1. Overview of GCID activity

- The number of GCID affiliates now numbers 328, which includes 127 Research and Teaching staff and students within the University of Glasgow, and 201 people external to the University.

- GCID affiliates continue to be spread across all four Colleges of the University, most of whom are actively engaged in research and/or learning in international development and poverty reduction activities.

- There are currently 70 active research grants and contracts on international development and poverty reduction topics held by GCID affiliates, with a value of just over £19.3 million (£21.1 million in 2011-12 and £20.3 million in 2010-11), an increasing number of which are interdisciplinary in nature.

- The Lecture Series continues to be a core activity for GCID, and, during the year, a total of 9 lectures was held, attracting audiences from 31 to 400, depending on the topic (see Section 2 below).

- During the reporting year, there were six GCID Scholarship holders in post at some point, with another two due to start in October 2013, or shortly thereafter. It is a pleasure to report that the first three GCID scholars have all been awarded their PhDs, one completing in just under 3 years, and two in just over three years, and a fourth has been awarded an MRes. With these changes, we anticipate four GCID Scholars being in place during the 2013-14 session.

- Three senior DFID colleagues from Abercrombie House in East Kilbride were appointed Honorary Research Fellows during the year. They are: Dr Gail Marzetti (Deputy Director Operations and Head of Cabinet, DFID); Dr Sue Kinn (Team Leader and Research Manager, Research and Evidence Division, DFID); and Dr Alan Tollervey (Team Leader of the Agricultural Research Team, DFID)

- As noted in previous years’ reports, GCID has continued to promote its engagement with the international development community beyond the University, including with Scottish-based NGOs, the International Development Department of the Scottish Government, and the Department for International Development, both in London and East Kilbride (see Section 5).

- The Chair of GCID continues to be a member of the DFID Research Advisory Group, which has the remit of providing advice through DFID’s Research and Evidence Division on the shape and direction of DFID’s research plans and priorities.
Communications, both within and beyond GCID, have been actively maintained through the publication of 6 electronic Bulletins during the year which contain research programme calls and information on relevant conferences and meetings (see Section 6), as well as regular email postings to GCID Affiliates on relevant matters such as external seminars and upcoming research grant calls.

2. GCID Lecture/Seminar Series
GCID has completed another successful series of lectures during the year, with attendances ranging from 31 to 400, but typically between 50 and 60. As in previous years, GCID has been keen to develop its partnerships with international development organisations external to the University, including DFID and Scottish-based NGOs. However, it was disappointing to stage only 9 lectures this year, compared to our more usual number of 10-12. This was due to the unforeseen late unavailability of some speakers, with insufficient time to seek replacements, as well as more problems than in previous years in getting mutually acceptable and firm dates into speakers’ diaries.

The lecture series was as follows:
2 October 2012, Brian Dornan (Head of International Development, Scottish Government). Scotland’s international development policy.
9 October 2012, Michael McCann MP (House of Commons International Development Select Committee). British aid: a conscience soother or a moral and economic imperative?
6 November 2012, Professor David Molyneux (Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine). The neglected diseases of the bottom billion – picking the low hanging fruit.
4 December 2012, Percy Patrick (SCIAF), Lucy Adams (The Herald) and Val Morgan (SCIAF). Equality and opportunity for minority groups in 21st century India and lessons for Scotland.
15 January 2013, Dr Katherine Trebeck (Oxfam). Situating prosperity in a world of crisis.
26 February 2013, Professor Sarah Cleaveland (University of Glasgow). Veterinary research in Africa: changing perceptions of neglected diseases.
20 March 2013, Professor Robert Heyderman (Malawi-Liverpool-Wellcome Trust, Blantyre, Malawi). Malawi-Liverpool-Wellcome Trust clinical research programme – new and old diseases in vulnerable populations.

3. Research co-ordination
During 2012-13, research income to fund international development and poverty reduction research across the University amounted to £19,316,475. This is funding 70 research projects
in sub-Saharan Africa, India and Pakistan, and examples of this research have involved research in crop improvement; rabies prevention and management; more effective drug development for the control and treatment of trypanosomiasis; biomonitoring of river quality; the strategic control of foot and mouth disease; the ecology and social determinants of bacterial zoonoses; ecological determinants of African malaria vector behaviour; evaluation of disaster rehabilitation programmes; geopolitics, knowledge and citizenship; better understandings of malaria parasites; and market creation and agricultural growth. This research has been carried out in a number of countries, almost all of it in partnership with in-country universities and research institutes, including mainly Ghana, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, South Africa, Angola, Pakistan and India as the main partner countries.

During 2011-12, GCID reorganised its structure around the following interdisciplinary research themes:

- animal health;
- development economics;
- education and lifelong learning;
- environmental management and development;
- food security;
- human health; and
- renewable energy.

All seven themes are those in which there is considerable expertise across the University, drawing on our interdisciplinary strengths. It also means that we are drawing together teams in advance of future research calls being announced by research councils and other funding agencies. This has of necessity required some horizon scanning as to where GCID thinks the priorities of future calls are likely to lie and therefore GCID acknowledges that this represents a degree of risk.

During 2012-13, there has been consolidation around these themes, particularly with our international partners. Whereas in 2011-12, our emphasis was on agreeing these seven research themes and developing them within GCID, in 2012-13 the emphasis has moved to engaging with our partner institutions, especially in sub-Saharan Africa. Notable examples of developing international teams during the year include:

- Makerere University (Uganda) in education and lifelong learning;
- University of Dar es Salaam (Tanzania), Makerere University and the University of Nairobi (Kenya) in renewable energy (this included a submission to the Royal Society Capacity Building in Africa programme during the year);
- Stellenbosch University (South Africa) in food security;
- North West University (South Africa), the University of Dar es Salaam and the University of Cape Town (South Africa) in environmental sciences, especially water quality;
- University of Botswana, University of Rwanda, Makerere University in human health;
- Nelson Mandela Institute (Tanzania), Tanzania National Parks and the Tanzania Wildlife Institute in animal health.

