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As another busy year unfolds, we celebrate a number of new beginnings around the University. The student-run Bedlam Theatre celebrates 30 years (page 12), the Talbot Rice Gallery unveils its plans for the coming year (page 16) and the Main Library reveals its exciting transformation (page 28).

In this edition we also meet the students who are following their dreams thanks to the University's bursary and scholarships schemes (page 14), and we showcase a selection of the University's achievements over the past academic year in 'Review of the Year' (page 18). For a more detailed account, visit [www.ed.ac.uk/annualreview/](http://www.ed.ac.uk/annualreview/).

With best wishes for the New Year.

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# University News

## Honours for Desmond Tutu and Annie Lennox

The Most Reverend Desmond Tutu, Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town, and singer Annie Lennox have received honorary degrees from the University.

Archbishop Tutu, the South African cleric and activist who rose to prominence in the 1980s as an opponent of apartheid, was awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity.

The graduation ceremony took place in the Playfair Library at Old College.

Archbishop Tutu was welcomed to Old College by Principal Professor Sir Timothy O'Shea, who conferred the degree.

In his acceptance speech, Archbishop Tutu spoke of the historic links between Africa and the University: "Some of our first black physicians were people who had trained here and there is a long tradition that links this university with our part of the world."

In a separate ceremony, Annie Lennox, the acclaimed singer/songwriter and human rights campaigner, received the Honorary Degree of Doctor *honoris causa*. She also gave her backing to a University-led study urging more support for children in Scotland living with HIV.



The Most Reverend Desmond Tutu



Annie Lennox

The star, whose record sales exceed 80 million as a solo performer and with Eurythmics and The Tourists, said: "It's an incredible honour and privilege to be acknowledged in this way."

For a full list of honorary graduates from 2008/09, visit [www.ed.ac.uk/about/people/honorary-degrees/2008-09](http://www.ed.ac.uk/about/people/honorary-degrees/2008-09).

## Edinburgh Global website proves an international hit

Edinburgh Global, an online platform for accessing the University's wealth of international expertise, has proved a success since its launch in mid 2009.

The website is the public face of the University's new *Internationalisation Strategy*, which builds on Edinburgh's strong worldwide reputation.

Edinburgh Global offers the latest news on the University's internationally important discoveries, its international student body and its contribution to international events. The website also helps University staff, students and visitors find out about Edinburgh's innovative research work and influential partnerships.

The *Internationalisation Strategy* lists key international aspirations, outcomes and actions for Edinburgh in the coming years. The University will report annually on its progress towards these goals.

University Principal, Professor Sir Timothy O'Shea, said: "We operate on an international stage and this must be reflected in all areas of University life; from our students and staff, to our collaborations, and in the important intellectual and societal contributions we make."

## MAIN LIBRARY TRANSFORMED

The University's Main Library marked a milestone in late 2009 as bestselling crime writer Ian Rankin officially unveiled three floors of the Grade A-listed building. A £60 million redevelopment of the iconic George

Square building is scheduled to finish in 2012. The project preserves Sir Basil Spence's iconic 1960s design while introducing contemporary features.

- Turn to *Then & Now* (page 28) to see how the Main Library has transformed.



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# Record-breaking year for investment in research

The University of Edinburgh has in the latest financial year earned record levels of investment in its pioneering work.

New figures show that the University was awarded £249 million to fund its research in 2008/09, 17 per cent more than the £212 million received in 2007/08.

The investment – won in competition with other universities and research centres – supports work across the disciplines of medicine, veterinary medicine, science, engineering and the humanities.

The awards are made from a variety of sources, including government, industry, commerce and charities. Of the 1,064 awards, 41 were for more than £1 million.

The University also filed a record 89 patents to protect new inventions by research staff, and a total of 38 licence agreements to allow commercial use of technologies developed on campus.

University staff and students created a total of 26 new companies, the highest number formed in a single year by a Scottish university.

Despite the difficult economic climate, the University also increased its income from consultancy work to a record £4.5 million, up from £3.6 million in 2007/08.

Derek Waddell, CEO of Edinburgh Research and Innovation, the University's research and commercialisation office, said: "These record figures are testament to the strength and depth of the University's research excellence."



Investment in research hit record levels

## Royal honours for staff members

Two members of University staff have been recognised in Her Majesty the Queen's 2009 Birthday Honours List.

Professor Peter Grant, Regius Professor of Engineering, was awarded an OBE for services to science, and Professor Ian Ralston, Professor of Later European Prehistory, was awarded an OBE for services to Archaeology in Scotland.

## Carbon-cutting initiative a priority

The University has signed up to a nationwide drive to reduce carbon emissions by 10 per cent in 2010.

Edinburgh joins a wide range of organisations, businesses and individuals from around the UK in committing to the 10:10 initiative launched in London.

Joining the initiative is just one element of the University's efforts to advance social responsibility and sustainability.

The University's Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Group has embarked on drafting a Social Responsibility and Sustainability Strategy outlining plans in this area up until 2020.

The Group is convened by Vice-Principal Professor Mary Bownes, who will also be taking a lead in the 10:10 initiative. She says: "We have invested heavily in energy efficiency projects, and we will continue to do so; but we want our most valuable resource – our staff and students – to engage with this issue too."

# Edinburgh ranked in world top 20

The University of Edinburgh has been listed in the top 20 universities in the world.

*The Times Higher Education* – QS World Rankings 2009 place Edinburgh 20th, three places higher than the 2008 position.

The University's Principal, Professor Sir Timothy O'Shea, said: "This is recognition not only of the University's performance, but also of the high standard of teaching and research that characterises Scottish

higher education, and helps position Scotland as a leading player in the new global knowledge economy."

American universities dominate the top 20, with Harvard University retaining the top spot.

Four other UK universities made the top 20. The University of Cambridge, University College London, Imperial College London and the University of Oxford were ranked second, fourth, and joint-fifth respectively.

## Animal cancer centre opens

A state-of-the-art cancer centre is to provide the latest therapies to animals and give insight into cancers in humans.

The £3 million centre at the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies is the first facility of its kind in Scotland. It will provide radiotherapy, chemotherapy and surgery for animals and treat around 20 cases each week.

The centre forms part of the School's Hospital for Small Animals at Easter Bush. It is installed with the latest equipment, including a linear accelerator to provide radiotherapy and a CT scanner for diagnosis, which is large enough to take scans of horses.

"The cancer centre will have the most sophisticated diagnostic procedures, followed by comprehensive cancer therapies for pets. It will also pave the way for comparative medicine, relating what we know about the disease in animals to humans to improve treatments for all," said Professor David Argyle, Director of the Cancer Centre at the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies.

The centre, which was officially opened by the Duchess of Hamilton, aims to inform improvements in treatments for animals and people.



The latest therapies will be provided

## New additions inducted into Sports Hall of Fame

Four new sporting heroes have been inducted into the University of Edinburgh's Sports Hall of Fame.

The sports stars to be awarded the accolade are:

- women's football international **Julie Fleeting MBE**
- Olympic cyclist **Sir Chris Hoy**
- former world champion judo player **Graeme Randall MBE**
- rugby international **Gregor Townsend MBE**

The Principal, Professor Sir Timothy O'Shea, officially inducted the athletes at the annual Blues and Colours Ceremony at the Playfair Library.

The Sports Hall of Fame, the University's highest sporting honour, is open only to students, graduates and staff.

The selection process is rigorous and demanding, and to be considered for selection individuals must have:

- achieved medal success at the very highest international level such as Olympic, Paralympic or



Sports Hall of Fame inductee Sir Chris Hoy

Commonwealth Games or senior world or European championships

- received more than 100 senior international caps
- made an exceptional and sustained contribution to the administration of sport at the University.

"Sportsmen and women from this university have contributed a huge amount to the international sporting scene. In doing so, they have brought honour to themselves, their country and the University," said Jim Aitken, Director of the Centre for Sport and Exercise.

## Women's Day lecture series launches

The University is to launch a new lecture series to commemorate International Women's Day.

The University of Edinburgh International Woman's Day Lecture will take place annually on 8 March. Well-known women who lead in their field will be invited to deliver a talk on an issue related to gender equality.

Harriet Lamb CBE, Executive Director of the Fairtrade Foundation, has been announced as the speaker for the first

lecture on 8 March 2010. Journalist and University alumna Sheena MacDonald will chair the event.

Lamb, the published author of *Fighting the Banana Wars and Other Fairtrade Battles*, has been at the head of the Fairtrade Foundation since 2001. Prior to that she led the campaigning work of the World Development Movement and campaigned for a minimum wage in Britain.

International Women's Day has been celebrated since the early 1900s.



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## Research News

# New world-class facility for systems biology experts

A new custom-designed building has been opened at the University's King's Buildings campus.

The CH Waddington Building will house the Centre for Systems Biology Edinburgh (CSBE), which comprises some 62 researchers who will combine expertise in mathematics and computer modelling to tackle some of the biggest challenges in biology.

Their research has applications in the pharmaceutical and food industries, as well as in agriculture and the biotechnology sector.

The new £7.2 million building is one of six UK university sites dedicated to this emerging field.

Dr Elizabeth Elliot, CSBE Centre Manager, said: "This building brings together world-class researchers in a



The custom-built CH Waddington Building

purpose-built space, improving our research facilities and promoting collaboration. This reaffirms the University's place at the forefront of systems biology research."

