Chief Scientific Adviser opens major teaching facility on banks of Loch Lomond

Professor Muffy Calder, Chief Scientific Adviser for Scotland, officially opened the newly completed Harry Slack Teaching Building at the Scottish Centre for Ecology & the Natural Environment (SCENE) on 21 August 2014.

SCENE, located on the shores of Loch Lomond, is the University’s environmental science field station. Established in 1946 as the first of its kind in the UK, SCENE’s access to Loch Lomond’s pristine aquatic and terrestrial environments makes it ideal for research, teaching and training in ecology and environmental science.

The new teaching facilities were named after the first director of the field station, Dr Harry Slack, who was instrumental in the foundation of the original field station at Ross Dhu near Luss, and petitioned for the field station’s relocation to its current base at Rowardennan.

At the opening, Professor Calder paid tribute to the staff and researchers at SCENE and outlined how important the research being carried out at SCENE is to the wider population.

Professor Colin Adams, the current director of SCENE, said: ‘The opening of the new Harry Slack teaching building at SCENE is the final stage in the replacement and expansion of facilities there. This building will significantly enhance the quality of teaching and training offered, giving the next generation of environmental scientists the skills to address the problems of the future.’

This event not only marked the completion of the renovation of the facilities at Rowardennan, but also marks the end of the SCENE fundraising appeal. This appeal was launched in 2005 and has received £2 million in donations from 550 donors, including alumni, many of whom had spent time at the field station during their studies at the University.
New initiative supports student enterprise

June 2014 saw the inaugural awards ceremony for the Professor Raymond Miquel Enterprise Initiative, within the Adam Smith Business School. Professor Miquel is a longstanding supporter of the school and has been coming as a visitor for over 30 years to offer students his advice and experience in the field of business management.

The enterprise initiative was launched in 2014 to provide MBA students with internship opportunities and bring invaluable experience of working in business into the curriculum. During the MBA ‘Consultancy Week’ in May each year, the initiative funds teams of students to work in small groups as consultants for companies, developing recommendations and addressing project briefs set by client companies.

A judging panel within the Adam Smith Business School assesses teams on the best project and this year’s prize was awarded to a group of students working with Telefonica, a multinational telecommunications company. At the ceremony, the winning team was awarded a trophy, a cash prize and the opportunity to undertake a longer internship with the company.

It is hoped that this initiative will benefit around 100 MBA students over the coming three years.

Alumni group gift

The Oxford Society of Glasgow University Graduates (OSGUG) has pledged to make a group gift of £5,000 to the University’s Chancellor’s Fund over the next four years.

The group, consisting of around 100 members, chose to make their pledge to support priority student-focused projects.

Treasurer of OSGUG Alistair Mills said: ‘OSGUG has been in existence for 25 years and over this time we have given around £100,000 to the University. We are pleased to support the Chancellor’s Fund to ensure that our donation is directed to a good project.’

By pledging to make a regular annual gift to the Chancellor’s Fund, the group will help the University to plan for the future and ensure that the most important projects receive financial support.

The Chancellor’s Fund supports a wide variety of projects, ranging from a recent Chapel Choir tour of Holland to ‘The University of Glasgow’s Great War’ project, which explores the University community’s experiences during the First World War.

- If you would like to make a gift to the Chancellor’s Fund, please contact Barrie Bryson on +44 (0)141 330 6686 or email barrie.bryson@glasgow.ac.uk.

Message from the Director

This edition of Giving to Glasgow features our innovative Giving Tuesday scheme. We have been delighted by the reaction of our alumni to this – and not just those living in North America. I think it is really encouraging to see younger alumni getting involved. I am also pleased to see the wide range of gifts being pledged – I can never say too often that all sizes of gift are welcome for all our projects.

The object for which we are raising money through Giving Tuesday is travel scholarships, and this ties in nicely with our international strategic needs as well as the support we receive from international donors. Travel opportunities are becoming increasingly important for students, and being able to offer a range of these is very important for a world-leading university such as Glasgow.