To strengthen GCID’s research contributions, and also to strengthen ties with DFID, not only in London but with Abercrombie House in East Kilbride, three research staff from DFID were appointed Honorary Research Fellows by the University during the year. They are Dr Gail Marzetti (Deputy Director Operations and Head of Cabinet, DFID) who has research
interests in economic development and rural livelihoods; Dr Sue Kinn (Team Leader and Research Manager, Research and Evidence Division, DFID) who has research interests in health; and Dr Alan Tollervey (Team Leader of the Agricultural Research Team, DFID) who has research interests in natural resources and agriculture. GCID is delighted to welcome all three colleagues to GCID and the University.

4. GCID Scholarship Schemes
The GCID Scholarship scheme had six postgraduate students undertaking PhD work at some point during the reporting year (Jamila Razzaq from Pakistan; Orleans Mfune from Zambia; Jared Bakuza from Tanzania; Edwin Thuma from Botswana; Robert Monageng from Botswana; and Keneilwe Molosi from Botswana), working in the Colleges of Medical, Veterinary and Life Sciences; Science and Engineering; and Social Sciences. In October 2013, we look forward to welcoming a further PhD postgraduate from Botswana to join them under the Eleanor Emery Scholarship Scheme, a scheme which 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. He will be undertaking his studies in the College of Science and Engineering. In addition, another student from Tanzania will be starting his PhD work in the College of Social Sciences towards the end of 2013, also funded by the GCID Scholarship scheme.

We are especially delighted that the first three recipients of the GCID Scholarships, Orleans Mfune, Jamila Razzaq and Jared Bakuza all completed and successfully defended their PhD theses, all doing so well within the standard 4-year time-period for PhD registration. We congratulate all three of them for a job extremely well done. For personal reasons, Robert Monageng cut short his own scholarship and graduated with an MRes degree. This means that there are currently two GCID scholars in post, soon to be joined by another two, to give us four current PhD students during the 2013-14 session. The quality of all 8 students who have so far received GCID scholarships is extremely high, and so it is disappointing, but perhaps understandable, that the current global financial crisis has reduced donations and legacies to the University to support the scheme, especially as this scheme makes a major contribution to capacity strengthening in some of the poorest countries in the world. GCID will, nonetheless, continue to work closely with the Development and Alumni Office to explore funding opportunities for future GCID Scholarships.

5. External initiatives and activities
GCID has continued to expand its policy of 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. Such activities include:

- GCID has maintained its presence on the DFID Research Advisory Group, which has the remit of providing advice through DFID’s Research and Evidence Division on the shape and direction of DFID’s research plans and priorities.
- Maintenance of strong links with DFID at Abercrombie House, East Kilbride, with regular discussions taking place between colleagues, as well as regular attendance by interested DFID staff at GCID lecture events. During the year, this relationship has been further strengthened by the appointment of Drs Marzetti, Kinn and Tollervey to Honorary Research Fellowships in the University through GCID.
- Links with the International Development Department of the Scottish Government have continued to strengthen. In particular, we were extremely pleased to welcome the Minister, Humza Yousaf, to speak to GCID in February 2013. GCID members
have also had separate business meetings with the Minister at various times throughout the year, as well as with Brian Dornan, the outgoing Head of International Development at the Scottish Government and his successor, Joanna Keating. GCID was also successful in recruiting a PhD student to a Scottish Government-ESRC scholarship on aid effectiveness.

- Continuing engagement with Scottish-based NGOs and charities, especially in discussions and dialogues on a wide range of shared activities and interests, including the possible shape of international development activities under possible new constitutional arrangements in Scotland. GCID is now a full member of NIDOS (Network of International Development Organisations in Scotland), as well as of the Scotland-Malawi Partnership (SMP).
- 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), an organisation set up in December 2009 at a GCID-hosted event in Glasgow, which has the remit of driving and co-ordinating Scotland’s activities with Rwanda, along similar lines to the Scotland-Malawi Partnership. GCID played a pivotal role through the RwSA in securing the 2-year secondment of Professor Phil Cotton as the first Director of the College of Health Sciences at the University of Rwanda from April 2013.

6. 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 and poverty reduction 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 6 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 available at: www.gla.ac.uk/gcid.

7. Partnerships
As part of the University of Glasgow’s wider internationalisation strategy, the partnerships with Makerere University (Uganda), the University of Dar es Salaam, the University of Dodoma (both Tanzania), the University of Botswana and North-West University (South Africa) continue to be strengthened in support of our collaborative research activity, as highlighted in Section 3 above, and a number of research grant applications were submitted by GCID affiliates which included research colleagues from these partners. Additional research partnerships are being developed in various forms with the University of South Africa (UNISA), Stellenbosch University, the University of Malawi and the University of Cape Town. Early discussions are also in progress with the University of Johannesburg, recently elected a member of Universitas21 (U21), and the University of the Witwatersrand, also in South Africa.
8. Future ambitions
Over the next year, as well as strengthening existing activity, GCID plans to:
• Consolidate and develop the strength of our interdisciplinary and international research teams in our seven areas of research strength within GCID, and in anticipation of upcoming research calls.
• Explore with the Alumni and Development Office possibilities for further development and funding of the GCID Scholarship scheme.
• Further strengthen links with the work of the International Deans for Africa and South Asia in support of the University’s Internationalisation Strategy.
• Continue to further strengthen links with external organisations and institutions so that GCID is seen as a reliable partner of trust.

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