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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TRANSITION UPDATE

As many of you know, our long serving and outstanding Executive Director Terry Russell is retiring. We who have been named to the Executive Director Search Committee know that we have a very important task ahead of us as we have begun to try to fill Terry's "big shoes."

In September, President Lillibridge appointed the search committee. In February, the Board selected *Korn/Ferry International* to assist the Search Committee and the Board in the recruitment of the new director. In March, we released the job description and qualifications for the new Executive Director.

Currently, the Search Committee is beginning the process of reviewing candidate credentials. As chair of the committee, I will continue to provide regular updates to the membership and look forward to announcing the name and qualifications of our next Executive Director.

In the meantime, if you have questions about the search process feel free to email me at mcoughlin@spfldcol.edu; or if you would like to nominate a candidate for the position email AirExec@kornferry.com.

Mary Ann Coughlin
2007-08 President, AIR Executive
Director Search Committee Chair

On behalf of the AIR Executive
Director Search Committee:

Susan Broyles Norman Gravelle
William Knight Fred Lillibridge
Meihua Zhai Laura Saunders
J. Fredricks Volkwein

RENEW YOUR AIR MEMBERSHIP

It's time to renew your AIR Membership! The AIR Membership year is from July 1 - June 30.

We appreciate your membership and hope that you renew so you can take advantage of AIR's programs to:

- **advance your career** by broadening your knowledge and skills in institutional research and higher education;
- **conduct research projects more effectively and efficiently**;
- **stay up to date** with the latest trends, tools, and technologies in institutional research and higher education;
- **expand your professional network** and interact with institutional researchers from diverse higher education institutions around the country and the rest of the world;
- **receive the leading publications** about institutional research **FREE or at a significant DISCOUNT**; and
- **learn about new job opportunities.**

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2008 AIR GRANT PROGRAM

Guidelines for the 2008 AIR/IES-NCES/NSF/NPEC Grant Program will be available in July at <http://airweb.org>.

For 2008, AIR offers both research and dissertation support under two programs.

Research Grants up to \$40,000 and **Dissertation Fellowships of \$20,000** will be awarded.

The proposal deadline for both programs is January 16, 2008, for work beginning June 1, 2008.

DID YOU KNOW?

76% of
U.S. college
institutions with
over 10,000
students **have**
a current AIR
membership.

2008 ASSESSMENT INSTITUTE

March 31 - April 4, 2008
Atlanta, Georgia

AIR, one of the first organizations to promote the measurement of student learning and the use of student assessment research to increase the effectiveness of higher education, proudly introduces a new offering devoted to assessment-related programs and resources.

This new AIR Professional Development Institute is **focused exclusively on assessment in higher education** and is designed to provide opportunities for participants to acquire knowledge about the assessment field and to expand their knowledge and skills regarding the assessment needs within their respective institutions. The targeted audiences are IR or assessment professionals and those who have an interest in or responsibility for assessment.

Participants will learn about new techniques, approaches, and ideas in a variety of outcome assessment areas. Participants may also choose concurrent workshops that provide a more in-depth perspective on a particular topic to gather ideas about assessment techniques.

Module topics will include:

- Organizing for Assessment
- Institutional Effectiveness, Organizational Development and Cultural Change

- Developing Goals, Using Tools, and Devising Implementation Strategies

- Managing, Using, and Understanding Assessment Results

- Applying Assessment Principals in Special Situations

Registration will be open Fall 2007 at <http://airweb.org>.

Interested in teaching at this new Institute? The **Call for Faculty** will be available beginning July 1, 2007 at <http://airweb.org>.

PUBLICATIONS

AIR offers a wide range of publications pertaining to institutional research and higher education. Members receive **free and discounted publications!**

Take advantage of the convenient online AIR bookstore at <http://airweb.org/publicationsordering.html>

48TH ANNUAL FORUM

The 2008 Forum Call for Proposals will open in July at <http://airweb.org>. Send in your proposal!

The 2008 Forum: *Adapting to Meet New Challenges* will be held May 24-28, 2008, in Seattle, WA.



FELLOWSHIPS FOR GRADUATE STUDY RECIPIENTS



AIR is pleased to announce recipients of the 2007 *Fellowships for Graduate Study*, funded by the National Center for Education Statistics (IES-NCES).

The 2007 *Fellowships for Graduate Study* recipients are:

Natalie Alleman	Benjamin Klimczak
Tanisha Arrington	Latasha Lane
Cory Clasemann	Ann Lehman
Angela Coleman	Mitzi Lewis
James Eckles	Eric Lovik
Amanda Ferster	Mary Lynch
Nora Galambos	David Mahan
Mary Geise	Gordone Mills, Jr.
Laura Gorney	Bryan Pearson
Jacob Gross	Jason Schweitzer
Suchitra Gururaj	Sean Simone
Wendy Hall	Gerald Slusher
Betty Harper	Barry Smith
Aimee Heeter	Robert Sweatman
Nick Hillman	Kathryn Yerkes
Toni Holbrook	

Fellowships for up to \$10,000 annually for up to three years were awarded competitively for full - or part-time graduate study at accredited U.S. universities at the certificate, masters or doctoral levels.

For information on the 2008 Fellowships for Graduate Study, or for a copy of the submission guidelines, please visit <http://airweb.org>.

UPCOMING AIR WEBINARS

New IPEDS Website
July 2007 (IPEDS)

Goodbye COOL: Hello College Navigator
July 2007 (IPEDS)

Data Visualization for Institutional Research Professionals
July 19, 2007 @ 1:00 p.m. CST (Tableau Software)

Data Mining Workshop in Washington D.C.
July 19, 2007 (SPSS)

Data Mining Overview
August 3, 2007 (SAS)

Back to Basics: Using SPSS in Institutional Research
Coming August 2007 (SPSS)

Applying Visual Analysis and Geographic Information to Institutional Research Data using Tableau
Coming August 2007 (Tableau)

Back to Basics: Survey Research for Institutional Researchers
Coming September 2007 (SPSS)

Analysis and Reporting of IPEDS Data using Tableau Software
Coming September 2007 (Tableau)

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