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## HEATED Membership Update December 2008

Dear Colleague

This paper is to keep members up to date with our progress. Please circulate to all Technical Specialists and other interested parties at your HEI.

Thank you for supporting HEATED. We are making good progress on a number of fronts and we will see still further activity in the quickly approaching New Year.

The core aim of HEATED is to become the recognised professional association and advocate for technical specialists, raising the profile of technical specialists and getting the profession recognised as a valued community of practice within the UK higher education sector

In support of this aim we have developed a business plan to deliver these main activities over the next three years.

- Specialist training through short courses across the UK
- Development of on line learning resources through the HEATED virtual learning environment
- Developing a networked community of technical specialists
- Supporting equality and diversity
- Consultancy services
- Quality assurance for cpd
- Biennial UK survey
- Guidance on managing the technical workforce
- Effective marketing and publicity
- Financial self sustainability
- Other membership services (telephone advice and support, support with needs analysis, advice and guidance)

### What have we done so far?

1. Created a sound working and business relationship with the IST (Institute of Science and Technology) as a base for our professional activities
2. Run a successful UK wide conference for technical specialists, staff developers and HR professionals, over 300 delegates attended the Manchester event
3. Developed a short course programme ( information now on the IST web site) and more events to follow
4. Have a technical consultant co-ordinating the development of on line resources
5. Revised a skills data base as a store for information on providers of technical training and development
6. Revised and established a technical specialists mailbase for networking HEATED
7. Commissioned 'in at the deep end' – a learning and teaching on line and hard copy guide for technical specialists

8. Developed an on line accredited CPD Programme
9. Organised regional collaborative events in partnership with the staff development forum, 4 so far and more to follow
10. Identified key technical personnel to represent the community on the HEaTED steering group, to be chaired by Professor Keith Burnett, Vice-Chancellor of Sheffield in the new year.
11. Recruited over 40 member HEIs to date with more joining every week
12. Have a presence at major UK technical events (JNCHES conference, SEMTA Science diploma steering group)
13. Liaison with key UK stakeholders
14. Visits to individual HEIs to provide information, help and support
15. Developed the next on line UK wide survey
16. Secured further pump priming funding from HEFCE to help us roll out our ambitious programme

There is much more to do, and as we make professional appointments and engage consultants in the New Year our activities will continue to grow.

### **How can you get involved and help?**

The only people that can produce our courses and resources are the technical specialists, the only experts. We need you to send us ideas for specialist technical resources for the HEaTED vle. We need you to volunteer to run courses at your HEI, in the region or as a UK available course. We have no 'off the shelf' materials of our own, we need you to develop them. As a member of HEaTED your help in contributing will start to make HEaTED **the** source for technical information, training and support, and other fellow members will benefit. If each member was to offer one resource, for example, we would start to build a sizeable bank of materials. We need to work and co-operate together, and also with the help and support of your local Staff Development Team, the Regional Staff Development Groups and the Staff Development Forum in strong partnerships.

If you can help in any way please get in touch with us at the contact addresses below.

Finally, a big thank you to Professor Bill Wakeham, HEaTED management group chair, who stands down at the end of this year, who steered us through the HEFCE grant application successfully, and to Professor John Perkins vice principal of Manchester University, chair of the previous HEaTED steering group for all he has contributed.

Have a good seasonal break and best wishes for a fruitful and eventful New Year.

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