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Dear Colleague

**2008 Research Assessment Exercise: Nomination of Panel Members**

The RAE team, on behalf of the HE funding bodies, invites nominations for RAE 2008 panel members. The enclosed circular, *Units of assessment and panel recruitment* (RAE 03/2004) sets out the context in which nominations are invited and provides all available information on the process to date.

We are inviting a large number of subject associations, learned societies and other interested bodies, including users of research, to nominate possible members of the sub-panels and main panels. A list of these bodies is on the RAE web-site ([www.rae.ac.uk](http://www.rae.ac.uk)). The purpose of specifically inviting you to nominate is to ensure that you are aware of the call for nominations and have easy access to the nomination form. However, nominations are equally welcome from bodies not on the list that have a particular interest in the conduct and application of academic research within the UK. We are not inviting nominations from individuals nor from HEIs.

Nominating bodies are encouraged to consult with similar bodies representative of their field of research or interests in order to achieve a degree of commonality of nominations. Nominations are welcomed for the following roles:

- international representative (main panel)
- additional main panel member
- sub-panel chair
- sub-panel member
- research user/practitioner (sub-panel)
- specialist adviser.

Completed forms should be sent to: [info@rae.ac.uk](mailto:info@rae.ac.uk) by 15 September 2004. Enquiries concerning the nomination of panel members should be directed to Dr Diana Jones at the RAE team (telephone 0117 931 7290; email [diana.jones@hefce.ac.uk](mailto:diana.jones@hefce.ac.uk))

Yours sincerely



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