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To All PHEE Members

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## Newsletter No 4

As anyone who has ever written or edited a Newsletter can tell you, the biggest problem is getting enough news to put in it! I am pleased to say that on this occasion that was not a problem at all.

1. **PHEE Annual Conference 1998:** It gives me great pleasure to announce that the next PHEE Annual Conference will be held on **Monday, 12 January 1998** at **Savoy Place** and, even better, that the registration fee will still be only £80!

As you might expect, the PHEE Committee has decided that the theme for this year's Conference should be the Dearing Report but with a focus on how it will affect electrical/electronic engineering. Our plan is to have a presentation in the morning from a member of the Dearing Committee with the opportunity to ask questions afterwards and then, in the afternoon, to have a panel discussion led by four eminent practitioners in the relevant areas. The areas we have identified are covered by Dearing Recommendations 16, 20, 21, 25, 31-35. While this may sound like a Chinese Takeaway, if you have access to even the Summary Report you will know these correspond to ug programme development, progress file, programme specification, external examiner pool, postgraduate training, research and industrial partnership. All very important, I think you will agree, to our activities.

Because the programme is not quite finalised I cannot send out the registration forms for the Conference yet. So please put the 12 January 1998 in your diaries and look out for the next posting.

2. **Course Leaders Conference 1998:** As most of you will be aware, this is another annual event organised by PHEE. For 1998, it will be hosted by the University of Greenwich at its Chatham campus and will be held on the 30 and 31 March 1998. Further details will be available in due course from Dr Richard Seals, the Organiser at Greenwich.

As part of the advance publicity for this event, I have been asked to give a brief outline as to who should attend the Course Leaders Conference. Well not PHEE members for a start! The whole point of the Course Leaders Conference is to allow you to nominate those members of your staff responsible for the operation of courses. This would include, obviously, Course Leaders if you use the term, but also Year or Level Tutors, Subject Group or Module Leaders, and Admissions Tutors or, indeed, anyone you think would benefit from mixing with lecturing staff at other Universities and discussing common problems, threats etc.