



**University of Brighton**

To ALL PHEE Members

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## NEWSLETTER No. 5

I'm sure that all members will wish our Secretary David Lidgate, a speedy recovery after his recent illness. Latest news is that David is making steady progress and is keeping in touch with his colleagues at Napier. In the meantime, yours truly has taken on the role of Acting Secretary and I will try and maintain the standard of service which David provided.

### **PHEE Annual Conference 1999.**

This session the conference will be held on **Monday 11 January 1999**, once again at IEE headquarters Savoy Place. The registration fee will be £80 per head to include lunch, coffee and tea.

This year the PHEE committee has again focused discussion on matters which are currently uppermost in our minds. As we approach the start of another academic year student numbers and funding issues grab our attention; I'm sure we will have a lot to say on this topic. The SARTOR saga continues to unfold and this year we will get an update on the "outcomes" debate as well as an insight into current IEE thinking on this important issue. Following on from the Dearing recommendations the new Institute of Teaching and Learning (ITL) is being formed and I'm sure PHEE members will wish to know of operational details and how this will affect them and their colleagues in the future. Now that we know the next Research Assessment Exercise is to be held in 2001 an update on developments seems sensible. Linked to this is the European dimension and a view from Brussels on Framework V programmes will be included in the conference schedule.

The programme will be finalised at the October committee meeting, after which I shall circulate full registration details and the conference programme. In the meantime please circle the 11th January in your diary and look out for the next posting.

### **Course Leaders Conference.**

This session the Annual Course Leaders Conference will be hosted by the University of Derby and will be held on **22-23 March 1999**. The theme of the conference will be "Engineering Education for the next Millennium". An intriguing title if ever there was one! Topics to be discussed include:

- open and distance learning
- review of TQA in electrical and electronic engineering
- key skills in engineering degree programmes
- SARTOR update
- impact of occupational standards on engineering degree programmes

As in previous years all PHEE members are asked to circulate this information as widely as possible and to identify appropriate colleagues (Course Leaders, Year Tutors, Subject Leaders, Module Leaders etc.) who would benefit from, and contribute to, discussions of these issues and related concerns with lecturing staff at other Universities. We count on your support.

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