peter Earl** has been reappointed to the position of Associate Professor in the field of Business Economics.

**Awards for Teaching Excellence**: A morning tea function was held on the Rooftop Terrace at Colin Clark building, 2 June 2004, whereby the official presentation of the School's Awards for Teaching Excellence was conducted. The awards for performance in 2003 were presented to: Dr Chris O'Donnell (first prize), Dr James Laurenceson (second prize) and Alan Duhs (third prize).

and further congratulations to...

- Jason Potts & Kate Morrison on their recent engagement.
- Tim & Michelle Coelli on the birth of their daughter Lauren Therese on 1/7/04.
- Leo & Mariela Yanes on the birth of their daughter Sofia on 6/8/04.

**VISITORS/GUESTS**

- **Berys Gwynne**, Executive Director of the Foundation for Development Cooperation (FDC), met with academics to discuss how the School could work with FDC. The Foundation for Development Cooperation is an independent “international development” think-tank based here in Brisbane. Established in 1990 as a result of the determination and generosity of a local businessman, FDC is the only organisation of its kind devoted to action on research, policy dialogue and advocacy and capacity building on international development issues. Its geographical focus is Asia and the Pacific. See [wwwfdc.org.au](http://wwwfdc.org.au) and [www.bwtp.org](http://www.bwtp.org) for further information.

- **Professor Thomas Moutos** of Athens University of Economics and Business was a Visiting Professor in the School from 1 March - 1 May, 2004. During this period, Dr Moutos conducted his own research.

- **Dr Takeshi Hidaka** of the Faculty of Agriculture, Kinki University, Nara City, Japan, was a Visiting Fellow from 1 April - 31 July, 2004.

- **Professor Steven Bradley** of the Department of Economics, Lancaster University, was a Visiting Fellow from 5 to 24 July 2004.

- **Dr Alecej Lissitsa** of the Institute of Agricultural Development in Central & Eastern Europe (IAMO) Department Structural Development of Farms and Rural Areas, was a Visiting Fellow from 5 July - 30 October, 2004.

- The School hosted the following visitors from top international universities with a view to future collaboration:
  - **July**:
    - Prof. Li Tiande (School of Economics, Sichuan University, China)
    - Ming Liu (School of Economics, Sichuan University, China)
    - Prof. Zang Xuheng (School of Economics, Shandong University, China)
    - Li Wei (School of Economics, Shandong University, China)
  - **September**:
    - Associate Professor Paitoon Kraipornsak (Faculty of Economics, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand)
    - Dr. Thawatchai Jittrapanun (Faculty of Economics, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand)

**SCHOOL SEMINARS**

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John Quiggin

- panellist at the launch of *The Howard Years* (had chapter in the book) at the Avid Reader Event organised by Black Inc Publishers, Brisbane, 19 February 2004.
- attended the Thomson ISI ‘Honouring Excellence in Australian Research’ event to receive the 2004 Australian Citation Laureate Award for Economics, National Press Club, Canberra, 24 March 2004.
- discussant for the Panel Discussion following the presentation of the Thomson ISI 2004 Australian Citation Laureate Awards, National Press Club, Canberra, 24 March 2004.
- appeared on SBS TV Insight program on tax called ‘The Money or the Box?’, 3 May 2004.
- interview with NewSpace (UQ School of Journalism and Communication's web-based news operation) about the Federal budget, 12 May 2004.
- interview with Steve Austin of the ABC Radio 612 Morning Program regarding the state Budget and infrastructure spending, 9 June 2004.
- refereed papers in
  - Regional Science
  - Economics Bulletin
  - Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics
  - Australian Journal of Politics and History
  - Economic Papers
  - Economic Record
  - Journal of Risk and Uncertainty
  - Australian Journal of Public Administration

Jon Stanford

The 14th Colin Clark Memorial Lecture was held on 20 August, 2004, at Customs House. Professor Allan Fels AO, Dean of the Australia & New Zealand School of Government spoke on ‘The Strategy of Economic Regulation’.

Asia Pacific Productivity Conference: was held at the University of Queensland 14-16 July, 2004. Conference organisers were Tim Coelli, Chris O’Donnell and Prasada Rao.

