Research Committee events

University soirée and presentation planned

New Lecturers' Research

The Research Committee and Training and Staff Development Unit are holding a research soirée for new lecturers on Tuesday November 4 from 4–5.30pm in the Delta Suite at the University Staff Club

The aim of this soirée is to bring together the different departments and people who have an interest in newer research initiatives. Each participant will be invited to submit on one side of A4 a résumé of their research interests, to be displayed at the soirée, to facilitate communication between researchers relatively new to this University.

These summaries of research interests will be published on the Virtual Research Office page following the event.

The soirée will be chaired by Professor David Wood (Psychology) and chairman of the Research Committee's Humanities Strategy Group. Dr Richard Aldrich (Politics) and Ian Campbell (Manufacturing Engineering and Operations Management) will be giving their first-hand experiences, as previous recipients of awards when they were new lecturers to the University, of obtaining and benefiting from these awards from the Research Committee.

The objectives for this soirée

are to bring together relatively new lecturers from all faculties: to identify research 'hot-spots' to form the basis of pan-Nottingham applications for new project support; to appreciate strategic issues determining the policies of funding bodies; to allow researchers to exchange summaries about their work and plans and to influence future initiatives aimed at supporting new researchers.

If you wish to attend the soirée you should contact Sue Renshaw either by phone on ext 15741 or by e-mail to: Susan.Renshaw@ nottingham.

• Presentation by Professor Ron Amann, chief executive of the Economic and Social Science Research Council

Professor Amann, chief

executive of the ESRC, is visiting the University on Friday November 7. He will give a presentation about the ESRC's role, its methods for supporting research and the latest thinking that will determine how research funds are allocated in the future.

The presentation will take place in the Senate Chamber, Trent Building, at 2 pm. All those who have an interest in the ESRC, whether considering applying for a project grant or being part of a team that is applying for multidisciplinary programme grants or a student in receipt of an ESRC grant, should attend this presentation. There will be opportunities to question and discuss with the ESRC chief executive current priorities and future funding opportunities.

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