The building, featuring laboratory and office space, is named after Conrad Hal Waddington, a former Professor of Animal Genetics at the University, who is widely regarded as the forefather of systems biology.

## Global academy to tackle health issues

The University has launched a Global Health Academy that will address worldwide health challenges including obesity, pandemic flu, tuberculosis, diabetes and tropical diseases.

The Academy will bring together academics from areas as diverse as medicine and the biomedical sciences, public health, social sciences and engineering to share resources and knowledge. It will aim to translate scientific advances into practical, effective and efficient solutions that can be implemented in developing nations.

"This is a unique opportunity to deliver research-driven education programmes," said the Academy's Director, Professor Sue Welburn.

A key initiative that will benefit from the Academy is the Stamp out Sleeping Sickness campaign, led by scientists from the University's Centre for Infectious Diseases.

## Liquorice link to children's IQ

Expectant mothers who eat excessive quantities of liquorice could adversely affect their unborn child's intelligence and behaviour, new research reveals.

A study of eight-year-old children whose mothers ate large amounts of liquorice when pregnant found they did not perform as well as other youngsters in cognitive tests. They were also more likely to have poor attention spans and show disruptive behaviour.

The study, carried out by the universities of Edinburgh and Helsinki, looked at children born in Finland, where consumption of liquorice among young women is common.

## Diabetes a factor in premature births

University scientists have identified a seven-fold increase in premature births where the mothers were diabetic before becoming pregnant.

The research, which analysed data relating to nearly 90,000 births in Scotland between 1980 and 2005, also uncovered a link between gestational diabetes and premature labour.

Professor Jane Norman, Director of the Tommy's Centre for Maternal and Fetal Health Research at the University, said: "The increase in diabetes as a factor in premature births is interesting and may be because there are more women with pre-existing diabetes, which is linked to obesity, as well as better diagnosis of expectant mothers with gestational diabetes."



Diabetes is a factor in premature births

High blood pressure in expectant mothers remained the major factor linked to pre-term births, the study found. However, the proportion of babies born prematurely as a result of this condition decreased over the 25-year study period.

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# Chancellor opens unique centre for disease research

A new centre for research into motor neurone disease has been opened by the University's Chancellor, HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

The Euan MacDonald Centre for Motor Neurone Disease Research brings together a hub of experts in areas including stem cell and neurological research.

It was set up following a donation from Euan MacDonald, 34, who was diagnosed with motor neurone disease in his 20s and his father, Donald, a leading Scottish businessman.

Motor Neurone Disease affects around one in 100,000 people, yet while in a small minority of cases the disease seems to be inherited, scientists are not sure what causes it.

"It is through gaining greater knowledge of this disease that we will be able to develop therapies to slow it down," said Professor Siddharthan Chandran, Director of the Euan MacDonald Centre for Motor Neurone Disease Research.



The Chancellor, HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh talks to staff at the new centre

The Centre will work to translate research from the laboratory to the clinic and University scientists will work collaboratively with specialists in motor neurone disease both nationally and internationally.

"Neurodegenerative diseases are among the largest unmet needs in modern medicine. Edinburgh is very strong in areas such as neurology, stem cell biology and regenerative medicine and this is a terrific opportunity to make a difference," Professor Chandran said.

## Chinese women join breast cancer trial

Breast cancer patients have for the first time been recruited from China to join a global trial of breast radiotherapy.

University of Edinburgh researchers will investigate whether radiotherapy lessens the risk of the cancer returning in patients who have had a mastectomy.

Some 3,700 patients from Europe, Australia, Singapore, Japan and China will take part in the trial, led by the University.

Chinese patients will be recruited from nine cancer centres across the country. The results will be highly relevant in

China, where breast cancer is becoming a major healthcare issue.

"The results of this trial will apply to large numbers of people and could demonstrate differences in breast cancer that aren't found elsewhere," said Professor Ian Kunkler of the Edinburgh Cancer Research Centre. "We hope that this is just the first in many research collaborations with Chinese cancer centres."

The trial is being run in conjunction with the Breast International Group and is funded by a \$HK1 million donation from the W & E Davies Charitable Foundation.

## RESEARCH NEWS IN BRIEF

### Faces hold clue to ageing

The more symmetrical a man's face is the better he is likely to age, say Edinburgh psychologists. Using results from the 1932 Scottish Mental Survey, the researchers measured the facial symmetry of a sample of men and women and related this to the subjects' performance in reasoning and reaction-time tests. They found that men with higher levels of facial symmetry are less likely to experience a slow down of brain power between the ages of 79 and 83 years.

### Cell division shortcut

Edinburgh researchers have discovered a way to redesign the process by which cells divide. It is hoped their development, carried out using yeast as a model organism, could one day help in the treatment of human genetic disorders. Their study focused on the centromere, which is responsible for division of chromosomes. The development was made possible using new design techniques in synthetic biology.

### Speedier DNA analysis

University scientists have developed software that can analyse thousands of people's DNA at the same time, via a portal on their own computers. Analysing DNA can help identify genes and risk factors in disease, and the software will enable scientists to study biological data, such as genetic profiles, from much larger groups of people than previously possible.

### Weather affects body clock

Our internal body clocks are shaped by the weather as well as the seasons, Edinburgh experts have found. Researchers used computer models to show the workings of internal biological clocks and found the mechanism had to be complicated in order for it to deal with varying amounts of light from hour to hour, as well as changing seasons.

# Research News

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## Epilepsy research centre offers hope

Children with epilepsy will benefit from a new University of Edinburgh research centre that aims to improve diagnosis and treatment of the condition.

The facility will be the UK's first dedicated medical research centre to focus exclusively on translating laboratory research findings about childhood epilepsy directly into improved clinical care.

Founding the centre has been made possible by a £1 million pledge from the Muir Maxwell Trust, a paediatric epilepsy charity set up by Ann and Jonny Maxwell after their infant son Muir was diagnosed with epilepsy.

The funding will enable key clinical and scientific posts to be established, with a view to the centre becoming self-sufficient within five years through core funding, research grants and donations.

## Human 'bug' breakthrough

University researchers have found that globalisation and industrialisation are causing diseases to spread from humans to animals.

Experts from the Roslin Institute at the University of Edinburgh have shown that a strain of bacteria has jumped from humans to chickens.

It is believed to be the first clear evidence of bacterial pathogens crossing over from humans to animals and then spreading since animals were first domesticated some 10,000 years ago.

The study identified a form of the bacteria *Staphylococcus aureus* – of which MRSA is a sub type – in chickens, and found that the bacteria originally came from humans.

Tests showed the bacteria crossed from one species to another about 40 years ago, coinciding with a move towards intensive poultry farming practices.



Bacteria crossed from humans to animals

Infectious diseases in chicken flocks are a major economic burden on the farming industry around the world and the spread of bacteria from humans to chickens could have a huge impact, say the researchers.

## £1m boost for Edinburgh spin-out

A University of Edinburgh spin-out company has been awarded £1 million to adapt its automotive technology for use in wind turbines.

A Department of Energy and Climate Change grant will support Artemis Intelligent Power in the development of its computer-operated hydraulic pump system.

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New turbines will be more cost-effective

"The Artemis technology will provide cost-effective solutions to some of the most challenging engineering problems facing the large-scale deployment of offshore wind, wave and tidal power generation," said Waverley Cameron, Chairman of Artemis Intelligent Power.

## New technique to track earthquakes

University scientists have developed a new technique to monitor movements beneath the Earth's surface.

The unique method, which uses data collected from earthquakes, allows researchers to analyse the seismic waves from two different earthquakes.

"This turns the way we listen to seismic movements on its head," said the University of Edinburgh's Andrew Curtis, Professor of Mathematical GeoScience. "By using earthquakes themselves as virtual microphones, we can listen to the Earth's stretching and cracking from directly within its most interesting, dynamic places."



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*January 2010 marks the 30th anniversary of what has proved to be an indomitable presence in the University's and Edinburgh's cultural life: the Bedlam Theatre. Chris Small reports on how the UK's oldest student-run theatre continues to steal the spotlight.*

Opening its doors in 1980, the Bedlam Theatre rapidly established itself as the nerve centre for student drama and comedy in Edinburgh. It has since produced a generation of talent now working within the UK's theatre, film and TV industry.

Home to the Edinburgh University Theatre Company (EUTC), the Bedlam is the oldest student-run theatre in the UK. The venue, a slightly foreboding neo-gothic church near the heart of the University's central campus, was built in 1849 close to the site of the Edinburgh Bedlam Mental Institute. In the 1970s the building was used as the Edinburgh University Student Association's Chaplaincy Centre, before it was taken over by the EUTC and the Bedlam Theatre was born.

A committee of 13 manages all the theatre's affairs, with students pitching in to act, direct, stage manage, fundraise, budget, run the box office, coordinate sound and lighting – and clean the toilets. Forty shows are performed per academic year, with special productions for the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and weekly skits from in-house comedy troupe, the Improverts.

What is most evident from talking to current and former EUTC members – or 'Bedlamites' – is the affection and loyalty the theatre continues to arouse.

