GCID affiliates
There are currently 96 researchers from across all nine faculties of the University who are affiliated to GCID, all of whom are currently actively engaged in research in international development. These staff are spread across five research clusters within the GCID, the largest being Human and Animal Health with 42 affiliates, followed by Environmental Management and Infrastructure (19 affiliates), Economic Development (14), Education, Lifelong Learning and Global Citizenship (12), and Human Rights and Governance (9). The GCID database holds information for each of these staff on their particular research interests, so enabling interdisciplinary teams to be put together in relatively rapid time in response to funding calls.

In addition, there are another 98 affiliates, from both inside and outside the University, who are on the mailing list, but who may not be actively engaged in research in international development, but have a major interest. There are also about 150 postgraduates within the University who are undertaking Master’s and/or PhD programmes with a focus on international development issues.

GCID affiliates are supported by an active website (www.gla.ac.uk/gcid) which is constantly updated. During the year, a Spotlight series was introduced which carried some 25 articles related to GCID activity.

Research income activity
During 2008-09, some 88 grants and contracts, worth a total of over £23 million, supported the University of Glasgow’s research effort in the field of international development, and another £11 million worth of applications are currently under review at the time of writing. Funding bodies include the Wellcome Trust, MRC, ESRC, BBSRC, the Leverhulme Trust, the Scottish Government, the Royal Society, the Royal Geographical Society, the British Academy, the European Commission, the Medicines for Malaria Venture and the Gates Foundation, among others.

Some of the highlights of the year include the award of £4.7 million from the Wellcome Trust to fund the work of a consortium, of which the University of Glasgow is a key member, on ecosystem health; and a Roche Applied Science 10 Gigabase Grant Program awarded for work with colleagues at the Swiss Tropical Institute on genetic mutations of the tsetse-fly which causes sleeping sickness in many parts of Africa.

No less important has been the development of some interdisciplinary research grant applications which came about because of the existence of GCID and its database. This permitted teams of researchers from different disciplinary backgrounds to come together to develop joint research grant applications. Examples include:
the Sustainable Power and Regional Knowledge Support project (SPARKS), submitted to the EPSRC-DFID Joint Programme on Sustainable Energy in Developing Countries;

Building the science base for development of a biomonitoring scheme to assess river water quality in tropical southern Africa (SAFRASS), submitted to the European Union; and

a successful Kelvin-Smith Scholarship application that brought together biomedical and social scientists to work together on malaria eradication at the community level in East Africa.

Scholarship Schemes
During the year, two scholarship schemes got under way:

GCID Scholarship Scheme for students from Least Developed Countries (LLDCs). Three students (Jamila Razzaq from Pakistan; Orleans Mfune from Zambia and Jared Bakuza from Tanzania) all started their PhD studies at various points throughout the year, working in the Faculties of Education, Physical Sciences and Biomedical & Life Sciences respectively. The call for applications was heavily oversubscribed with 434 applications being lodged. The final shortlist of 20+ students was quite outstanding and is evidence of the talent that exists in many countries of the global south.

Eleanor Emery Scholarship Scheme. This is a scheme that has been made possible by the generous legacy left by Eleanor Emery, a graduate of the University, who left money in her will to fund Botswana postgraduate students to study at the University of Glasgow. The scheme was formally launched in May 2009 in Gaborone, with a total of three 3-year PhD scholarships being awarded initially, with the first one starting in September 2010.

GCID Lecture Series
The Centre has completed another successful series of lectures during the year, with attendances ranging from 50 to more than 120.

2 October 2008, Professor David Ross, London School of Tropical Hygiene and Medicine, *HIV prevention among young people in sub-Saharan Africa: how to turn the tide?*


29 October 2008, Duncan Green, Oxfam Head of Research, *From poverty to power.*

6 November 2008, Dr Enock Matovu, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Makerere University, Uganda, *Challenges in health care in Uganda.*

27 November 2008, James Anderson, Senior Executive, Scottish Development International's Education team; Alison McKinlay, Scottish Development International's Aid Funded Business Project Manager; Eleanor Baha, British Consulate-General, Geneva, *How Scottish Development International supports the international agenda.*
• 11 December 2008, Student Volunteers Abroad, *Current activities and future plans*.
• 22 January 2009, Dr Monica Magoke-Mhoja, Advocate of the High Court of Tanzania, *Child widows silenced and unheard: a neglected human rights agenda in Tanzania*.
• 29 January 2009, Joint discussion and networking event with NIDOS (Network of International Development Organisations in Scotland) on HIV/AIDS, led by Tarsisio Nyatsanza, Training and Development Worker, Waverley Care African Health Project.
• 26 February 2009, Dr Kevin Murphy, University of Glasgow, *Integrated development in Zambia: environment, biodiversity and human welfare*.
• 2 March 2009, Rt. Hon Dr Jack McConnell MSP, Special Representative on Conflict Resolution Mechanisms, *The role of development in 21st century conflict resolution*.
• 28 May 2009, Professor Marie-Louise Newell, Director and Dr Ruth Bland, Clinical Research Lead at the Africa Centre for Health and Population Studies, University of KwaZulu-Natal, *HIV: from surveillance to services in rural KwaZulu-Natal: the Africa Centre*.

