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Title: GERMANY: Bologna – still making slow progress

Link: <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20081002151228985&mode=print>

Summary: German students are still complaining about having their performance in courses abroad recognised at home. Credit transfer is a key aspect of the Bologna process, aimed at making European higher education systems more compatible. Nevertheless, reports of seemingly arbitrary recognition of credits from abroad appear to be discouraging many students from enrolling in foreign courses.

The DAAD's Siegbert Wuttig, head of its National Agency for Higher Education Cooperation in the European Union, points to flagging interest in studying abroad throughout Europe. In the medium term, the organization would like to see every second student taking a longer stay in a foreign country to gain experience.

Date: October 5, 2008

Source: University World News

Title: GLOBAL: Networking with recruitment agents

Link: <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20081002150640603&mode=print>

Summary: With exceptional growth rates, the ICEF Higher Education Workshop, which took place in Antwerp, Belgium last month showed there was a need for a specialised networking event where representatives of higher education institutions could meet student recruitment agents focused on sending students to universities.

A total of 153 participants from 52 countries and six continents attended the workshop with the goal of improving the quality and quantity of international student enrolments. These numbers represented a 68% increase in the number of attending organisations and a 50% increase in the number of countries represented compared with last year's event in Trondheim, Norway.

Date: October 5, 2008

Source: University World News

Title: 🇨🇦 **U of M Start-up Technologies Make Top Ten List**

Link: <http://umanitoba.ca/research/tto/news/461.htm>

Summary: The University of Manitoba Technology Transfer Office (TTO) provides a spectrum of intellectual property services to the University and to the larger community. Over the past two decades, the TTO has launched more than 30 new Canadian startup companies. This corps of commercial organizations has included Cangene (Canada's largest biotech company), Lorus Therapeutics, YM Biosciences, Medicure and BioMark Technologies.

The two University of Manitoba TOP TEN start-ups are: **Diamedica Inc.** and **Sanomune Inc.**

Date: October 6, 2008 **Source:** University of Manitoba

Title: 🇨🇦 **U of M pharmacy students best in Canada**

Link: <http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/breakingnews/story/4235347p-4877982c.html>

Summary: Pharmacy students at the University of Manitoba have proven they're the best in Canada by finishing first in the 2008 Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (PEBC) licensing examinations.

The U of M was one of only two programs in Canada to receive a 100 per cent overall certification on the exams. The exam process includes a written multiple-choice test and a clinical examination component.

Date: October 6, 2008 **Source:** Winnipeg Free Press

Title: **INDIA: India's Faculty Shortage Worsens, With 50% of Positions Vacant**

Link: http://chronicle.com/news/index.php?id=5285&utm_source=pm&utm_medium=en

Summary: *New Delhi* — Even as India proceeds with plans to open dozens of new higher-education institutions, its faculty shortage seems to have worsened. A new government report says that about 50 percent of positions at federal and state-financed universities are vacant, *The Statesman* reported on Sunday.

The report warns that the faculty shortage may prevent the government from meeting its goal of setting up 80 new universities, engineering schools, management schools, and research institutes, along with more than 350 undergraduate colleges.

Date: October 6, 2008 **Source:** The Chronicle of Higher Education via The Statesman (http://www.thestatesman.net/page_arcview.php?clid=2&id=252229&usrsess=1)

Title: **UK: Commonwealth scholarships to continue**

Link: http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/RTGAM.20081007.wcomwlth_scholars1

Summary: The British government has cancelled its plans to end the prestigious Commonwealth scholarship program for Canadians, agreeing instead to support a scaled down version of the awards.

Under the new scheme, administered by the British department of Innovation, Universities and Skills, costs will be shared by the government and the participating universities. So far, the universities of Oxford, Cambridge Edinburgh and Nottingham have agreed to take part. Organizers expect others to join the program this fall. Only scholarships for doctoral students will be offered – a departure from the old program that funded studies at the PhD and Master's level.

Date: October 7, 2008 **Source:** The Globe and Mail

Title: **AUSTRALIA: Foreign Students on par with locals in Australia**

Link: <http://www.higher-edge.com/docs/oov-V07-No.33.pdf>

Summary: A new study by Hong Kong-based education consultant Alan Olsen indicates that foreign students in Australia do just as well academically as domestic students. Olsen's research counters claims that fee-paying international students are "soft-marked" because they are a lucrative source of income for the industry.

Date: October 8, 2008 **Source:** Overseas Overwhelmed via The Age (<http://www.theage.com.au/national/foreign-students-on-par-with-locals-20081007-4vve.html>)

Title: **TURKEY: Turkey tries to attract foreign students**

Link: <http://www.higher-edge.com/docs/oov-V07-No.33.pdf>

Summary: Turkey's Higher Education Board (YÖK) is drawing up a strategy to market its higher education to foreign students. The Board is encouraging private universities to reduce their tuition fees for foreigners, and also asking state universities to boost admissions of overseas students. The YÖK is also planning to change the Foreign Student Exam (YÖS).

Date: October 8, 2008 **Source:** Overseas Overwhelmed via Today's Zaman (<http://www.todayszaman.com/tz-web/detaylar.do?load=detay&link=155186&bolum=101>)

Title: **U presidents share conference stage**

Link: <http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/subscriber/business/story/4235996p-4878832c.html>

Summary: The new presidents of the University of Manitoba and the University of North Dakota were featured participants in a high level Manitoba/North Dakota economic conference in Grand Forks on Tuesday. The event, designed to occur annually alternating between Winnipeg and Grand Forks, is an attempt on the part of economic development agencies to encourage greater collaboration between the two regions.

Date: October 8, 2008 **Source:** Winnipeg Free Press

Title: **University tuition fees**

Link: <http://www.statcan.ca/Daily/English/081009/d081009a.htm>

Summary: Canadian full-time students in undergraduate programs paid 3.6% more on average on tuition fees in the 2008/2009 academic year compared with a year earlier. This follows a 2.8% increase in 2007/2008. Full-time international students in graduate programs paid on average 2.9% more in 2008/2009 compared with a year earlier, with students in Quebec (+3.9%) and Ontario and Saskatchewan (+3.2% each) facing the largest increases.

Date: October 9, 2008 **Source:** The Daily

Title: **SOUTH KOREA: South Korea Creates Grant Program to Lure Foreign Scholars to Its Universities**

Link: <http://chronicle.com/cgi-bin/printable.cgi?article=chronicle.com/weekly/v55/i07/07>

Summary: South Korea is hoping to lure scores of top American researchers to work at its universities in the latest government-led plan to internationalize the nation's insular higher-education system. The \$800-million World Class Universities program has attracted applications from about 1,000 foreign academics, including more than 400 from the United States, according to the Korea Science and Engineering Foundation, the government-affiliated body that administers the program.

Date: October 10, 2008 **Source:** The Chronicle of Higher Education

Title: **MEXICO: A Wave of Crime Puts Universities in Mexico on Alert**

Link: <http://chronicle.com/cgi-bin/printable.cgi?article=chronicle.com/weekly/v55/i07/07>

Summary: In Mexico City, and particularly for the capital's wealthy residents, kidnapping is a major concern. The city's kidnapping rate is now among the world's highest, with more than 600 incidents reported so far this year. Civic groups say the actual number is much higher. In the past two years, several private universities, including the Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Studies and the Autonomous Technological Institute of Mexico, here in the capital, have tightened security at campus entrances and provided more training to security personnel.

Date: October 10, 2008 **Source:** The Chronicle of Higher Education