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UTAS Awards celebrate excellence

Two distinguished academics have been recognised for their excellence and contribution to the University of Tasmania at a ceremony tonight.

Long time distinguished law academic, Professor Don Chalmers, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and Professor Paul Haddad has received the Medal for Research Excellence as part of the 2010 University of Tasmania Celebration of Excellence Awards.

The awards and medals celebrate excellence in research and teaching across the breadth and diversity of the University.

University of Tasmania Vice Chancellor, Professor Daryl Le Grew, said the awards recognise the significant contribution made by all 14 recipients who continue to strive for excellence.

“These awards recognise the passion and commitment of our research and teaching staff across the University,” he said

“The awards showcase our commitment to providing high quality research and teaching to benefit our students and the whole community.

“It is the calibre of all our staff and their expertise which drives the University’s reputation at a local, national and international level.

Professor Don Chalmers was the Dean of the Faculty of Law from 1985-1987 and 1999-2009. He has played a pivotal role in raising the Faculty’s research profile, increasing postgraduate enrolments, attracting funding and introducing flexible approaches to teaching.

Professor Paul Haddad is the inaugural winner of the Medal for Research Excellence. Professor Haddad established the Australian Centre for Research on Separation Science, now known as ACROSS, in 2001.

Under his leadership, ACROSS has developed an outstanding reputation and is known for its team-based research, cooperation and collaboration.

In addition, Professor Haddad has had 476 career publication outputs and attracted over \$18m in funding grants.

The awards to Professor Chalmers and Professor Haddad were two of several awards made tonight. Other recipients of the 2010 Celebration of Excellence Awards are:

Awards for Research Excellence

Professor David Bowman, School of Plant Science.

Dr Seana Gall, Menzies Research Institute.

Dr Jacqueline Halpin, School of Earth Sciences.

Dr Emily Hilder, Australian Centre for Research on Separation Science.

Professor Barbara Nowak, National Centre for Marine Conservation & Resource Sustainability.

Professor Brad Potts, School of Plant Science.

Association Professor Sergey Shabala, Tasmanian Institute of Agricultural Research.

Dr Robert Shellie, Australian Centre for Research on Separation Science.

Professor Rob White, School of Sociology and Social Work.

Award for Excellence in Postgraduate Supervision

Associate Professor Natalie Moltschanivskyj, National Centre for Marine Conservation & Resource Sustainability.

Award for Teaching Excellence

Professor Sankar Sinha, School of Medicine.

Award for Programs that Enhance Learning

Mrs Jenny Barr, School of Medicine.

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