Global Health and Biodiversity

The College of Medical, Veterinary and Life Sciences is dedicated to tackling the most pressing challenges facing the world population, and the newest theme, Global Health and Biodiversity, illustrates their commitment to undertaking research that can positively affect the lives of millions of people.

Global Health and Biodiversity is a new multi-disciplinary theme which will encapsulate elements of Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Life Sciences to provide solutions to problems around three areas of research:

- Global Public Health
- Conserving Ecosystems
- Animal Health and Welfare

Why Global Health and Biodiversity?

In the developing world infectious diseases are still the leading cause of mortality, affecting the most impoverished and neglected communities where the burden of infectious diseases is often severely underestimated. The emergence of new diseases and the increasing incidence of drug resistance in pathogens and vectors means that tackling the symptoms of these diseases can be hampered.

These issues are not only limited to humans. The health and welfare of animals in Africa is compromised by many factors, including a high prevalence of infectious diseases, poor levels of husbandry and nutrition and lack of access to veterinary care.

The University’s world leading researchers in tropical diseases, such as sleeping sickness, malaria, rabies, anthrax and Rift Valley Fever, are working with partners in developing countries to identify new approaches and solutions to control and to alleviate the impact of these debilitating diseases.

The teams work to develop tools such as low-tech affordable diagnostics, surveillance tools, novel data management systems, and cost-effective vaccinations suitable for resource-limited settings.

New fund launched

To support the outstanding work carried out by our researchers we have launched a new fund.

The David Livingstone Fund in Global Health and Biodiversity has been designed for this purpose and our aim is to enable researchers to work collaboratively with partner institutions in Africa, to allow African students to acquire training and mentoring at the University of Glasgow, and for our own students to learn from and experience the challenges of undertaking science in the developing world, through exchange visits.

Your gifts will help us support both the fundamental science required to combat these diseases as well as life-saving health interventions and the training of researchers to develop tools and implement effective policies.

To launch this new theme, an event, Tanzania’s National Heritage: Biodiversity Conservation and Development, will take place on 20th May 2013, involving lectures from Dr Simon Mduma, Dr Paul Gwakissa and Professor Markus Bomer, who is an Honorary Professor at the University of Glasgow.

To register for this event please email richard.mcconnell@glasgow.ac.uk or call 0141 330 4302.

New Medical Fund contacts

Rachel Evans has replaced Medical Development Officer, Laura Morton who is on maternity leave. Rachel can be contacted on 0141 330 3878 or rachel.evans@glasgow.ac.uk.

Catherine McGrory will join us as Development Officer – Cancer, from 20 May and can be contacted on 0141 330 8007 or catherine.mcgrory@glasgow.ac.uk

Catherine replaces Lindsey Donald.

We wish Lindsey well in her new role and Laura all the best on her maternity leave.
Chairman’s Introduction

Welcome to the Spring 2013 issue of the Medical Fund newsletter.

This issue features a number of new campaigns that we hope will be just as successful as the ones that you have already supported.

The front page story introduces the David Livingstone Fund in Global Health and Biodiversity, a multi-disciplinary endeavour that will allow the University’s world-leading tropical disease researchers to work with institutions in Africa and positively affect the lives of millions of people.

This issue also welcomes the new Director of the newly-built Beatson Translational Research Centre, Professor Andrew Blankin. Professor Blankin is looking forward to continuing his passion for personalised medicine within the Beatson TRC. We are hopeful that the official opening of the Centre will take place in the Autumn and we will be in contact all Beatson Pebble Appeal donors with more details over the coming months.

Another of our centres, the Paul O’Gorman Leukaemia Research Centre, celebrates its 5th birthday this year and is continuing to expand and produce some very exciting research. This year’s Cycle Glasgow event is on Sunday 18th August so don’t forget to enter early to benefit from special reduced entry rates.

We also highlight the very generous bequest that the University has received from Dr Alexander Fairley, which will support many new projects and will be a huge boost to the staff working in medical research and teaching across the University.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of the newsletter.

Professor Sir Michael Bond
Campaign Chairman

Medical bequest received

The University has been fortunate to receive a very generous bequest from the late Dr Alexander Fairley.