"The fact that it is run entirely by students means you feel an incredible sense of ownership about the theatre, which inspires and drives you," says Christabel Anderson, former Bedlam President and now Head of Participant Services at the Edinburgh Festival

Fringe. "There's this huge community, spanning decades, of all the people who have made shows there and taken care of the place. These people then go off into the wider world with what they've learnt but always keep an eye on how things are back at the Bedlam. It means the current students have a great network of support."

Thom Tuck, part of comedy act the Penny Dreadfuls, starred in his first show at the Bedlam in 2001. He agrees that student control has contributed to the theatre's resilience over 30 years.

"Absolutely key is the Bedlam's sense of autonomy; the fact that the students have access to the place 24 hours a day," he says. "Everything feels like a team effort and it breeds solidarity. You have to figure everything out, you have to get your hands dirty. It's an amazing place to make mistakes – I've done a couple of really poor shows there! But it's a great learning curve and it teaches you not to be too precious. We still have such fondness for it."

Thom recalls accidentally being locked in the theatre one night after rehearsals for an Alan Ayckbourn play in which he was performing: "There were three of us, with no keys and no phones, and three beds as part of the stage set. It was very tempting just to spend the night there on the stage – but we managed to escape eventually."

It's not just the venue's intimacy that appeals though; other Bedlamites cite the theatre's ethos of innovation as its defining characteristic.

Current EUTC president Fran Walker explains: "As an entirely student-run theatre we have so much freedom



to experiment. Over the past few years our shows have done some amazing things with set and staging. One show, *Humble Boy*, built an entire garden on the stage, complete with real grass. Another, *The Cosmonaut's Last Message to the Woman He Once Loved in the Former Soviet Union*, flew actors from the ceiling throughout!"

The Bedlam also produces a unique Festival Fringe experience, says Fran. "Unlike any other venue we have several months to prepare the building



Main photograph: The cast of *Gum and Goo*, a 2007/08 production. Opposite, from top: the Bedlam Theatre is an Edinburgh icon; the Improverts perform a skit

for the Festival. The Fringe team works extremely hard each year to provide a space for visiting companies to perform in and Fringe-goers to visit," she says. "Companies performing at the Bedlam during the Fringe often comment on how at home they feel in the building. Everyone goes beyond their job descriptions to put on the best Fringe possible."

The Bedlam has been an extraordinary proving ground for talent, with actor and Friends of Bedlam

patron Greg Wise (*Sense and Sensibility*), Kevin McKidd (*Trainspotting*, *Grey's Anatomy* and *Rome*), Ewen MacIntosh (Keith in *The Office*), comedians Mitch Benn and Miles Jupp, and TV scriptwriters Al Smith and Lucy Kirkwood all learning their trade at the theatre. More recently, Edinburgh graduate Ella Hickson's play *Eight*, performed in August 2008 at the Bedlam, picked up lavish reviews and a Fringe First Award before touring to London, New York and Florida.

Helena Larkin is Chairperson of the Friends of Bedlam, a group set up to ensure former EUTC members maintain contact and support student theatre in Edinburgh. She feels that the Bedlam's sense of fellowship and openness to sharing skills helps deepen members' commitment to the theatre.

"I think the main factor in the success of the theatre is the strong sense of community among its members," Helena explains. "The 300-strong company membership vote at least three times a year to decide on the productions that are to be put on its stage. The managing committee is chosen by an annual vote, again by the EUTC membership, and the committee and show production teams are answerable to all members in the weekly company meetings."

"This system makes every member important no matter what their role – and anyone can be a member."

Helena is leading plans to celebrate the theatre's anniversary on 30 January

**"THE FACT THAT THE BEDLAM IS RUN ENTIRELY BY STUDENTS MEANS YOU FEEL AN INCREDIBLE SENSE OF OWNERSHIP, WHICH INSPIRES AND DRIVES YOU."**

2010. The event will combine current work by the EUTC with performances from former Bedlamites – and alongside higher thespian ambitions aims to justify the theatre's well-earned reputation for parties.

Al Smith, now a scriptwriter for *EastEnders* and *Holby City*, and another member of the extended Bedlam community, plans to attend, in part to acknowledge the theatre's place in his own career trajectory.

"I'd not now be working for these TV shows if I hadn't been able to start writing with the support of the Bedlam and EUTC," he says. "As long as the Bedlam continues to open its doors to new people and ideas, I'm sure it'll be around for years to come."

For more information, email [info@bedlamites.co.uk](mailto:info@bedlamites.co.uk) or visit [www.bedlamites.co.uk](http://www.bedlamites.co.uk).

# A gift for life

In financially uncertain times, the thought of taking on a four- or five-year degree can seem daunting to say the least. Rob Tomlinson talks to some of those students fortunate enough to have received financial support and therefore follow their career aspirations.

**T**wenty one-year-old Joni Miller hails from what she herself describes as a "so-called deprived area".

"That's not a term I really like to use but I suppose it's one way of describing it," she says, referring to the region of southern Scotland where she grew up and went to school.

Deprived or not, Joni was the only pupil from her state school to get in to university. She was offered a place at both Edinburgh and the University of St Andrews to study medicine – but she was faced with a dilemma when she realised the costs involved. "I was determined to go to university, even if it meant having to work part time, but

when I found out about the bursaries on offer at Edinburgh I decided to apply," she explains. "My school gave me support and guidance. I think bursaries are very important for someone from my kind of background. I couldn't have afforded it otherwise."

Joni is now in the third year of her medical degree at the University of Edinburgh and receives a bursary of £1,000 every year towards her general living and studying costs.

For Joni, who is dyslexic, the bursary is all the more important: "It takes me longer to process things and I think I would really have struggled if I had needed to take on

a part-time job while also studying for a medical degree."

Joni is looking forward to completing her degree and qualifying as a doctor.

"I don't know what I'll specialise in yet," she muses. "That depends on my grades, but there's no way I could have gone through the whole university experience without the bursary."

Some 175 new undergraduate bursaries were available for the University of Edinburgh's current academic year, in addition to 460 which were renewed, providing a total of more than £720,000 for UK undergraduates, who, for a variety of reasons, might not otherwise have been able to study at the University.

An increasing number of these bursaries are funded by University supporters, many of whom are alumni who themselves were recipients of Edinburgh bursaries or scholarships and who are keen to give something back.

"A thousand pounds a year might not sound like a great deal to some but it takes the pressure off," says Robert Lawrie of the University's Scholarships and Student Finance Office. "Even if it means they can buy something such as a laptop to help with their study."

There is no denying the need and demand for bursaries in the current economic climate. In autumn 2009 the Student Finance team reported a 46 per cent increase in applications on the same time the previous year.

As well as bursaries, there is a wide range of scholarships available for undergraduate and postgraduate students based on academic merit, many of which enable students from overseas to pursue postgraduate study.

One such scholar is Julius Cheah-Chee Ho from Malaysia. Thanks to the Chevening Scholarship, he is now undertaking an MSc in Health Systems and Public Policy at Edinburgh's Centre for International Public Health Policy.

**"I always wanted to compete at the highest level and study at the same time, and the support offered at Edinburgh is the best of all the Scottish universities."**

Chris Hutchens (pictured) is in his third year of an MEng degree in Civil Engineering. While he might not yet be in quite the same league as distinguished alumnus Sir Chris Hoy, he is making a name for himself as a cyclist – to be precise, as a downhill mountain biking champion. The winner of the BUSA Championships 2008 and the Scottish Elite Downhill Series 2009, Chris has represented Great Britain at World Cup level.

As one of only 20 sports bursars at the University, Chris receives £400 a year and, perhaps more importantly, vital support with his training. "The money is very useful, and it's the support with training that really



helps," says the 19 year old. "I get access to personal trainers from the Centre for Sport and Exercise who advise on training and nutrition and I can also get sports massages and access to physiotherapists."

"I always wanted to compete at the highest level and study at the same time, and the support offered at Edinburgh is the best of all the Scottish universities. It's good that minority sports are assisted in this way as they don't traditionally get this kind of support."



Reaching for their career goals: Julius Cheah-Chee Ho, Joni Miller and Craig Wallace have all received financial support to help fund their studies at the University of Edinburgh

"The scholarship was an enormous turning point and essentially opened up the gateway for my future endeavours," says the 28 year old, who did a first degree in Food Science in his native country and then worked for a consumer non-governmental organisation in Malaysia before he felt sufficiently qualified to further his studies, and apply for the scholarship.

Julius continues: "I see health and healthcare as a very critical sector, and hopefully by the end of the MSc, I can take back the knowledge to help improve the Malaysian healthcare system.

"Without the scholarship, it would have been impossible for me financially to pursue the knowledge that I needed; it is extremely important."

**"The bursary has made so much difference... If I have the funds one day I will certainly think about making a contribution to a bursary because it has helped me so much."**

The cost of renting property in Edinburgh would probably have prevented Craig Wallace from studying at the University if it wasn't for his £1,000 annual bursary.

"My mum and dad both work, but I've got a little brother and two little sisters, so my parents would have really struggled to pay my rent," says the former Kirkcaldy High School pupil, who's in the second year of a Geology and Physical Geography degree. "The bursary has made so much difference. If I didn't have it I would probably have to live at home – but that would mean paying travel costs and I wouldn't be so close to the library for my studying."

Despite the bursary, Craig still has a part-time job as a gymnastics coach at two Edinburgh leisure centres so that he can make ends meet.