Foundation for Development Co-operation Workshop: A one & half day workshop A workshop co-organised by FDC and the University of Queensland entitled “Remittances, Microfinance & Technology: Leveraging Development Impact for Pacific States” was held on 10-11 June, 2004 in Brisbane.

Chinese Economic Studies Conference: The 16th Annual Conference of the Association for Chinese Economic Studies (Australia) (ACESA), was held at Emmanuel College, University of Queensland from 19 - 20, July, 2004. This conference was hosted by the ACESA in conjunction with the School of Economics. James Laurenceson was conference organiser.

The First Annual French-Australian Workshop of the Research Groups in Economic and Management Sciences: was held on 29-30 September, 2004 at the University of Queensland. It was organised by Université de La Réunion (CERESUR and FACIREM), France, and the School of Economics, University of Queensland (Prof. C. Tisdell) to examine “Leading Economic and Managerial Issues involving Globalisation”.

Rodney Beard
- attended the TEDI workshop, Honours Advising, 5 February, 2004.

Richard Brown
- presented the paper ‘Migration of Skilled Health Professionals from the South Pacific: Brain Drain with Capital Gains’ (jointly authored with John Connell) at the conference: Decentering Southeast Asia? Sixth ASEAN Inter-University Seminar on Social Development, Penang, 14-16 May, 2004. organised by the School of Social Sciences, Universiti Sains Malaysia in collaboration with the Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore and School of Social Development, Universiti Utara Malaysia.

Tim Coelli
- was an invited participant in the Business Longitudinal Database Workshop, organised by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Canberra, 22 March, 2004.
- was an invited participant and discussant at the Performance of Air Transport Markets Conference hosted by the Services Industry Research Centre in the Asia Pacific School of Economics and Government at the Australian National University and the Network Economics Consulting Group, Canberra, 24-25 June, 2004.
- presented a workshop on ‘Econometric Estimation of Distance Functions: with Application to Price Regulation in Infrastructure Industries’ at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain, 22-23 September, 2004.
- presented a workshop on “Performance Measurement in Infrastructure Industries” at the University of Cambridge, UK, 29, September, 2004.
- was invited by the Federal Minister for Ageing to be a member of the Conditional Adjustment Payment (CAP) and Prudential Reference Group. This group has been set up to provide the Minister with advice on certain issues relating to the funding of residential aged care facilities in Australia.
- was appointed Acting Head of School of Economics, 23 August – 12 November, 2004.
- Refereed papers in:
  - Journal of Econometrics
  - Transportation
  - Agricultural Economics
  - Journal of Productivity Analysis
  - Economic Enquiry
  - Aquaculture Economics and Management
  - World Bank Economic Review
  - Energy Economics
  - Economic Record
  - Journal of Development Studies
  - Empirical Economics
  - Annals of Operations Research
- Examiner of PhD theses for:
  - University of New South Wales
  - Australian National University
Averil Cook

- attended the TEDI workshop, Honours Advising, 5 February, 2004.

Steve Harrison

- presented ‘An Evaluation of the Performance of a Community Rainforest Reforestation Program in North Queensland’ at a conference at Washington State University 29 March to 4 April, 2004, co-written with R. Harrison & J. Herbohn.
- attended research project meetings Freiburg, Germany, April, 2004.
- as joint project leader, presented a review of research undertaken over the last year in ‘Project 5.3: Social and economic aspects of reforestation’, to the Program Support Group Summit of the Rainforest Cooperative Research Centre on 1-2 June, in Cairns.

Galina Ivanova


Sukhan Jackson

- with Adrian Sleigh, Wang Guo-Jie and Liu Xi-Li presented the paper ‘Risk of pulmonary tuberculosis disease and out-migration for work among rural workers of China’s Henan province’ International Workshop on Population Dynamics and Infectious Disease in Asia, at the Asian MetaCentre for Population and Sustainable Development Analysis, Asian Research Institute, National University of Singapore, 27-29 October 2004

James Laurenceson

- attended the TEDI workshop, Honours Advising, 5 February, 2004.
- participated in 2nd CABM/HEMA workshop (Centre for Agent Based Modelling/Human Ecosystems Modelling Network with Agents) 17-18 May, 2004, held at ANU.