This represents a doubling from 6 lectures in 2007-08 to 12 in 2008-09.

**Annual internal conference**

GCID held its third internal conference on 15 June 2009, with the following programme:

13.00-13.40 Lunch
13.40-13.45 Welcome: John Briggs
13.45-14.15 Mike Barrett: *New drugs for neglected diseases*
14.15-14.45 Orleans Mfune (GCID Scholar): *Sustainable development and environmental conservation in Zambia: a political ecology approach to human-environment interactions*
14.45-15.15 Mike Osborne: *Universities and regional engagement*
15.15-15.35 Tea break
15.35-15.55 Viv Baumfield (Central and South Asia Regional Champion): *Central and South Asia: promoting reciprocal and sustainable institutional partnerships*
15.55-16.15 John Briggs (Africa Regional Champion): *African institutional partnerships*
16.15-17.00 Open Forum *GCID: the way forward*, Chair: Peter Holmes
17.00-18.00 Drinks reception and networking
External initiatives
GCID has made a big push during the year to engage with the wider international development community beyond the University of Glasgow, and has strengthened linkages with organisations and individuals both within Scotland and beyond. These include:

- Increased involvement with Scottish-based NGOs and charities, notably Oxfam Scotland; Concern; NIDOS (Network of International Development Organisations in Scotland); and 500 Miles.
- Links strengthened with DFID and Scottish Development International (part of Scottish Enterprise).
- Scottish Government Inquiry into International Development at the Scottish Parliament, to which GCID was invited to give evidence.
- SCAID (Scottish Collaborative Alliance for International Development). This is a pan-Scottish initiative involving both the HE and FE sectors which proposes to help Scottish institutions to maximise their resources to enhance Scotland’s impact on global efforts to support international development. GCID is a full member of the steering group (along with the Universities of Edinburgh, Aberdeen and Stirling).
- Scotland-Malawi Partnership. GCID subscribes to the SMP and has supported two Malawi fellows coming to UoG this year, Dickson Mazibuko to FBLS and Pasipau Wadiona-Chirwa to Law School (although we have recently learned that Pasipau will not now be taking up this opportunity as she has resigned her post at the University of Malawi).
- Scotland-Rwanda Higher Education Steering Group. This group, established by Universities Scotland in mid-2006 as a cross-sector initiative to support the redevelopment of the higher education sector in Rwanda, is currently chaired by John Briggs from GCID.
- Rwanda-Scotland Alliance. This is a new body set up to drive and co-ordinate Scotland’s activities with Rwanda, along similar lines to the Scotland-Malawi Partnership. GCID has membership of this committee.
- Growing involvement with the International Development section of the International Office of Glasgow City Council.

In addition, GCID has had meetings and/or briefings with:

- Douglas Alexander MP (Secretary of State for International Development);
- Dr Yusuf Samiullah (Deputy Director of Policy and Research Division, DFID);
- Mike Russell MSP (Minister for Culture, External Affairs and the Constitution);
- Jack McConnell MSP (Prime Minister’s Special Representative on Conflict Resolution Mechanisms, and High Commissioner-designate to Malawi);
- Ann McKechnie MP (Member of Parliamentary Committee on International Development);
- Anne Glover (Chief Scientific Adviser for Scotland); and
- Sarah Cooke (Head of Department of Aid Effectiveness, DFID).
Publicity
GCID has been well-supported by Corporate Communications in publicising the range and quality of research being undertaken in the field of international development at the University of Glasgow, with 24 items being promoted during the year. A list of these and their links can be seen at: www.gla.ac.uk/gcid/newsandevents/previousspotlights/.

GCID has also attracted the attention of external media, an example being the International Pharmacy Journal (Vol 24 No1 (June 2009), pp4-9) that ran a piece entitled The rise of interdisciplinary approaches: how scientists are working together for international development, and which is very complimentary about the work of GCID.

The management model of GCID as a ‘virtual centre’ has attracted considerable interest, both within the University of Glasgow and beyond, and we have been approached by several universities to discuss GCID’s operating and management structure, including a visiting delegation.

Partnerships
As part of the University of Glasgow’s internationalisation strategy, three new partnership agreements were signed with the University of Dar es Salaam and the University of Dodoma in Tanzania, and with the University of Botswana. These complement the existing partnership with Makerere University in Uganda. Further discussions are currently taking place with institutions in South Africa, Malawi, Rwanda, Ethiopia, India and Pakistan.

Future ambitions
Over the next year, as well as strengthening existing activity, GCID also plans to:

- promote more interdisciplinary research proposals;
- strengthen links with the work of the African and South Asian Regional Champions;
- strengthen external links with agencies and NGOs;
- explore the development of a Master’s programme in International Development, using a modular-based model and drawing in expertise from across all faculties in a ‘mix and match’ arrangement.

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