"If I have the funds one day I will certainly think about making a contribution to a bursary because it has helped me so much," says Craig, who hopes to work in the field of climate change or renewable energy when he graduates.

### GENERAL COUNCIL ACCESS SCHOLARSHIPS

This January, the General Council of the University is proud to launch the General Council Access Scholarships. These scholarships will provide support for students who would otherwise be unable to

afford to go to university. The goal is to build an endowment substantial enough to support these scholarships in perpetuity. A typical award provides £1,000 of support each year for qualifying and deserving

students. These new scholarships will be in addition to the Edinburgh Fund Access Bursaries and together will give hundreds of students the chance to take up their deserved places at the University.

# When art meets academia

As the University of Edinburgh's Talbot Rice Gallery heads into its 35th year, Principal Curator Pat Fisher reflects on her team's achievements and aspirations. Cate MacKenzie reports

After an immensely successful year of varied and well received exhibitions, the Talbot Rice Gallery's Principal Curator, Pat Fisher, is enjoying a time of reflection – and of refocusing.

The year 2010 marks five years at the helm of the Talbot Rice for Mrs Fisher who, together with colleagues, is formulating a strategic plan for the Gallery's next five years.

"It is interesting to look at what you've achieved and at the same time steel yourself to think about planning for the future," says Mrs Fisher who, during her tenure has developed a dynamic programme of exhibitions and events that attracts national and international artists and audiences. "I am very proud of the quality and status of the artists we've engaged. It is a testament to the international profile of the University."

The year 2010 also marks a milestone for the Talbot Rice Gallery itself, which is celebrating 35 years since it opened its doors as a Scottish Arts Council-backed public art gallery.

Nestled in a corner of the University's iconic Old College quadrangle, the Gallery takes its name from art historian Professor David Talbot Rice, the Watson Gordon Chair of Fine Art at Edinburgh from 1934 to 1972.

Professor Talbot Rice was a firm believer that art and academia should interact, and his ambition was to introduce art not only to the University of Edinburgh community but also to the general public and the wider art fraternity. His vision of showcasing pieces of both historical relevance and contemporary clarity is one that Mrs Fisher continues



## What's on at the Talbot Rice Gallery in 2010

### Drawing for Instruction

The exchange of ideas that has long been part of the University of Edinburgh's ethos will be explored in *Drawing for Instruction*.

"This collaborative, thematic exhibition will demonstrate how drawing has been used at the University in the past and how it still has a very important, persuasive in parts, function today," Principal Curator Pat Fisher explains.

Historical drawings from the University's and Edinburgh College of Art's archives will be exhibited, including detailed anatomical sketches and life drawings used to instruct medical students in anatomy lectures during the 1930s; intricate hand-drawn blueprints of the inner mechanics of musical instruments dating to circa 1970; and computer-generated images from the present day.



### Artist Rooms: Jenny Holzer

*Artist Rooms* has been made possible as a direct result of the University's strategic community links. A collection of more than 700 international contemporary artworks, it is the brainchild of Edinburgh alumnus and honorary graduate Anthony d'Offay.

Mr d'Offay, one of Britain's most renowned art collector/dealers, sold his £125 million collection of drawings, photographs, sculptures and installations at cost price (£26.5 million) to the nation with

the intention that it would be shown in museums and galleries all over the country.

This philanthropic gift has allowed the Talbot Rice to secure American artist Jenny Holzer, which Mrs Fisher explains is a boon for the Gallery: "Jenny Holzer is a world-class, politically and academically driven artist, and through the philanthropy of this collection we can show an artist of her calibre."

"Mr d'Offay was awarded an honorary degree by the University not only for his services to culture but also in recognition of his interest in the education of young people in a cultural sense. And this intention of giving something back – to his *alma mater* and in the case of *Artist Rooms* to the nation – is a perfect match."

*Drawing for Instruction* will be exhibited from January to March 2010. *Artist Rooms: Jenny Holzer* will run from April to June. For details, visit [www.trg.ed.ac.uk](http://www.trg.ed.ac.uk).

to realise. "David Talbot Rice's ideal of history and modernity running alongside each other allows you to capture the best of both worlds and give a very rich experience to visitors," she says.

This fusion of tradition and innovation is visible not only in the artworks that adorn the walls of the Gallery, but also in its evolving physical layout. An extensive six-month renovation project over the first part of 2009 has

invigorated the Gallery in readiness for the year ahead. The Georgian Gallery has been repainted, its hanging niches have been refurbished, the roof cupolas have been cleaned and a new lighting system has been installed.

Such enhancements improve the Gallery's versatility, helping it to satisfy its wide-ranging remit. The Talbot Rice has a commitment to showcasing contemporary Scottish and international artists through



Main photograph: Principal Curator Pat Fisher

Opposite, from top: the White Gallery, the Talbot Rice's main exhibition space; a clinical drawing used in teaching at the University by renowned neurosurgeon Sir Norman Dott, c.1955

solo, retrospective and thematic exhibitions, and plays equally a role in public engagement. Its award-winning educational programme, comprising seminars, tours, talks, school visits and workshops for visitors with special needs, offers a fresh way to explore the visual arts. "Art balances, as does much culture, between the serious and academic and something that is fun and recreational," says Mrs Fisher. "We have a very driven

responsibility to the community; it is important that we have an influence outside the Gallery and that we act as a welcoming face of the University."

If visitor numbers are anything to go by, it would appear the Talbot Rice has risen to this challenge. More than 350 exhibitions have been staged to date, and around 26,000 people visit each year. During 2009's summer festival period, the Gallery enjoyed its highest

ever visitor footfalls, with some 11,500 guests attending exhibitions and events.

"This is a reflective time," says Mrs Fisher. "The unanimously successful exhibitions we've had in 2009 provide a sense of encouragement, and the recent renovations mean we now have more opportunities. We get many wonderful comments in the visitor's book and these things all add up and allow you to recharge your batteries and go forward."

# REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2008/09



NASA astronaut and University of Edinburgh alumnus Piers Sellers



A ceremony in the Playfair Library marked 10 years for the Access Bursary Scheme



The Orbiting Carbon Observatory satellite will help scientists tackle global warming

## AUGUST 2008

### Healthcare expert tackles TB in Nepal

University academic Dr Ian Harper participated in a drive by the Nepalese Government to address the country's tuberculosis (TB) problem. The medical anthropologist worked with the National Tuberculosis Centre in Kathmandu to help develop public health programmes, including advising on implementing drug treatments. He was also tasked with exploring ways to integrate HIV and TB health services, as TB is one of the leading causes of death in HIV-infected people. Dr Harper said: "The National Tuberculosis Programme in Nepal has made some giant steps in TB control. I was delighted to join them, assisting their other partners, including the World Health Organization, with the support of the University of Edinburgh."

## SEPTEMBER 2008

### Broadening public access to research

NASA astronaut and Edinburgh alumnus Piers Sellers helped launch a four-year public engagement project led by the University in partnership with 18 other organisations. The Edinburgh Beltane initiative aims to encourage greater public debate and awareness in research areas that impact on our everyday lives, including healthcare, energy, the environment and the arts, encouraging Scottish citizens to have a greater say in Government policy. The project will feature a programme of events including a series of public debates. Vice-Principal for Research Training and Community Relations, Professor Mary Bownes, said: "Researchers will share their discoveries in a way that will enable people to engage with the big questions facing us all. We hope that discussions between the public, researchers and the Government will help people to have a say in and influence a knowledge-based economy."

## OCTOBER 2008

### Bursary scheme reaches 10th birthday

The University celebrated 10 years of its Access Bursary Scheme. This support system has benefited more than 1,000 students. The anniversary was marked by a ceremony in the University's Playfair Library attended by the latest group of Access Bursary recipients. In 2008 the Scheme awarded its highest number of undergraduate bursaries, with 182 students receiving awards. Natalie Gibb, a third-year law student and bursar, said: "For everyone in receipt of a bursary, it provides the opportunity to go to university, the opportunity to realise your potential and, perhaps one day, to be able to pay back into the bursary scheme." Increasing the number of scholarships and bursaries is a priority for the University's £350 million fundraising campaign.

## NOVEMBER 2008

### Recognition for carbon reduction

The University became the first educational establishment in Scotland to be awarded the Carbon Trust Standard – the world's first carbon certification initiative. The accreditation provides official recognition of the University's ongoing efforts to reduce its carbon dioxide emissions. The University installed three combined heat and power engines at its Pollock Halls of Residence and King's Buildings and George Square campus sites. The heating systems have significantly cut carbon emissions and generated annual savings of £1 million. Later in the academic year, the University also became one of the first higher education institutions in the UK to enter the Universities that Count initiative, which is the first quality-assured sustainability and social responsibility benchmarking programme designed specifically for universities.

## DECEMBER 2008

### Work begins on multimillion-pound research centre for regenerative medicine

The building of a new £60 million base for world-leading research into regenerative medicine was marked with a sod-cutting ceremony attended by Finance Minister John Swinney. Situated next to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary at Little France, the Scottish Centre for Regenerative Medicine will unite researchers from the MRC Centre for Regenerative Medicine and the Institute for Stem Cell Research. These scientists will have access to hi-tech laboratories for study into diseases of the blood, bone, brain and liver. Its location, next to a working hospital, will also help translate research findings into treatments for patients. The project forms a key part of the Edinburgh BioQuarter development at Little France – a collaboration between the University, Scottish Enterprise and NHS Lothian.

