1. Overview of GCID activity

- The number of affiliates to GCID continues to grow, rising to 125 Research and Teaching staff, 230 students, mainly postgraduate, and 79 people external to the University.

- The 355 staff and students continue to be spread across all nine faculties (soon to be 4 Colleges) of the University, virtually all of whom are actively engaged in research and learning in international development activities.

- The five research clusters within GCID, reported on in previous Annual Reports, continue to be Human and Animal Health; Environmental Management and Infrastructure; Economic Development; Education, Lifelong Learning and Global Citizenship; and Human Rights and Governance.

- There are 105 active research grants and contracts on international development topics, to a value of just under £16.5 million, in operation within the University, an increasing number of which are interdisciplinary in nature.

- The Lecture Series has continued to be a central GCID activity, and, during the year, a total of 9 lectures was planned, attracting audiences from 40 to 200, depending on the topic (see Section 2 below).

- There remain three GCID Scholarship holders in place, with the addition of another two scholars from Botswana due to start in October 2010 (see Section 3).

- As noted in last year’s GCID report, GCID has strongly promoted its engagement with the international development community beyond the University, especially in relation to shared Lecture events, but also in GCID’s increasing influence on national level debates and discussions (see Section 4).

- A major effort has been put in this year to improve communications through 21 electronic Bulletins during the year containing research grants calls and information on relevant conferences and meetings (see Section 5).

- On 11 December, GCID was pleased to support a conference on Europe-Africa Relations in the 21st Century held at the University of Glasgow.
2. GCID Lecture Series
GCID has completed another successful series of lectures during the year, with attendances ranging from 40 to more than 200. One of GCID’s key aims this year was to promote and enhance its partnerships with international development organisations external to the University, including DFID and Scottish-based NGOs, and we are delighted that 6 of our lectures were such joint ventures. We were especially delighted to welcome to Glasgow on two occasions during the year, Andrew Mitchell MP, the then Shadow Secretary of State for International Development, and, since the General Election, now the Coalition’s Secretary of State for International development, firstly to give a lecture in October on Poverty Reduction and Justice for the Poor, and to engage in a lively discussion afterwards, and then to attend a ‘hustings’ on international development in April in advance of the general election.

The lecture series was as follows:

- 20 October 2009, Pauline McNeill MSP (Chair), *Barriers to Health in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.*
- 10 November 2009, Ambassador Abdul Minty, South African Ambassador to the Atomic Energy Authority in Vienna. *What made the Anti-Apartheid Movement the success it was?* (2009 Mandela-Tambo Lecture, in partnership with the South African High Commission). Unfortunately, due to last-minute ill-health, the speaker was unable to attend and the lecture has been postponed until the 2010-11 session.
- 7 December 2009, His Excellency Claver Gatete, Rwandan Ambassador to the UK. *Rwanda and Scotland: partners in development,* (in partnership with the Rwanda-Scotland Alliance).
- 18 February 2010, Professor David Crompton, Honorary Senior Research Fellow, University of Glasgow and author of “Afterthoughts of a Worm Hunter”. *A challenge for development: can sub-Saharan Africa be released from the grip of parasitic worms?*
3. GCID Scholarship Schemes
The GCID Scholarship scheme currently has three postgraduate students undertaking PhD work (Jamila Razzaq from Pakistan; Orleans Mfune from Zambia; and Jared Bakuza from Tanzania), working in the Faculties of Education, Physical Sciences and Biomedical & Life Sciences respectively. In October 2010, we look forward to welcoming our first two PhD postgraduates from Botswana to join them under the Eleanor Emery Scholarship Scheme, a scheme 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 quality of all five students is extremely high, and so it is of considerable disappointment that the current global financial crisis has reduced donations and legacies to the University to support this scheme, especially as this scheme makes a major contribution to capacity building in some of the poorest countries in the world. There is a huge demand by high-quality students for these funds, as evidenced by the 434 applications received in the first round of the scheme. However, an important fundraising initiative during the year was the publication of Afterthoughts of a Wormhunter by David Crompton which is a collection of thought-provoking and amusing essays taken from his diaries over many years of field research in various parts of the world. David has very generously agreed to donate all proceeds from the book to the GCID Scholarship Fund, for which GCID is extremely grateful. So far, over £1500 has been raised from sales.