Bruce Littleboy

- attended the TEDI workshop, Honours Advising, 5 February, 2004.
- re-elected Vice President of the Cambridge Society of Queensland, a society for those with Alumni and visiting-scholar connections with Cambridge University.
- re-elected President of UQ’s Economics Alumni.
- presented a one hour lecture on 13 January, 2004 ‘The Economics of Everything’, to English Language Institute Students planning to enter the University.

Tony Makin

- lectured for the IMF Singapore Training Institute in short courses for government officials from Asia-Pacific countries on Financial Programming and Policies at the central bank of The Philippines in Manila (April); on the Macroeconomic Impact of the Budget in Singapore (August) and on Structural Adjustment and Poverty in Singapore/October).
- presented a paper on ‘Financial Stability and Monetary Management’ as Australia’s representative at a Pacific Economic Co-operation Council conference on Financial Stability in the Asia-Pacific in Osaka, Japan, 20-21 March, 2004. He also acted as discussant on country papers presented by delegates of The Philippines and Ecuador.
- was re-appointed to the review board of The International Trade Journal; refereed papers for The Economic Record (x 2) The Australian Economic Review and The International Trade Journal; assessed several ARC Discovery Grant applications in May;
invited by the United Nations Development Program to participate in a global survey of authors of well known textbooks in International Economics.

John Mangan

- presented ‘An Analysis of Success and Failure in the Australian Labour Market using the HILDA Dataset’ with Professor Vani Borooah from the Department of Economics, University of Ulster on 5 March, 2004. The seminar was hosted by the Centre for Economic Policy Modelling.

Chris O’Donnell

- presented ‘A Bayesian Approach to Imposing Curvature on Distance Functions’, seminar presented at the University of Sydney, 28 May, 2004.

John Quiggin

- invited participant at a conference on Fiscal Policy and Financial Markets hosted by the Australian National University and ICAP, Canberra, 28 October, 2003.
- presented a paper on ‘The defence and security budgets in the public policy process’ to the Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies (CDSS), Canberra, 29 October, 2003.
- presented a paper on ‘Transfers and efficiency in outsourcing’ at a Conference on ‘The Economic and Social Impacts of Outsourcing’ hosted by the Centre for Applied Economic Research, Faculty of Commerce and Economics, University of New South Wales, Sydney, 4 December, 2003.
- presented a paper on ‘Risk, PPPs and the public comparator’ at a Forum on ‘Private-Public Partnerships’ hosted by the School of Business, Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Sydney, 8 December, 2003.
- taught a half-day segment on ‘Government service provision and regulation’ for the course entitled ‘Government in the Market Economy’ provided by the Australia–New Zealand School of Government, Griffith University, South Bank, Brisbane, 26 March, 2004.
- addressed a public forum held by the Don Dunstan Foundation on ‘The electricity crisis: what can be done?’, Adelaide, 20 April 2004.
- presented a lecture on ‘The economics of higher education funding’, Guest lecture presented for ECON1120 (The Economics of Social Issues), School of Economics, University of Queensland, 28 April, 2004.
presented a lecture on ‘Neoliberalism, state sovereignty and the policy convergence debate’, Guest lecture presented for POLS2402, School of Political Science and International Studies, University of Queensland, 28 April, 2004.

presented a lecture on ‘The US–Australia Free Trade Agreement: Folly or our future?’ to the Australian Institute for International Affairs, Brisbane, 28 April, 2004.

one of four economists attending a one-day workshop on the costs and benefits of climate change to interact with the project team from National Futures, Resource Futures Program, CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems Canberra, 4 May 2004.

attended a round table discussion with the Senate Select Committee on the Free Trade Agreement between Australia and the United States of America, Parliament House, Canberra. (The roundtable will be recorded by Hansard, and a transcript will be incorporated into the proceedings of the inquiry.), 5 May, 2004.


Alicia Rambaldi

acted as referee for the following journals:  
Journal of Futures Markets  
The Economic Record  
Journal of Business and Economic Statistics


Jon Stanford


Clem Tisdell


attended the Editorial Board meeting of the Indian Economic Journal while in India.

visited the Chh. Shakhu Central Institute of Business Education and Research in Kilhapur for discussions with staff and gave a guest lecture to Master of Business Administration students on aspects of managerial economics and another to Master of Environmental Management students on issues in ecological and environmental economics.

appointed by the International Society of Ecological Economics to the Selection Committee for the Kenneth Boulding Memorial Award. The appointment is for 2004-2006 inclusive. This nomination is determined by contributions to scholarship generally.

presented a seminar on ‘Tourism Strategies of China’ on 18 February, 2004, to Chinese students undertaking a Master program at the Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.