## JANUARY 2009

### Satellite project combats climate change

For the first time, Edinburgh scientists developed ways to identify region-by-region accounts of the Earth's carbon emissions using satellites. The technique will also highlight areas of the planet that are absorbing the most carbon dioxide. This data will help inform vital research into ways to tackle global warming. The satellites, known as the Orbiting Carbon Observatory (OCO) and the Greenhouse Gases Observing Satellite (GOSAT) were launched by NASA and the Japanese Aerospace Exploration Agency. They will help scientists pinpoint more accurately the worst-polluting regions on Earth and identify more effectively those environmental conditions that encourage absorption of carbon dioxide.

The University will publish its *Annual Review*, covering the financial year 2008/09, in January. The *Review* focuses on the University community's contribution to excellence, and here, *Edit* outlines just some of the highlights from 2008/09. The full *Review* will be available electronically at [www.ed.ac.uk/annualreview/](http://www.ed.ac.uk/annualreview/), and can also be made available on request in alternative formats.

If you are attending the General Council meeting on 13 February 2010, and would like a copy of the *Annual Review* in advance, please contact us at: Communications and Marketing, The University of Edinburgh, Floor C, Forrest Hill Building, 5 Forrest Hill, Edinburgh EH1 2QL, Scotland UK; telephone +44 (0)131 650 2252, email [communications.office@ed.ac.uk](mailto:communications.office@ed.ac.uk).



Bestselling crime writer Ian Rankin has been named an Honorary Writing Fellow



The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has pledged \$US2 million to the University



Architecture students teach schoolchildren about design, building and construction

## FEBRUARY 2009

### Fifth year for Fairtrade status

The University celebrated its fifth anniversary of Fairtrade accreditation. To mark the occasion, staff and students were invited to a series of events, including a Fairtrade tea party hosted jointly by the University and the Student's Association. A special guest at the party was Fairtrade consultant and expert Towera Jalakasi who joined the celebrations from Malawi, courtesy of the Scottish Fairtrade Forum. Adam Ramsay, who was president of the Edinburgh University Student's Association at the time, said: "Since the University of Edinburgh has become a Fairtrade university, thousands of farmers have been helped out of poverty. As the credit crunch hits every sector of the global economy, it's crucial that people continue to buy Fairtrade."

## MARCH 2009

### Leading names in literature lend support to students

Bestselling authors Ian Rankin and Philippa Gregory were among those named as the University's first Honorary Writing Fellows. As part of their Fellowship, the writers will give annual masterclasses to Edinburgh students and take part in public readings. The Fellowships are supported by the Scottish Arts Council and UNESCO World City of Literature. Other writers appointed as Fellows include Ron Butlin and Rona Munro. Mr Butlin has published six novels and short story collections and several collections of poetry. Ms Munro has written plays for stage, screen and radio, and authored Ken Loach's 1994 film, *Ladybird*. Randall Stevenson, Professor of English Literature, said: "We are delighted that some of the UK's most successful writers will be sharing their expertise with our students."

## APRIL 2009

### University researchers join global fight against childhood pneumonia

A University research team was awarded \$US2 million from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to help combat childhood pneumonia, the largest single cause of death in children worldwide. Mathematicians will collaborate with medics to develop a system for predicting the effectiveness of new prevention strategies and treatments. Harry Campbell, Professor of Genetic Epidemiology and Public Health, said: "By acting now and acting together we could have a great impact." The three-year global project will be carried out in collaboration with the John Hopkins University in the US, the Medical Research Council in South Africa, the Child Health and Nutrition Research Initiative in Switzerland and the Croatian Centre for Global Health.

## MAY 2009

### Business School venture helps companies cut carbon

The University's Business School teamed up with ENDS, the environmental publishing unit of Haymarket Media Group, to launch a new spin-out aimed at supporting businesses that are struggling to cut their carbon footprint. The ENDS Carbon initiative provides detailed analysis to organisations, benchmarking their environmental performance against their peer groups. The first report evaluated the UK supermarket sector and received backing from Tesco, Asda, Marks & Spencer and Waitrose. ENDS Carbon Director, Craig Mackenzie, said: "This new venture can show them how they are doing against their peer group and highlight opportunities to improve performance. Reducing carbon emissions is one of the few parts of the economy still growing in the recession."

## JUNE 2009

### Taking architecture into the community

University architecture students took part in a project to create a mural for Castleview Primary School in Edinburgh's Craigmillar region. Incorporating designs by the schoolchildren, the mural was created using textured and brightly coloured concrete panels. These panels were made using a technique, developed by the architecture students, that casts concrete against fabric, giving it a soft, tactile appearance. The concrete can also be coloured by adding dye to the wet mixture. The children were invited to get involved in this community venture to teach them about design, building and construction processes. The mural will become a feature of the Craigmillar Heritage Trail.

## JULY 2009

### Santander Universities extends student scholarship support

Santander Universities pledged to fund an additional 20 scholarships for Latin American students to study at Edinburgh, strengthening the University's relationship with the bank. The new funding agreement increased by 50 per cent Santander's annual donation to the University over a two-year period. The funding will support at least seven scholarships for MBA, PhD or masters students from Latin America, five scholarships for students and staff of the University to study or work overseas, support for round-table events to foster collaboration between students and the business community, provision of incubator spaces to encourage business development, and prizes of £1,000 to reward student entrepreneurs. The University's Principal, Professor Sir Timothy O'Shea, said: "As the University continues to develop its international strategy, corporate partners such as Abbey Santander will prove invaluable."

# Alumni Network

## News



The Soweto Gospel Choir provides world-class entertainment

## Innovators honoured at awards ceremony

More than 200 supporters of the University gathered at the Palace of Holyroodhouse for the annual Chancellor's Dinner and presentation of the Chancellor's Awards.

HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh presented the awards to four members of staff. Now in their fifth year, the awards are designed to recognise innovation, relevance, creativity and personal dedication.

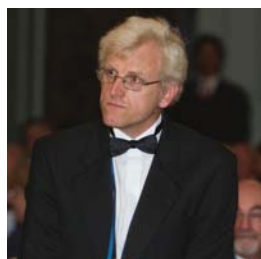
Professors Harry Campbell and Malcolm Dunlop, of the School of Molecular & Clinical Medicine, were presented with a joint award in recognition of their internationally recognised research. The pair's research has revolutionised medical understanding of genetic susceptibility to colorectal cancer, a major cause of death worldwide.

Dr John Lee, of the School of Informatics, was

honoured for his innovative work in teaching. Dr Lee led the development of a system known as 'YouTute', a learning resource that makes video recordings of tutorial discussions available to students. The tutorials are streamed in an online environment and students can annotate, comment on and share them.

Dr Giles Hardingham, of the School of Biomedical Sciences, received the Rising Star Award in recognition of his research on the impact of glutamate signalling on the survival and death of neurons. His findings have profound implications for rational drug design in stroke, Alzheimer's disease and other neurodegenerative conditions.

The gala dinner and awards presentation were followed by a performance by the world-renowned Soweto Gospel Choir.



Professor John Lee

## Heading for the east coast

University representatives travelled to the US in November to hold a series of annual east coast events in New York, Washington and Boston.

The New York and Washington events, which both comprised a lecture and reception, were hosted by the Principal, Professor Sir Timothy O'Shea.

The University's Professor Charles ffrench-Constant, Head of Edinburgh's Multiple Sclerosis Society and Deputy Director of the MRC Centre for Regenerative Medicine, delivered the lecture, on regenerative medicine, at both events.

The New York event was staged in the Williams Club while in Washington, the proceedings were held in the British Embassy's Rotunda, then the Residence of the Deputy Mission, Dominick Chilcott.

In Boston, alumni and their guests, joined by representatives from the University's Development & Alumni department, gathered for a whisky tasting at downtown wine bar Vinalia.



Professor Charles ffrench-Constant delivers his lecture

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# Literary awards celebrate 90 years



Ian Rankin lends a hand as fiction winner Sebastian Barry reads an extract from his book

Edinburgh alumnus and bestselling author Ian Rankin lent a hand – literally – as he announced the winners of the University's 2009 James Tait Black Memorial Prizes during the Edinburgh International Book Festival.

Unperturbed when a power cut hit the proceedings, the crime writer resourcefully provided torchlight as author Sebastian Barry read an extract from his winning entry.

Britain's oldest literary awards, the Prizes celebrated their 90th anniversary in 2009, and the University's Professor Colin Nicholson, Manager of the awards and fiction judge, said the "very strong field of submissions" made compiling a

shortlist, and picking an eventual winner, more difficult than in previous years.

Irish writer Barry was awarded the fiction prize for *The Secret Scripture* and Sir Michael Holroyd was awarded the biography prize for his book about 19th-century Shakespearean authors, *A Strange Eventful History*. Interestingly, Sir Michael's wife Margaret Drabble won the prize 42 years ago for her novel *Jerusalem the Golden*.

The James Tait Black Memorial Prizes, founded in 1919, are awarded annually by the University and judged by a panel of its scholars and postgraduate English literature students. Visit [www.ed.ac.uk/about/people/tait-black](http://www.ed.ac.uk/about/people/tait-black).