Cathy Bell
Director, Development & Alumni Office

Arts award for student travel

The first John Buchan Travel Scholarship in the College of Arts has been awarded to postgraduate film student Anna Batori.

The fund, named in celebration of Glasgow alumnus and Scottish novelist John Buchan, was established to enable arts students to undertake international research and study opportunities. As well as furthering academic development, these experiences also help students develop their personal and professional skills for future employability.

With the scholarship Anna visited the University of Illinois in Chicago, and its Eastern European Centre in Urbana-Champaign, to enhance her research on cinematic reflections of Eastern European historico-political change in 1989.

Anna said of her visit: ‘As well as the academic benefits of my trip, I also had the unforgettable experience of interviewing Romanian and Hungarian migrants who had escaped communist regimes and fled to the States. Their personal stories not only contributed to my investigations but also helped me to step into their shoes, which was very touching and had a great emotional impact on me. Without this scholarship I could not have supported this research trip myself and so could not have had this amazing experience that enriched both my research and my personality.’

The next recipient of the John Buchan Travel Scholarship award will be selected in 2015, providing more opportunities for students like Anna.
£20 million cancer research centre officially opens at Garscube Estate

Dr Harpal Kumar, Chief Executive of Cancer Research UK, outside the new Wolfson Wohl Cancer Research Centre

Dr Harpal Kumar, Chief Executive of Cancer Research UK, joined the Principal, Professor Anton Muscatelli, and over 180 guests on 1 May 2014 to officially open the Wolfson Wohl Cancer Research Centre at the University’s Garscube Estate.

Built with the help of £10 million in public donations raised through the Beatson Pebble Appeal, the Wolfson Wohl Cancer Research Centre complements the Beatson Institute – which studies the mechanisms of cancer development and how it spreads – and the Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Care Centre, which provides treatment and support to patients with the disease, clinical research, and clinical trials.

Dr Kumar unveiled a plaque and toured the new building along with representatives of the Wolfson Foundation and the Maurice Wohl Charitable Foundation.

Professor Andrew Biankin, Regius Professor of Surgery and Director of the Wolfson Wohl Cancer Research Centre, described the centre as ‘a much-needed catalyst for accelerating the process of understanding cancer, improving existing therapies and identifying new ones, and bringing them to patients. It is the only translational research facility dedicated to cancer in Scotland, accommodating around 150 scientists. Glasgow is in a strong position to make a significant and long-term impact on accelerating the process of drug discovery, prevention and treatment.’

The Beatson Pebble Appeal continues to raise vital funds to maximise the potential for groundbreaking cancer research discoveries within the University’s cancer research labs by funding world-class scientists and purchasing state-of-the-art equipment.

• To donate to the Beatson Pebble Appeal or to find out how you can get involved in fundraising, please contact Catherine McGrory on +44 (0)141 330 8007 or email catherine.mcgrory@glasgow.ac.uk.

First award honours Professor Hugh Sutherland

Thanks to a huge response to the University’s fundraising appeal in memory of Professor Hugh Sutherland, the first scholarship from the fund established in his name has been awarded.

Third-year PhD student Stephanie Connelly was selected to receive a scholarship from the Hugh B Sutherland Postgraduate Scholarship Fund in Civil Engineering to support her research into tackling problems such as water and energy scarcity.

In August Professor Sutherland’s daughter, Moira De Vos, had the opportunity to meet Stephanie. She said: ‘Dad would have been very pleased that the first recipient of the scholarship is a woman, and I was delighted to meet Stephanie. I found it very moving that, although Dad is gone, his memory lives on in the scholarship.’

Stephanie, who was able to undertake a research trip to Zambia thanks to her award, said: ‘I am delighted to have been awarded the Hugh B Sutherland Scholarship. The award will not only provide financial support in the coming year, but also real encouragement as I look towards the completion of my thesis.’

