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Dear Colleagues,

The SouthWest London Academic Network is pleased to introduce its first *News Bulletin* for staff at Kingston, Royal Holloway and St George's. We hope you will take the time to read about what's been happening this term. Information contained in this issue includes:

- **Opportunities to bid for PhD studentships and Awards for Innovation**
- **Details of the new Alliance's website**
- **Presentations from the recent Roadshow events**
- **Updates on the latest news for each of the academic Institutes**
- **An invitation to register your interest with the Alliance.**

If you have any queries about the content of any of these news items, please contact Sam Blighe on: enquiries@swlacademicnetwork.ac.uk.

Website launched

- The Alliance's new website, www.swlacademicnetwork.ac.uk was officially launched 12 October 2007. It is regularly updated and contains the latest News & Events.

PhD Studentships: Invitations to Bid

- The SouthWest London Academic Network is offering six fully funded studentships of £21,000 each per annum for three years. Information on how to apply and who to contact is listed under Latest News on the homepage of the website (www.swlacademicnetwork.ac.uk).

Innovation Awards

- The *Awards for Innovation in Education & Research Technologies* have been launched. These awards are open to all colleagues who wish to pilot new types of technology or interactive e-learning content. Full details of the scheme can be accessed on the homepage of the website (www.swlacademicnetwork.ac.uk). Expressions of interest should be discussed with Dave Rayner (d.rayner@kingston.ac.uk), Project Head for the Common Learning Environment.

Institute of Biomedical and Life Sciences (IBLS) Small Grants Scheme

- IBLS has introduced a small grants scheme, aimed at promoting collaborative research interactions across the Alliance's member sites. Awards of up to

£1,000 are available for projects that meet the eligibility criteria. Full details are on the website (www.swlacademicnetwork.ac.uk/ibls) and should be discussed with Professor George Dickson, Director of IBLs.

Institute of Leadership and Management (ILMH) Master's programme validated

- ILMH's flagship MSc in Leadership and Management in Health was validated in November and recruitment is now underway. For more information about the programme, visit: www.swlacademicnetwork.ac.uk/ilmh.

Interprofessional Institute (IPI) seminar series

- **'Unhealthy Professional Boundaries - Working together in Health and Social Care'**- An international conference on Interdisciplinary research for Interprofessional practice is taking place on 4 and 5 December at Goodenough College. For more information and to register, please visit www.swlacademicnetwork.ac.uk/ipi

Roadshows & Registration

- The final of the Alliance's four Roadshows was held on 14 November at Penrhyn Road, Kingston University. Total number of attendees for the entire series was around 120.

Presentations, including those of the three Institutes, can be accessed on the homepage of the website. **Registration forms** for those wishing to become involved with the Alliance can also be downloaded.