## Friends of the Library update

The Friends of Edinburgh University Library recently celebrated a milestone after meeting a fundraising challenge. An anonymous donor pledged to donate £50,000 if the Friends, set up in 1962 to support the Library and its collections, could raise the same amount.

This target was met, and the combined £100,000 raised will go towards funding museum-quality display cases and curatorial support for the planned new ground floor exhibitions room.

For more information, visit [www.edinburghcampaign.ed.ac.uk](http://www.edinburghcampaign.ed.ac.uk).



## Club focus: London Network

The recently launched University of Edinburgh London Alumni Network is proving a popular way for former students to get together.

The Network's first event, a Pimms and Croquet evening at Corney & Barrow Wine Bar, was hailed a great success.

Shortly after this event, the Network held a panel discussion, which posed the question: Is the credit crunch over? What have we learned from the past 18 months?

Among the speakers were Edinburgh alumni: Professor Isobel N Sharp CBE, partner at accountancy firm Deloitte LLP; Peter Smaill, Director of



investment bank Fairfax Investment Management; James Grand, Partner at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP; and George Mackintosh, CEO of TestPlant. The panel discussion was followed by a wine reception.

The London Club, the city's other University of Edinburgh alumni group, also holds a variety of events throughout the year. For more details on both clubs, visit [www.ed.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.ed.ac.uk/alumni).

# Alumni Network

# Community



## Friends reunited

Members of the Manchester Edinburgh University Club and Liverpool's alumni club (above) joined forces on a walk in Delamere Forest Park in north-west England.



Classics graduates of 1963 (above) held a reunion at Edinburgh's New Club to celebrate the 50th anniversary of starting their studies. The day included lunch and Classics talks.

## Keep in touch

**Do we have your current contact details, including your email address?**

**If not, you might be missing out on social event invitations as well as our bimonthly e-newsletter, which keeps you updated on the latest alumni benefits, club activities and news.**

**If your details need to be updated, please visit the Alumni Portal or email us at [alumni@ed.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@ed.ac.uk).**



## How to log in:

If you are a recent graduate simply log in using your old student login and password. New users should email [dasusers@ed.ac.uk](mailto:dasusers@ed.ac.uk), giving your degree details and/or matriculation number.

## Join our new online community

Development & Alumni has launched its new-look Alumni Portal, the secure area of our website ([www.myed.ed.ac.uk](http://www.myed.ed.ac.uk)). The area allows you to update and amend your personal details, and lets you decide how we contact you and what publications you would like to receive.

The Alumni Directory within the Portal enables you to track down old friends

and post your latest news, and the News section will keep you informed with the latest happenings. If you graduated within the past two years, you can also access the Careers Service.

Future plans for the Portal include General Council voting and an online questionnaire, so keep logging on to stay in the loop.

## Classmates catch up – 40 years later!

You could say it was a long time between drinks for University of Edinburgh chums Sheila Duffy and John Melville, who were recently reunited after 40 years. Sheila (MA in Sociology 1967) and John (BSc 1969) met in Edinburgh where John, now an actor and director living in Germany, was staging a play as part of the Festival Fringe. They performed together with the University's drama society but didn't keep in touch after graduation... until Sheila, who currently works as a genealogist in Glasgow, received an



Sheila Duffy, Alistair Campbell and Michael Maloney were reunited after 40 years

email from John out of the blue. Subsequently, they re-established contact with former classmates Michael Maloney (BSc 1968) and Alistair Campbell (LLB 1970) and the foursome caught up at Michael's wedding in Berlin.

For details of alumni clubs, reunions and get-togethers in your area, visit [www.ed.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.ed.ac.uk/alumni)

## LET'S GET TOGETHER



Peter Marshall (MA 2003) and Hannah Shephard (MA 2003) in Glasgow

### You're invited...

The University holds numerous alumni events around the world, and to ensure you are on our invitation list we need your correct contact details, including a current email address. You can update your details by logging in to the Alumni Portal at [www.myed.ed.ac.uk](http://www.myed.ed.ac.uk).

### Glasgow gathering

The University staged its first alumni reception in Glasgow recently. Held at the 29 Private Members Club in Royal Exchange Square, the highly successful event gave alumni the opportunity to reconnect with old friends and to share their memories of their time at Edinburgh.

### A date for your diary

An exciting programme of alumni events will take place in Hong Kong from 10–13 June 2010 to coincide with the General Council's next half-yearly meeting. A key feature of the programme will be a climate change seminar, and a range of other activities, including receptions, lectures and tours will also be staged. Turn to page 38 for more details or email [mariana.west@ed.ac.uk](mailto:mariana.west@ed.ac.uk) with any enquiries.

### Bay Area alumni reunited

Around 60 alumni and their guests gathered at the British Consul General's Official Residence in San Francisco for a lively drinks reception. The event, the second for the group after a previous successful wine-tasting event, was co-hosted by the University's Liesl Elder, Director of Development, and Dr Colin Adams, Director of Commercialisation for the School of Informatics. To join the group or for more information, email [evelyn@bealby.com](mailto:evelyn@bealby.com).

## REUNIONS ROUND-UP

### Reunions in 2010

#### 1950 MBChB

September

Anne Lambie, Edinburgh

#### 1960 MBChB

10–12 September

Tom Kennedy, Roxburghe Hotel, Edinburgh

#### 1965 MBChB

27–28 August

Mike Dixon, Edinburgh

#### 1979 MBChB

TBC

Janet Wilson, Edinburgh

#### 1980 Biological Sciences

26 June

Avril Henney, Edinburgh

#### 1985 MBChB

18 September

Doris MacLeod & Trish Gallagher, Caledonian Hotel, Edinburgh

#### 1989 MBChB

1 May

Helen Hopkinson & Robbie

Grieve, Peebles Hydro, Peebles

#### Nursing Studies: all graduates

11–12 March

Pam Smith

([Pam.Smith@ed.ac.uk](mailto:Pam.Smith@ed.ac.uk))

### Reunions in 2011

#### 1961 MBChB

11–14 September

Winifred Thomson, Ivor Davie, Herbert Gold & Bruce Ritson, MacDonald Holyrood Hotel, Edinburgh

#### 1971 MBChB

9–11 September

Janet Jenkins, Catherine Gourley, Hilary Watkinson & Niall Sinclair, Edinburgh

For reunion details or to make contact with an organiser, contact Liz Everett, Development & Alumni:  
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# Alumni Network

# Memory Lane

## ALUMNI PROFILE



### Michael Boyd

MA Honours English Language & Literature, 1977

Michael Boyd is Artistic Director at the UK's Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC). Under his leadership, the company has staged numerous critically acclaimed productions, including the *Complete Works Festival* and the Olivier Award-winning *Histories*.

"The most important influence on my work was the exposure to the Edinburgh festivals as a schoolboy in the '70s. The kind of excitement that I felt then was something that I want to generate for audiences now.

"At university, my English honours tutor, Roger Savage, was one of the most important teachers I've had at any time. He awoke in me a curiosity as to the different possibilities of theatre, and his own passion was infectious.

"The Edinburgh University Theatre Company offered me tremendous opportunities. The moment I decided that I should become a director was at Edinburgh when I was in a very good show, and I was disagreeing with almost everything the director, who was also very good, was doing. I thought I'm either going to be one of those really annoying actors who are always arguing in rehearsals or I'm going to become a director!

"Listening is key to what we do at the RSC – listening to the text and listening to each other in the rehearsal room; allowing ourselves to be very playful is when we come up with the unexpected.

"Working at the RSC makes you terribly aware of history and of the burden of expectation. It is also challenging because a lot of skilled and intelligent people are pulling in a lot of potentially different directions. How to harmonise that is both one of the biggest challenges and one of the most rewarding aspects of my role."

Ever wondered what your former classmates are up to? Here's a snapshot of who's doing what, where and why...

## 1940s

Lunch in the Playfair Library and a tour of the University's Chancellor's Building at the Royal Infirmary were just two outings included in the three-day programme of events organised by **Iain MacLaren** to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the class of **1949 MBChB**.



## 1950s

The class of **1956 MBChB** recently celebrated 53 years since graduation.



## 1950s

The class of **1959 Economics** celebrated 50 years since their graduation with an anniversary dinner in Old College.



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## 1950s

**Mrs Jean Jones (nee Austin)** MA 1953 has recently released her book, *A Falklands Diary: Winds of Change in a Distant Colony* (IB Taurus, 2009) under her maiden name.

## 1960s

**Mr Alan Powell** BSc 1964 is enjoying his 10th year of retirement after 36 years with Unisys Corporation.

**Mr James G Rennie** BSc 1968 is involved in voluntary work and researching his family's genealogy, having retired from the civil service in 2001.

## 1970s

**Mrs Sheila Szatkowski (nee Devlin)** BA 1977 has compiled the *Scottish Enlightenment Desk Diary 2010*, which is published by Birlinn.

**Mr Nicholas V Clayton** MA 1978 is enjoying life as a resident of Ibiza.

**Mr Narayan Hosmane** PhD 1974 is currently an active team member of the Northern Illinois Neutron Therapy facility and the Northern Illinois Proton Therapy for Cancer Treatment and Research Centre.

## 1980s

**Mr George A Young** BSc 1981 is currently Professor of Statistics at Imperial College London.

## 1990s

**Rev Matthew Z Ross** LLB 1990, BD 1996 was married to Kristina in January 2009, before returning to parish ministry with the Church of Scotland in Midlothian, following six years working in Brussels.

