

# Seminar

**Wednesday, 16 May 2007, 9.15-10.15 am**

**Sir George Lush Room**  
**Ground Floor, Building 3A, Clayton Campus**  
(please use southern entrance to the building)

## **Lifelong learning, education and training policy in Europe**

**David White**

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This seminar will present a brief overview of the European Commission's policy on lifelong learning and the proposal to establish the European Institute of Technology (EIT). The EIT will contribute to bridge the innovation gap between the EU and its major competitors by promoting further the integration of the three sides of the knowledge triangle—higher education, research and innovation—in a mutually-supportive manner and providing a world-class innovation-oriented critical mass at the EU level. The EIT will encourage and promote innovation through trans- and inter-disciplinary strategic research and education in areas of key economic or societal interest and by exploiting its knowledge outcomes to the benefit of the EU. To achieve its mission the EIT will set up excellence-driven strategic long-term partnerships in critical areas between all actors involved in the knowledge triangle. Such an initiative would offer European companies a new relationship with education and research. The presentation will be followed by a discussion with the audience.

David is Director of Lifelong Learning, Education and Training Policy in the Education and Culture Directorate General, European Commission. He is in Australia as the guest of the Cooperative Research Centres Association at their 12th Annual Conference in Perth from 16-18th May. As well as lifelong learning, David is responsible for the adoption of the proposal to set up the European Institute of Technology.

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