Dr Alexander Fairley (Alistair) was born on June 1st 1923 and attended Glasgow Academy and then Glasgow University where he studied medicine and graduated in 1947. Following his National Service in the Army, he went into practice in Clydebank, becoming a popular and highly respected GP. He was well known for his love of fast cars and enjoyed many motoring holidays in the UK and in Europe. An excellent golfer, he was Club Champion and Captain at Clydebank Golf Club for a number of years.

Sadly he passed away on August 13th 2010 at the Glasgow Western Infirmary.

The Dr Alexander Fairley Bequest Fund will greatly benefit the University and our medical research and teaching across campus. His legacy will support research in the areas of heart disease, arthritis and cancer and a portion will be directed towards our new clinical research facility.

We are extremely grateful to Dr Fairley for his bequest that will give a huge boost to the staff working here.

If you would like to know more about leaving a gift in your will please contact Rachel Evans (details on the back page).

Raising money for brain tumour research

The Greenhorn Family from Rutherglen presented the University with a cheque for £670 earlier this month. Tragically, Liz Greenhorn died in March from a brain tumour and this money was raised through donations from her funeral. The money will be directed towards research projects in the West of Scotland. We are very grateful to the family for their support at this difficult time.

Laura Morton, Medical Development Officer, accepting a cheque from the Greenhorn Family
Munro Challenge 2013

The annual Munro Challenge will take place on the weekend of 25th – 27th May 2013 with the aim of putting as many of our supporters on top of as many of Scotland’s 283 Munros as possible, in one weekend! Participants can choose to raise funds for one of three University campaigns, the Beatson Pebble Appeal, the Small Animal Hospital at the Vet School or the Chancellor’s Fund.

Registration is free. Participants are asked to raise at least £30.00 in sponsorship for their chosen appeal. As an added incentive, there will be a prize for the best photograph at the top!

Munro Challenge is open to the wider public and not just University of Glasgow staff and students.

To register your team or for further information contact Susanne Hill on Susanne.Hill@glasgow.ac.uk or 0141 330 2132.
Paul O’Gorman Leukaemia Research Centre’s 5th Birthday

The Paul O’Gorman Leukaemia Research Centre celebrates its 5th birthday this year, having been opened by Richard Rockefeller in May 2008.

Previously, Glasgow’s expert clinicians and researchers were scattered at a number of hospitals throughout the city. The Centre has brought them together, helping to concentrate research in one place. The Centre also provides a much-needed translational research laboratory, ensuring that patients, clinicians and researchers alike benefit from some of the country’s most advanced facilities and equipment.

Every day the Centre has enquiries from doctors and scientists all over the world who have heard about the Centre and the work they are doing and want to join them. Dr Karen Keeshan arrived in June last year and her group has already grown to nine individuals with many successful grants. Karen and her team are working on childhood leukaemia and have already produced exciting findings.

How your generous donations support the Centre

£50 supports a molecular probe for genetic analysis, or 2 labcoats, or a pack of 100 sterile plastic petri dishes for growing cell colonies

£250 supports a DNA extraction kit, or fluorescent antibody to mark cells for isolation from blood

£1,000 supports a set of five pipettes for accurate dispensing of microlitre volumes

£5,000 supports a tissue culture incubator to grow human cells at body temperature, or inverted phase microscope, or tissue culture hood for working safely with human cells

Cycle Glasgow 2013

The University is organising its 11th sponsored cycle on Sunday 18th August 2013 continuing to raise essential funds for the Paul O’Gorman Leukaemia Research Centre in Glasgow. This event is a fun family cycle designed for riders of all ages and abilities. Entrants can choose to cycle 13 or 26 miles, starting and finishing in Kelvingrove Park. To date, we have raised more than £350,000 through our sponsored cycle. This money was integral for opening the facilities, providing the essential infrastructure and equipment needed to run the centre and allowing the expansion of scientific staff.

Special Rates for early entries.