The fund was launched in 2012 to celebrate the special relationship Professor Sutherland had with the University, and to date we have raised over £55,000 in donations from former students, colleagues and friends. We hope to raise a further £75,000 in order to establish an annual £5,000 postgraduate scholarship for Civil Engineering students.

• If you would like to make a donation to the Hugh B Sutherland Postgraduate Scholarship Fund in Civil Engineering, please contact Richard McConnell on +44 (0)141 330 4302 or email richard.mcconnell@glasgow.ac.uk.
Giving Tuesday comes to Glasgow

Giving Tuesday is a global campaign which harnesses the power of social media in order to encourage and celebrate giving to charity. The campaign culminates in an annual day of giving, which in 2014 is on Tuesday, 2 December.

Launched in the USA in 2012, Giving Tuesday inspires people to complete one simple charitable act on the specified day to promote goodwill during the festive season.

This year our alumni in the USA and Canada participated in Giving Tuesday to raise awareness of the University and promote the opportunity to support its many campaigns, particularly the Travel Scholarships Fund.

Travel scholarships enable students to have important experiences which expand their horizons, further their research and improve their employability. Whether it be presenting research findings at a conference or embarking on a year abroad to study a foreign language, travel opportunities provide greater depth of experience and understanding. It is the University’s ambition that all our students should have this kind of opportunity during their studies.

To help kick-start our first ever Giving Tuesday appeal, the University of Glasgow Trust provided a fund to match each and every donor’s gift from the USA and Canada on the day: an added incentive for first-time and regular supporters to get involved and support their alma mater on Giving Tuesday.

• The total raised from the Giving Tuesday campaign was not available at the time of going to press; please check www.glasgow.ac.uk/givingtuesday for an update.

A winning start to the Andrew Carnegie Lecture Series

Britain’s greatest paralympic athlete, Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson, visited Glasgow during the year of the Commonwealth Games to present the inaugural Andrew Carnegie lecture, ‘Seize the Day’, on Monday, 17 March.

Baroness Grey-Thompson competed in five Paralympic Games, winning 11 gold medals. She is acknowledged as one of the most gifted and courageous sportswomen of her generation. While she has continued to be involved in sport, Baroness Grey-Thompson is now active in politics and was appointed in 2010 to the House of Lords as a non-party-political crossbench peer.

The second Carnegie Lecture, ‘The Business of Conservation’, was delivered by Paul Tudor Jones II, founder and chairman of Tudor Investment Corporation, on Tuesday, 25 November. His continuing contributions to conservation are highly complementary to ongoing research in the University’s Institute of Biodiversity, Animal Health & Comparative Medicine and the Boyd Orr Centre for Population & Ecosystem Health. This research won the Queen’s Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education in 2013.

In addition to delivering the second lecture, Mr Jones was awarded a Doctor of the University (DUniv) for his achievements in business and philanthropy.

Funding from the Carnegie Corporation of New York will support the lecture series at the Universities of Glasgow, Aberdeen, Edinburgh and St Andrews for the next ten years, bringing some of the world’s most important thinkers to Scotland to engage with local audiences in a vibrant exchange of knowledge and ideas in the arts, sciences, education and international affairs.

International calling

With around 30,000 of our alumni living outside the UK, it is important to the University to keep in touch with as many as possible. Last year, as part of our annual telephone campaign, we were able to speak with more of our international alumni than in any year before.

This year, our student callers spoke with alumni in more countries than ever before: from Hong Kong to Germany and Canada to Luxembourg. In total, our students were able to speak with almost 5,000 alumni about their experiences at the University and current developments on campus.

The generosity of the University’s alumni and friends also helped to make this one of the most successful campaigns ever, raising almost £304,000 from over 1,300 donations.

Our Vice-President for International Development, Fran Shepherd, said: ‘A strong alumni base is the foundation of any university and the goodwill we receive from our graduates is an inspiration and an encouragement to all who work and study here. Our international alumni community plays a huge role in this and has supported scholarships and opportunities for students overseas. We look forward to being able to speak with even more of our alumni across the world in future years.’