2nd Semester 2004

Jason Potts (1/7/04-31/12/04)  
Alicia Rambaldi (6/7/04-31/12/04)  
Kartik Roy (1/7/04-31/12/04)  
K K Tang (1/7/04-31/12/04)
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AWARDS - PhDs

Congratulations to...

- Dr Zhicun Gao, awarded PhD on 24 November 2003.


Investigator: J. Laurenceson & KK Tang
Project Title: Shanghai as an International Financial Centre
Period of Grant: 2004
Amount of Grant: $10,000
Granting Body: UQ Research Development Grant

Investigator: R. Beard, KK Tang & L. Yanes
Project Title: Organizational Structure and Tournament between Employees
Period of Grant: 2004
Amount of Grant: $9,500
Granting Body: UQ Research Development Grant

Investigator: Prof. T. J. Coelli & Prof CK Lovell
Project Title: ‘Robust Productivity Measurement: An Econometric Distance Function Approach’
Period of Grant: 2004-2006
Amount of Grant: $150,000
Granting Body: Australian Research Council

Partner Organisation: Office of Economic and Statistical Research, Qld Treasury.
Project Title: ‘An Integrated Large Scale Urban Model and Spatial Decision Support System Simulating Growth and Evaluating Sustainability Outcomes for Southeast Queensland.’
Period of Grant: 2004-2006
Amount of Grant: $420,000
Granting Body: Australian Research Council

Sukhan Jackson is a member of a group 50 experts on Asia in a 2004 application for funding from the Australia Research Council Network Grant Scheme 2005-2009 (only 24 applications were funded). Topic: Asia Pacific Futures Network. Funding: $1.5 million. The merged application, through the Asian Studies Association of Australia, went under a single tertiary institution: The Australian National University.

Amanda Fitzgibbons was awarded a New Staff Start-up grant in December last year. Amanda used it to travel to the UK and research George Shackle’s paper at Cambridge University Library.

James Laurenceson & Leonard Fitzpatrick were invited to UQ Foundation for their first UQ Careers Day where they fielded questions from students and James made a presentation.

Year 12 Scholarship Winners: Ms Fay Chen, former year 12 student of Somerville House, has been awarded the domestic UQ Economics Scholarship throughout her BEdcon study as part of her dual BEcon/BLaws degree.
Ms Zhouyi Wang who completed year 12 at Nyanda State High School in 2003 won the International Economics Scholarship which covers 50 percent of tuition fees for the Bachelor of Economics program. Zhouyi is pursuing a dual BEcon/BBusMan degree.
**Jubilee Scholarship:**
The Jubilee Scholarship for 2004 has been awarded to Nick Sayeg. Nick will be studying at the University of British Columbia in 1st Semester 2005. He is currently enrolled in the B Econ/BLaw program at UQ.

**Scholarships:** In 2004 the School of Economics has welcomed scholarship students in the following categories
- International year 12 – 1
- Domestic year 12 – 1
- Vietnamese undergraduate – 2
- Vietnamese graduate – 3
- Malaysian undergraduate – 5 (plus scholarships were extended to 3 Malaysian students to continue Honours
- Foundation Year – 2

**Scholarship Function:** On 24 September, 2004, the School of Economics awarded Scholarship Certificates and Prizes at a function held on the Rooftop Terrace, Colin Clark Building, UQ.

**Economics Schools Day:** On 22 July, 2004, over 700 high school students attended this event organised in conjunction with the Qld Economics Teachers’ Association

**Marketing Travel:**
- January: R. Brown to Malaysia
- February: P. Reithmuller to Thailand
- Feb/March: L. Fitzpatrick to Malaysia
- March: R. Brown to Vietnam
- May: R. Brown to Malaysia
- June: P. Reithmuller to Thailand & Malaysia
- August: K. Roy to India; L. Fitzpatrick to Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia & Singapore
- October: R. Brown to Malaysia & China; J. Laurenceson to China

**UQ School of Economics Website:**
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