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Dear **First Name**,

There is a certain buzz on campus at the moment with the commencement of the academic year. Much is happening at Curtin, as you will note in this edition of the eNews; certainly our biggest for a while.

Curtin now has an Alumni Chapter in Sri Lanka. Successful alumni events were held in Sri Lanka and Hong Kong, last month. Huge thanks to Lakmal, Garry, Joerex, the International Office and the Humanities Faculty for their support of these events.

Enjoy the March edition and please feel free to submit comments, articles, photos and success stories to alumni@curtin.edu.au

Kind regards
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Feature

Report Confirms Curtins World-class Research

A report evaluating *Excellence in Research Australia (ERA)* published on 31 January 2011 has shown that Curtin meet or exceed world standards across a variety of disciplines.

Curtins Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Research and Development, Professor Linda Kristjanson, is pleased with the recent results and believes that the University can look forward to continued growth in research quality and outputs. [Read more](#)



News



Shes Got Talent!

Bianca Vallentine is destined to pull off the impossible - successfully spreading her creative wings in the fashion industry. [Read more.](#)



Alumni Small Business Benchmark results

A high number of Curtin alumni small business owners took part in The WA Small Business Benchmark project. Their results were compared to other small business owners with interesting results. [Read more](#)



Social Work Alumna receives MBE

A Curtin University social work graduate, Elizabeth Gosling, will receive a Member of the Order of the British Empire award at a prestigious ceremony to be held at Buckingham Palace. [Read more](#)

Upcoming events

Awards and recognition

8 March

Curtin Connect: Hanoi
 Presented by Curtin
 International Office
[More details](#)

10 March

Curtin Connect: Ho Chi Minh
 Presented by Curtin
 International Office
[More details](#)

11 March

The Present Condition of and
 Future Vision for the Important
 Relationship between Korea
 and Australia as Middle Powers
 Presented by JCIPP Curtin
 Corner
[More details](#)

11 March

Occupational Therapy Student
 Exhibition
 Presented by Curtin School of
 Occupational Therapy and
 Social Work
[More details](#)

11-12 March

A Wedged Tale
 Presented by Simon Cherriman
[More details](#)

14 March

Virtual Careers Fair
 Presented by Career Centre
[More details](#)

17 March

Skills for Australia: An Industry
 and Government Partnership
 Presented by JCIPP Public
 Policy Forum
[More details](#)

18 March

The Australian Economy and
 Public Policy since Federation
 Presented by JCIPP Curtin
 Corner
[More details](#)

20 March

Freeway Bike Hike
 Presented by Curtin Stadium
[More details](#)

20 & 27 March

Red Cross by Sam Shepard
 Presented by Hayman Theatre
[More details](#)

23 March

2011 Bentley Career Fair
 Presented by Career Centre
[More details](#)



Congratulations to ICRAR-Curtins VLBI (Very Long Baseline Interferometry), Curtin iPortfolio and iSent: Real-time Spatial Consignment Tracking, as finalists in the 20th Annual WAITA Awards. [More information.](#)



Congratulation to graduate Dr. Theodora Issa whose PhD thesis was awarded the 2010 Emerald /EFMD Outstanding Doctoral Research Award in the Management and Governance category. [View thesis.](#)



Lastly, we celebrate another award-winning graduate Jason Xa, who has just become one out of two winners in Australia of the 2010 Google AdWords Train & Gain Challenge. [Read more](#)

Sporting corner

**Freeway Bike Hike**

When winning is not what matters, but participation is. Sunday the 20th of March will see the Curtin Team challenge the Freeway Bike Hike for Asthma for the fourth time!

The event caters for beginners through to elite cyclists with 10km, 30km and 60km distances and is Western Australia's largest single day cycling event.

To register for the Curtin 2011 Team please contact Rodney at r.b.glossop@curtin.edu.au or 9266 4150.

Get involved

Experience Occupational therapy in action

On Friday 11 March, 92 fourth year Occupational Therapy students will showcase the diverse aspects of their exciting profession on campus in Bentley. Click [here](#) for more information.

Can you help?

We need your help in providing invaluable insight for future research. Curtin School of Information Systems is conducting two surveys:

- The [Internet Effects on Generation Y](#) is an exploratory study on perceptions of the Internet.
- [Participative Methodology for Marketing Websites](#) is to assess the effectiveness of new methodology for website design.

Please click on the titles for more information.

Back in touch

The Australian High Commission in Canada would like to hear from Canadians who graduated from Australian universities and are interested in receiving news of Australia and special events arranged by the High Commission in 2011. Please visit <http://canada.embassy.gov.au/otwa/home.html>

25 March

2011 WASM Kalgoorlie Careers
Fair

Presented by Career Centre

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27 March

Brick Wall by Michael Collins

Presented by Hayman Theatre

[More details](#)



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