• If you would like more information on the telephone campaign, see www.glasgow.ac.uk/givingtoglasgow/guidetogiving/telephonenumber.
A family affair: Vet School bequest from daughter of 19th-century vet surgeon

Throughout its history the University’s Vet School has been the fortunate and appreciative beneficiary of many bequest gifts from its alumni and friends. Some of these gifts are made because of family associations with the University, and in the case of a gift received by the Vet School from Margaret Jean MacGregor, the family association goes right back to the early years of Glasgow Vet College, founded in 1862.

Margaret died in March 2014, and it was her wish to leave some money to Glasgow Vet School as her father, George Ogilvie MacGregor, had trained at the Vet College from 1879 to 1884 before embarking on a career as a veterinary surgeon.

The Glasgow University Vet School, as it became in 1949 when the College was incorporated into the University, was delighted to receive a gift of £2,000 from Margaret in memory of her father. The gift will be used to support new generations of vets and the animals in their care as well as contribute to pioneering standards in animal welfare.

The facilities available to our vet students in the days of George MacGregor may not have been as advanced as they are today; however, the underlying objectives of the Vet School remain the same: the dedication to provide the best possible experience for our students and the best possible treatment for the animals committed to our care.

• If you would like further information about leaving a gift to the University in your will, please contact Barrie Bryson on +44 (0)141 330 6886 or email barrie.bryson@glasgow.ac.uk.

Don’t forget you can now give online: www.glasgow.ac.uk/givingtoglasgow

Boost for sustainable energy research

A new award to encourage and reward research into conservation and sustainable use of energy has been established through a generous gift of £50,000 by Glasgow alumnus Graeme Orr.

The Graeme Orr Energy Award will provide annual research grants to enable MSc students within the School of Engineering to complete projects on the reduction of energy consumption and the development of renewable energy sources. The award also provides a prize for the student who completes the most successful project.

Mr Orr said of his donation: ‘I set up the Energy Award and prize to address the need to diversify our quest for new and more efficient, less polluting sources of energy; to motivate and inspire students on the Engineering Masters programmes at the University to investigate a range of energy sources and applications; and to raise the profile of energy conservation and efficiency, which affect us all. I hope that receipt of the award and prize will also be a useful addition to the successful candidates’ qualifications.’
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I would like to make a regular gift to the University of Glasgow Trust of £ .......................... Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Annually ☐

I would like the payments to be taken from my account on the: 1st 15th of .............................. (month) – please allow one month from today’s date.

Please specify your inscription if requested (BLOCK CAPITALS) ..........................................................

Instruction to your Bank or Building Society to pay by Direct Debit
Please fill in the whole form using a ball point pen and return to:
Development & Alumni Office, 3 The Square, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, G12 8QQ
Name and full postal address of your Bank or Building Society

To: The Manager
Address ..................................................................................................................................................

Name of Account Holder(s) .................................................................................................................

Branch Sort Code .............................. Bank or Building Society Account Number ..............................

Reference ..............................

Service User Number: 257165

Instruction to your Bank or Building Society
Please pay the University of Glasgow Trust Direct Debit from the account detailed in this instruction subject to safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with the University of Glasgow Trust and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my bank/building society.

Signature .......................................................... Date ....................................

The Direct Debit Guarantee (this guarantee should be detached and retained by the payer)
• This Guarantee is offered by all banks and building societies that accept instructions to pay Direct Debits.
• If there are any changes to the amount, date or frequency of your Direct Debit the University of Glasgow Trust will notify you 10 working days in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed. If you request the University of Glasgow Trust to collect a payment, confirmation of the amount and date will be given to you at the time of the request.
• If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit, by the University of Glasgow Trust or your bank or building society, you are entitled to a full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your bank or building society. If you receive a refund you are not entitled to, you must pay it back when the University of Glasgow Trust asks you to.
• You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by simply contacting your bank or building society. Written confirmation may be required. Please also notify us.