**Marianne Foley** PhD 1995 won, as part of a five-strong team at engineering design firm Arup, the 40th annual MacRobert Award, the UK's biggest prize for engineering innovation.

**Dr Clare-Louise Walker (nee Morgan)** BSc 1996, MBChB 1999 has completed her

course with the Open University obtaining a BA in History of Science, Technology and Medicine, with first-class honours.

**Mr H Hollwitz** LLM 1998 is currently in-house counsel with the Deutsche Bank Group, following professional training in Berlin and Dublin.

**Rev Gordon Jones** MA 1998 has gained a BD with first-class honours from the Scottish Baptist College and was formally ordained at Gourrock Baptist Church on 30 June 2009.

## 2000s

**Dr Timothy Willis** MSc 2000, PhD 2008 has set up a company to commercialise his PhD research, aiming to further develop the Flexible Text Expansion software, which is designed to accelerate typing input on keyboards.

**Mr Daniel Gay** MSc 2002 recently published his book *Reflexivity and Development* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2009).

**Professor Bruce Mann** LLM 2008 is an academic at Memorial University in Canada.

## ALUMNI PROFILE

### Dotti Irving

MA Honours in English Language & Literature, 1972

**Dotti Irving is CEO of PR consultancy firm Colman Getty, which she started in 1987. Specialising in culture, the arts and publishing, it is one of the UK's leading PR firms, having represented the likes of Nigella Lawson, Madonna and JK Rowling.**

"I was born in the Scottish Borders but went to boarding school in Edinburgh. We had to go to bed at 9pm – in summer the sun would be blazing away and I would see all those lucky students, walking up and down Marchmont each night, and I thought, 'I'm going to get in there!'"

"I loved my third year, and I adored the American literature lectures. We had very intensive tuition. The one-to-one thing was really important and I had some fantastic teachers; I had a fabulous education.

"My time in Edinburgh wasn't all academic. It was a lot of fun and I made some very good friends. I was quite sporty and I played tennis and lacrosse, and I learnt how to play poker very well!"

"I was a very strident student and I probably did a lot of things I shouldn't have done! There were sit-ins to object to student records being kept and protests in the all-male bar. The student union's downstairs bar was a male-only preserve back then – women weren't allowed to go in. Can you imagine?!"

"After university I got involved in teaching but it was never a vocation for me. I've had a wonderful progressive career. When I started my business it was difficult because I was trying to generate business and look calm and in charge! It was just my PA and I, and I had a one-year-old daughter. But I've always been quite entrepreneurial and I'm not frightened of hard work.

"I now have a team of 40 people so my role is more strategic, which I find hugely challenging. And the business side of it, running a successful company, appeals to me as well.

"Colman Getty is about books, artists, dance, theatre... My work is hugely satisfying, and I think that is because my working world and my personal world are very much intertwined."



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# My Edinburgh



Everyone has special memories of their university years. Coming to Edinburgh means a lot of memories are enhanced by the stunning location, breathtaking weather and all-round cosmopolitan experience. Here, *Edit* invites alumni to share what made their student days so memorable. If you would like to contribute to My Edinburgh in future, email us at [editor.edit@ed.ac.uk](mailto:editor.edit@ed.ac.uk).



**Rosana Tignanelli**  
MSc in  
Education  
TESOL

(Distance Education), 2007

## Where do you live now, and why?

I live in Buenos Aires, Argentina. I came back here, to my home town, after four years in Caracas, Venezuela.

## When did you live in Edinburgh?

I studied at Edinburgh, as a Distance Education student, from 2001 to 2007. In 2003, I travelled to Scotland for a holiday and visited the University.

## What did the University do for you?

Edinburgh allowed me to grow professionally – by gaining academic knowledge and reflecting on my teaching experiences, I was able to take that expertise back to my workplace and apply all I learnt through my studies.

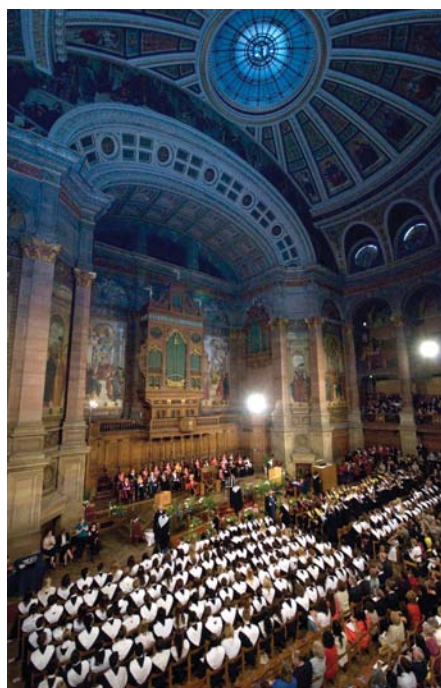
## What do you miss about the city?

The beautiful Old Town, the University buildings and the overall atmosphere of a city that mixes characteristics of the past with modern buildings and shops. I have particularly fond memories of walking up and down the Royal Mile.



## What was in your 'little black book' when you stayed in Edinburgh?

The fudge shop on the High Street. I stepped in there so many times to taste the many different types of fudge.



## What was your first impression of Edinburgh when you arrived?

At my graduation ceremony, I enjoyed walking into McEwan Hall, looking at the paintings and listening to the organ playing. The hall is one of the University's – and the city's – most impressive buildings.

## What is your fondest memory of your time at the University?

Meeting so many people at my graduation – International Office staff, my tutors, the administration officers... Everyone made me feel as if I were in my home country. On that unforgettable day I also met another distance-learning student who was getting the same degree as me. She is from Israel and it was great to see that Edinburgh had connected us – two teachers who lived far away from each other but both loved the English language and culture.



## Which academic staff member influenced your life most when you were there?

My tutors Dr Rosemary Douglas and Dr Joan Cutting and Mrs Ruby Rennie facilitated my studies by giving me enriching, supportive feedback on my work via email; this gave me the chance to learn more and more as I completed each study module.

## What is your favourite view of the city?

The sea from Edinburgh Castle.

## What would you recommend as 'unmissable' to a tourist?

The Castle – you could spend a few days there!

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**Jeffrey Callison (formerly Howitt)**  
 English Literature and Philosophy MA, 1982

**Where do you live now, and why?**

I live in California where I host a daily interview show on a public radio station, based in Sacramento, the state capital. We cover a lot of state government and political issues – I once interviewed Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in his cabinet room where he displays his *Conan the Barbarian* sword.

**When did you live in Edinburgh?**

From 1979 to 1984.

**What did the University do for you?**

The intellectual challenge of the discussion in tutorials; memories of reading so many books by tremendous authors (Shakespeare, Plato, Jonathan Swift etc); and all that I learned about theatre as a very active member of the Edinburgh University Theatre Company.

**What do you miss about the city?**

The ever-inspiring city views and being there for the fun of the Festival Fringe.



**What was in your 'little black book' when you lived in Edinburgh as a student?**

One place that I frequented way too often was this great sit-down fish-and-chip shop on Nicolson Street – I can't remember its name but the steak pie with chips and baked beans was the best! I also remember seeing a lot of wonderful productions at the Traverse Theatre in its former location on the Grassmarket.

My philosophy lecturer Stanley Eveling was brilliant; very good natured. Every week attending tutorials I would resolve to 'win' a philosophical discussion with him. Naturally, I was never successful!

**What was your first impression of Edinburgh when you arrived as a fresher?**

I was amazed by what a stimulating city it was – and no doubt still is.

**What is your fondest memory of your time at University?**

My countless hours at the Bedlam Theatre (acting, directing, producing, set building, light designing, seat installing, toilet cleaning etc). It was fun and hard work, and I learned a lot.

**Which book or academic staff member influenced you the most when you were here?**

My philosophy lecturer (and a playwright) Stanley Eveling was brilliant; he was always very good natured. Every week attending tutorials in his office I would resolve to 'win' a philosophical discussion with him. Naturally, I was never successful!



**What is your favourite view of the city?**

Most of the views through the north-side closes on the Royal Mile.

**What would be your advice to a tourist visiting Edinburgh?**

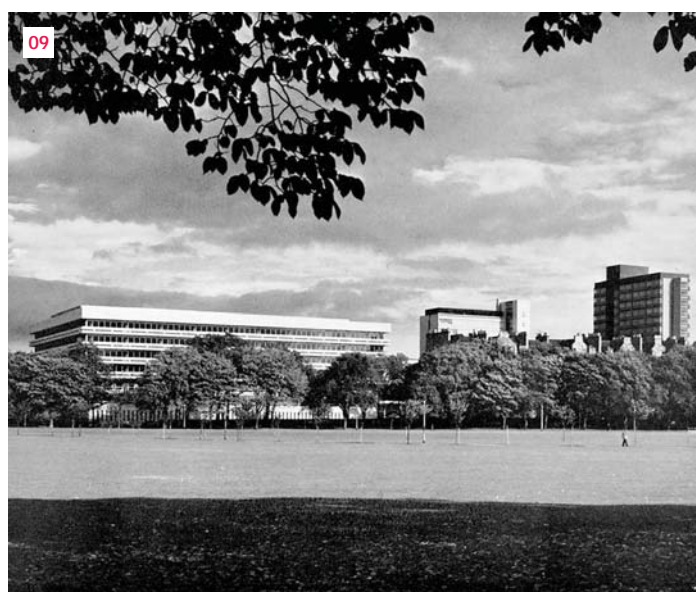
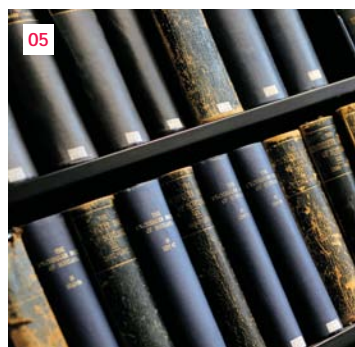
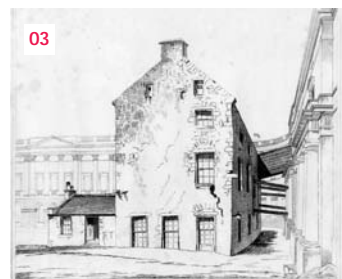
Don't worry about what the weather will be like – there's no end of things to do and see.



