



UniServe Science
at The University of Sydney
Serving Australian Science and Technology

UniServe Science was originally set up in 1994 with funding from the Australian Commonwealth Government as a clearinghouse for information about new technologies in tertiary science teaching. Since that time it has changed its focus and currently it is funded by the University of Sydney through the College of Sciences and Technology to expand its activities and better serve its clients. In this change UniServe Science has recently become incorporated into UniServe Connections, with the latter taking on a more defined and enlarged role within the University.

UniServe now has three main activities:

- supporting teaching in the College of Sciences and Technology at the University of Sydney;
- serving NSW Schools; and
- supporting tertiary science teaching.

The outcomes of these activities include:

- the establishment and ongoing maintenance of the web site to support science academics in tertiary institutions both nationally and internationally and science teachers in NSW schools;
- the production of an international newsletter, *CAL-laborate*, in collaboration with the Council for the Renewal of Higher Education in Sweden and the Higher Education Academy in the United Kingdom;
- hosting an annual national conference consisting of a Symposium on topics related to research into quality science teaching, a forum to discuss issues related to the experiences of first year tertiary students, together with a conference proceedings and web sites for dissemination of papers and information;
- administration of the Pearson Education UniServe Science Teaching Award; and
- acting as a publishing house for science education journals such as *The China Papers* and other science teaching books.

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