4. External initiatives
GCID has expanded its engagement during the year with the wider international development community beyond the University of Glasgow, and has strengthened linkages with organisations and individuals both within Scotland and beyond. Highlights include:

- Increased involvement with Scottish-based NGOs and charities, not only in relation to partnership activities for GCID lectures (as outlined above), but also with discussions and dialogues on a wider range of shared activities.
- Links strengthened with DFID, not only through the invitation to Liz Ditchburn (Head of DFID at East Kilbride) to speak to GCID in January, but also through the attendance of DFID staff at a number of GCID lecture events. In addition, GCID was invited to offer seminar speakers for the DFID internal series and 20 topics were offered (see Appendix 1 for the complete list of offerings).
- 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). A proposal was submitted to SFC for consideration in July 2010, and the outcome is awaited.
- 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 (RwSA). 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. The RwSA was formally launched after the lecture given by Claver Gatete to GCID on 7 December 2009.
- Continuing involvement with the International Development section of the International Office of Glasgow City Council.
5. Communication activities
One of GCID’s core activities in the University is to promote and encourage our collaborative and interdisciplinary research endeavour in international development within the institution and with partners beyond. To support this, the GCID database holds information on each staff member’s research interests in international development, so enabling interdisciplinary teams to be put together in relatively rapid time in response to funding calls. In a more proactive way, a total of 21 electronic Bulletins was produced during the year and these were emailed to the GCID mailing list on a regular basis. These are archived at: http://www.gla.ac.uk/centres/glasgowcentreforinternationaldevelopment/informationforstaff-campusonly/previousbulletins/. The GCID website itself is constantly updated at: www.gla.ac.uk/gcid. The Spotlight series, which was introduced last year, now carries some 33 articles related to GCID activity.

6. Partnerships
As part of the University of Glasgow’s internationalisation strategy, the partnerships with Makerere University, the University of Dar es Salaam, the University of Dodoma, and the University of Botswana continue to be strengthened in support of our collaborative research activity. Further discussions are also taking place with institutions in South Africa, Malawi, Rwanda and Ghana.

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

- Enhance its promotion of more interdisciplinary research proposals.
- Strengthen links with the work of the International Deans for Africa and South Asia in support of the University’s Internationalisation Strategy.
- Further strengthen external links with agencies and NGOs.
- Continue to explore the development of a Master’s programme in International Development, using a modular-based model and drawing in expertise from across all four Colleges in a ‘mix and match’ arrangement. This will be delayed until the new College structure stabilises.

8. Acknowledgements
It is with sadness that we note the departure of Mikal Mast from GCID and the University at the start of 2010. We would very much like to thank Mikal for all her efforts in support of GCID, not only this year, but also since its inception in 2007. We are very pleased to welcome Lauren Currie as Mikal’s successor, and we are already very grateful for Lauren’s active support for GCID since joining. We also thank Eleanor Cowie from Corporate Communications for handling the media side of GCID’s work. We are grateful to Peter Holmes who continues to serve as Senior Adviser to GCID.

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Chair, GCID

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Appendix 1: Suggested seminar topics for discussion at DFID, offered by affiliates of the Glasgow Centre for International Development

1. Growth (including Education and Infrastructure)
   - Does financial liberalization improve access to credit by small and medium enterprises? The evidence from Malawi (Alberto Paloni, Grant Kabango)
   - Development possibilities from new regional economic, social, environmental and cultural engagements in African cities (Mike Osborne)
   - Building the future together: collaborative working in staff development and teacher education (Victor Lally, Paxton Zozie, Martin Mtumkuba)
   - The challenge of inclusion in education (Margaret Sutherland, Niamh Stack)
   - Knowledge mobilisation for development: equipping faculty in partner universities with tools for sustainable, bottom-up, enquiry-led professional development (Vivienne Baumfield, Esther Daborn)
   - The challenge of international education and curriculum for excellence (Kay Livingston, Harry Blee, Alan Briton)

2. Sustainable agriculture
   - What do indigenous environmental knowledge systems have to offer to our understandings of African farmers’ adaptations to climate change? (John Briggs, Joanne Sharp, Orleans Mfune)
   - Farming futures and mining alternatives: occupational choice and cultural change in the African countryside (Deborah Bryceson)

3. Climate Change
   - Novel methodologies for predicting climate change scenarios on coastal and estuarine systems, and developing appropriate remedial strategies in Africa (Caetano Dorea)

4. Health
   - One health – the challenge of managing diseases at the human-animal interface (Sarah Cleaveland)
   - Real-time surveillance: new tools and novel applications for disease surveillance, epidemiology and control (Katie Hampson, Zac Mtenda)
   - The challenge of neglected diseases in Africa (Mike Barrett)
   - New ways of thinking about malaria control: environmental interventions at the household level (Heather Ferguson, Issa Lyimo)
   - Novel diagnostics for malaria identification (Lisa Ranford-Cartwright, Joseph Mugasa)

5. Governance in Challenging Environments
   - Good accounting equals bad governance: A critique of the link between accountability and governance in challenging environments (Ken McPhail and John McKernan)
   - Does aid coordination improve aid effectiveness? (Maurizio Carbone)
   - Responding to humanitarian crises: Protection, prosecution, or palliation? (Kurt Mills)
6. Future Challenges and Opportunities

- The development challenges of north-south knowledge transferability (Leah Gibbs, Opportuna Kweka)
- Does China really offer a distinctive model of development? A skeptical analysis based on its post-2003 social policies (Jane Duckett)
- The case for national urban policies in Africa: new thinking required? (Ivan Turok)