

- the use of technology will need to be considered in research output and in research design
- research contracts must address the issue of use and dissemination
- research contracts may include provision for the withholding of funds. If conditions are not met
- links between research projects and established academic disciplines may be weakened

(adapted from Realising Our Potential p7, 8 & 9 IBID)

ODA Grants

The Overseas Development Administrations Economic & Social Division have announced that applications for research into economic and social development problems affecting the former Soviet Union and Eastern & Central Europe will now be considered by the ODA's Advisory Committee on Economic & Social Research Overseas (ESCOR). Further information is available from ESCOR Secretariat, ODA, 94 Victoria Street, London SW1E 5JL. Tel: 071 917 0636.

BERA CONFERENCE DINNER COMPETITION

At the conference dinner Helen Simons and Caroline Gipps instigated and judged the following competition:

the best collective noun for a group of female professors.

There were 62 entries; below we print the lone short list and short short list.

Long short list:

- a deficit
- a terror
- an eventuality
- a clutch
- a diatribe
- a floribunda
- a cowshit [as opposed to a bullshit] courtesy of C. Burt
- a shattering [as in glass ceilings]
- a blue moon
- an influence
- an absence
- an uprising
- a moratorium

Short short list:

- an insufficiency
- an assertion
- a superb
- a sor-rarity
- an inspiration
- a hulva [the hulva were wise women in Icelandic sagas; their wisdom was beyond ordinary mortals' comprehension]
- the winner is:
- a portent [omen, significant sign of something to come, The Concise Oxford Dictionary].
- A bottle of champagne is therefore on its way to John Wilkin, Cheltenham and Gloucester College. [Yes, men were allowed to enter!]