Before 12 July: £8.00 per adult / £3.50 for under 16s

Entries AFTER 12 July: £12 per adult / £5 for under 16s

Enter online at www.glasgow.ac.uk/cycleglasgow

Information: 0141 330 3593

Email: daoevents@glasgow.ac.uk

Thanks to Team Lindsay

Another memorable fundraiser was held on Saturday 15th December at the Dobbie Hall, Larbert where £6,000 was raised the Paul O’Gorman Leukaemia Research Centre through “Team Lindsay.” Team Lindsay was established by Sandra Moverley to raise funds in memory of her husband Lindsay.

Once again local band ‘Young Once’ came up trumps, helping to raise £12,000 on the evening, which was split between the Centre and Strathcarron Hospice. Faces old and new joined in the happy event to make it as memorable an evening as years gone by. “Young Once” celebrated four years together after having reformed (after a gap of forty years) to help raise money for the Centre, when their friend was diagnosed with Acute Myloid Leukaemia.

They made the night go with a swing, and have agreed to return for a repeat performance this year, when they hope to top last year’s fabulous total!
Glasgow welcomes Director of Translational Cancer Research

The Institute of Cancer Sciences at the University of Glasgow is delighted to welcome Professor Andrew Biankin as Director of the newly-built Beatson Translational Research Centre.

Professor Biankin arrived in Glasgow in February from the Garvan Institute of Medical Research in Sydney. Prior to this, he spent time at the John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland.

Professor Biankin’s area of research is pancreatic cancer. He has built up his research group with a strong focus on genomics. Recent advances linked to the sequencing of the human genome has allowed his team to look into cancer at a deeper level, with the aim of understanding the individual events that drive the disease so that weaknesses can be identified and targeted.

Professor Biankin’s decision to move to Glasgow was not only based on the wonderful weather we enjoy. While in his previous post in Sydney he collaborated with researchers in Glasgow and believes that the University has a strong history of sharing innovative research. Alongside this, the recent huge investment from the University, NHS, Cancer Research UK and Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research has meant that the facilities in the West of Scotland for the research, treatment and care of patients with cancer are, in his opinion, visionary.

A strong knowledge bank

Professor Biankin was also aware of the expertise and resources that already existed in Glasgow due to an intensive drive by clinicians and scientists to bring together patients’ experiences of cancer with treatment results and formally record them in a knowledge bank. This is essential to the success of the cancer research process as it allows for the build up of information which records to patients past treatment experiences and responses to treatments.

An essential part of this bank of knowledge is the bio-repository recently built at the South Glasgow Hospital by the NHS, in collaboration with the University of Glasgow. This state-of-the-art centre facilitates ethical tissue acquisition, storage and analysis, which enables researchers to delve deeper to each individual cancer by comparing the genetic similarities of patients and their responses to treatment.

A focus on personalised medicine

The opportunity to develop personalised medicine in Glasgow was also a strong draw for Professor Biankin. He believes his goal, ‘to give the right treatment, to the right person, at the right time, at the right cost and with the right outcome,’ can be achieved here.

He is also confident that a multidisciplinary approach to medical research will help advance all areas of research at the University. For example, he points to drugs that are currently being successfully used to treat patients with cardiovascular disease, that may well be effective in the treatment of some cancers.

Goals for the future

Professor Biankin’s short term goals are to build on the research teams which have been established at Glasgow, with a focus on building on the expertise already in place by recruiting further scientists of an international standard. The new building is currently being fitted with high-end technology and Professor Biankin hopes that the centre will be fully operational with around 140 researchers working in the building by the summer.

How the Beatson Pebble Appeal helps

Professor Biankin is very aware of the impact of the Beatson Pebble Appeal on cancer research in Glasgow. The £10m capital campaign made it possible for the University to build the Beatson Translational Research Centre and Professor Biankin is looking forward to welcoming all supporters of the appeal to the donor preview events, which are likely to take place in the new building in the autumn.

Passionate about the potential of his team’s research, Professor Biankin hopes that donors will continue to support the innovations at Glasgow through the Beatson Pebble Appeal. ‘Continued philanthropic funding for cancer sciences via the Beatson Pebble Appeal will give the team at the Institute of Cancer Sciences in Glasgow the opportunity to innovate and make a real difference,’ he says. ‘Given the structures already in place, Glasgow has the potential to have a transformative impact in cancer research, not only in Scotland but worldwide.’

For further information please e-mail: office@beatsonpebbleappeal.org; or call 0141 330 3000

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State of the art training centre for surgeons launched

A state of the art centre that will provide hands-on surgical skills training was launched on 4th March 2013.

The Clinical Anatomy Skills Centre (CASC) has been purpose built with high tech surgical instruments that will be used to train surgeons and other health professionals in techniques such as traditional open surgery and key hole surgery.

The Centre is a joint initiative between the University of Glasgow and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow and will also be used for teaching anatomy and supporting the development of medical devices, such as heart valves and prosthetics.

The Centre is equipped with high tech audio-visual equipment for live broadcasting and distance learning, ensuring that the highest quality of training can be delivered both locally and internationally.

The Centre is one of only a handful in the UK that offers surgeons the chance to train with cadaveric material. Most surgical training is done using computer and video simulation or animal tissue. Cadaveric material offers a significant advantage for training as the real anatomy, tissue fidelity and individual differences in each human body make for more realistic training. It also allows surgeons to practice new techniques and refine their skills in a safe environment before performing them live. All cadavers are bequeathed to the University of Glasgow’s body donation programme. The University’s Laboratory of Human Anatomy is internationally renowned for its leadership in the care and preparation of cadaveric donors and is recognised as offering the best in cadaveric simulation.

Professor Anna Dominiczak, Head of the College of Medical, Veterinary and Life Sciences, said: “The new Centre will provide unrivalled facilities and realism for surgical training, anatomy teaching and medical device development. Together with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow we will provide a world-leading centre of excellence for surgical skills training.”

BBSRC Professional Internships for PhD Students (PIPS)

Last year the College of Medicine, Veterinary and Life Sciences was delighted to welcome the first cohort of students to the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) Doctoral Training Partnership.

The postgraduate students on this prestigious programme, which is part of the WestBio Partnership with University of Strathclyde, are required to undertake a three month professional internship in an area unrelated to the research undertaken during their PhD project.

This year’s students are exploring internships within a variety of careers including the media, politics, science communication and the life sciences (in areas such as animal healthcare, drug manufacture, neuroscience and epidemiology). Three students have already found roles in science communication, and another will be contributing to the prevention and treatment of infectious diseases with the Pasteur Institute.

Professional internships also provide tangible benefits for the host organisation.

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The purpose of the internship is to provide them with valuable transferable skills and knowledge. It is an opportunity for the students to explore careers outside of academia and to develop a broader understanding of how their research training can have an impact in the wider economy and society.

If your organisation is interested in hosting a professional internship please contact the PIPS Manager Elsa Ekevall – email: mvl-pips@glasgow.ac.uk; telephone: +44 (0)141 330 3150; website: www.glasgow.ac.uk/pips
The return of the Pedalling Professors

As part of their work to raise funds for the Dental School, the Pedalling Professors have returned! Professors Richard Welbury and Jeremy Bagg led a four day team cycle ride from Inverness to Glasgow from 3-6 May 2013. The team followed part of the National Cycle Network and dubbed it 'The Highland Fling'.

Day 1: Inverness – Newtonmore
Day 2: Newtonmore – Kenmore
Day 3: Kenmore – Aberfoyle
Day 4: Aberfoyle – Glasgow

a distance of a very impressive 214 miles.

This is the third Pedalling Professors event and they have raised over £5,000 previously for the Dental Fund.

To find out more about the Pedalling Professors visit: www.justgiving.com/Jeremy-Bagg1

To donate to Dentistry, through the Medical Fund, visit: www.gla.ac.uk/about/givingtoglascog/medicalfund/

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Your gifts will help us support both the University’s world leading researchers to work collaboratively with donors and beneficiaries in Africa. When you give to the University’s research you are helping to make a real difference to the health of millions of people.

New fund launched
For this purpose and our aim is to enable our researchers we have launched a new fund.

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