# Then & Now

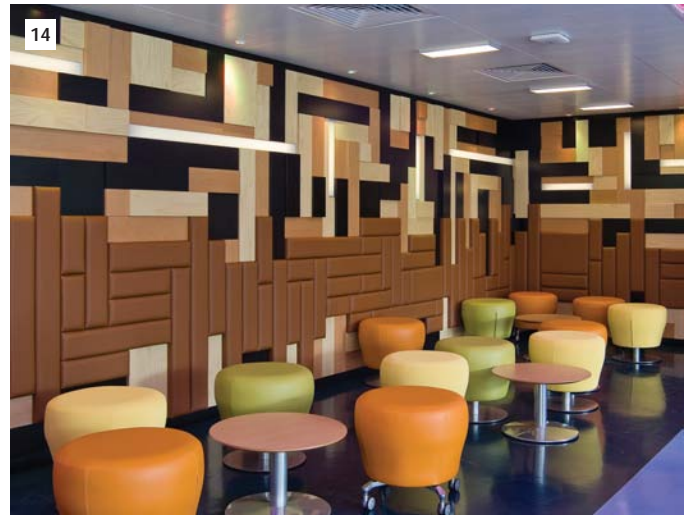
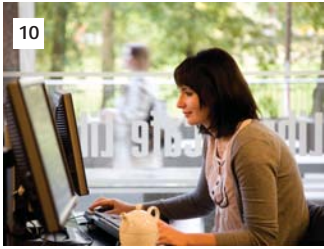
# Main Library

The University's Main Library has transformed significantly throughout history. From the original grand Playfair Library in Old College to George Square's '60s-style building and today's ambitious £60 million redevelopment project, it has remained an invaluable resource. Email us at [editor.edit@ed.ac.uk](mailto:editor.edit@ed.ac.uk) if you would like your photographs of your time as a student – at work or play – to be featured in Then & Now.



**01** Students at work in the original library site, the magnificent Playfair Library in Old College. **02** Studying in the Main Library before the redevelopment. **03** Illustration of William Playfair's Old College site for the University's Main Library in the 19th century. **04** The Main Library's architect Sir Basil Spence. **05** Despite rapidly evolving technologies, books from past and present will continue to be a crucial resource. **06** The George Square building's 21st-century redevelopment takes shape beneath the scaffolding. **07** Entering a new era for the Main Library in the 1960s. **08** Studying in a pre-wireless age. **09** Sir Basil's distinctive building overlooks the Meadows.

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**10** Research and relaxation can be combined in the new café. **11** A contemporary setting for quiet concentration. **12** A state-of-the-art study pod. **13** Examining a rare and delicate tome. **14** An ode to 1960s design in the new café. **15** Painstaking and intricate work at the Centre for Research Collections. **16** A new look for the ground floor entrance. **17** Leisurly browsing among the Library's vast collection of reference books. **18** Contemporary seating for time out from study. **19** Shelving space, 21st-century style.



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# Talbot Rice Gallery

## Welcome

The Talbot Rice Gallery is the public art gallery of the University of Edinburgh and one of Scotland's leading public galleries of contemporary visual art.

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For opening times, or to become a Friend of Talbot Rice Gallery, visit [www.trg.ed.ac.uk](http://www.trg.ed.ac.uk).



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### WHAT'S ON

#### DRAWING FOR INSTRUCTION

30 January to 13 March 2010

This fascinating exhibition will highlight how drawing has been used to instruct at the University over the centuries. Rare and intricate historical drawings will be showcased alongside state-of-the-art computer-generated images and 3D installations.

#### ARTIST ROOMS: JENNY HOLZER

April to May 2010

One of the most important conceptual artists working today, Jenny Holzer will have her works displayed as part of the national initiative *Artist Rooms*, an imaginative contemporary art collection created by University of Edinburgh alumnus Anthony d'Offay.

Visit [www.trg.ed.ac.uk](http://www.trg.ed.ac.uk) for details.

# Billet

## The General Council of the University of Edinburgh

### Report By Alan Brown, Convener of the Business Committee of the General Council

The General Council is the means by which graduates have a continuing voice in the management of the University's affairs, and every graduate automatically becomes a member. Academic staff and members of the University's supreme governing body, the University Court, are also members of the General Council, which meets twice a year and has the right to comment on matters affecting the University's prosperity and well-being. For more information on the work of the General Council, visit [www.general-council.ed.ac.uk](http://www.general-council.ed.ac.uk).



The Business Committee and its four Standing Committees continue to work hard on behalf of the General Council and I am grateful to all the members for their enthusiasm and commitment.

A recent important initiative of the Business Committee has been to support the University in setting up General Council scholarships. The purpose of this initiative is primarily to increase the number of bursaries and scholarships available to outstanding students, and also to encourage alumni to contribute to this worthwhile cause. The Business Committee has strongly endorsed this enterprise.

The General Council's last half-yearly meeting was held on 20 June 2009 in the Informatics Forum. The University address, given by Professor Nigel Brown, Vice-Principal and Head of the College of Science & Engineering, generated much stimulating discussion, and the after-lunch speaker, the historical novelist and the University's Alumnus of the Year 2008, Dr Philippa Gregory, shared some interesting and amusing anecdotes. The meeting was webcast live and a very encouraging number of alumni logged on from as far afield as the US and Japan and from all over the UK. Both speakers'

contributions may be viewed on the Video Gallery at [www.general-council.ed.ac.uk](http://www.general-council.ed.ac.uk).

In my last report I mentioned 'The Unknown', a Kenny Hunter sculpture that was presented to the University to mark the 150th anniversary of our General Council. It now has a permanent home in the foyer of the Queen's Medical Research Institute (QMRI) at Little France. At a ceremony on 13 July 2009, Professor Chris Haslett, Head of the QMRI, officially accepted the sculpture. Images of that occasion may be seen on the Photograph Gallery of our website.

At the end of each academic year we have to say farewell to the members of the Business Committee who have come to the end of their four-year tenure. We thank Mrs Marjorie Appleton, Mr Ewan Jeffrey, Mrs Ann Sutherland and Dr Charles Swainson for their dedication and contributions. The year they joined was a vintage one, as three of them became Conveners of Standing Committees. This year is particularly poignant, as Dr Ann Matheson retired as Secretary of the General Council after eight distinguished years of service. Much well deserved praise has been bestowed on Dr Matheson who made an enormous contribution. She received a letter of appreciation from the Chancellor, HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and will be awarded an honorary degree by the University. Her portrait is being painted by the eminent Scottish artist Victoria Crowe, and it will hang in Old College. This commission is being funded equally by the General Council and the University.

The Business Committee is very fortunate to have been joined by five new members who

bring a wealth of varied experience to our work. Mr Michael Conway and Mr Neil Hynd have been members in the recent past, and Ms Jane Kille, Mr Shields Henderson and Professor Ian Sutherland join us for the first time. Dr Simon Cunningham was appointed Secretary of the General Council on 1 August 2009. He gained his PhD at Edinburgh and his career was with the United Nations in New York. Dr Cunningham recently retired to Edinburgh. We wish all the newcomers well.

Arrangements are well in hand for the 2010 half-yearly meetings in Edinburgh and Hong Kong. At the 13 February 2010 event the Principal will give his annual report and the after-lunch speaker is distinguished art dealer and philanthropist Dr Anthony d'Offay. There will be a live webcast of the meeting as well as the opportunity to contribute to the discussion by sending in questions by email. Full details are available on our website.

In this report you will have noticed the references to our website which contains a wealth of detail on all aspects of General Council activities, including video clips and photographs of recent events, the full text with supporting documents of presentations at the half-yearly meetings, and information about future meetings and events. The minutes of our Business Committee meetings are available and shortly those of the Standing Committees will be added. Following a perusal of all the information you may wish to consider voting in the forthcoming election to the Business Committee. Details of this election are also on the website, and voting papers are enclosed with this magazine.

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## General Council Half-Yearly Meeting on Saturday 13 February 2010 10.30am: Room LT175, School of Law, Old College

**10am to 10.30am:** Coffee, tea and biscuits in the Lorimer Room, School of Law, Old College

**10.30am:** General Council Meeting in Room G175, School of Law, Old College

**After the meeting:** Lunch in the Playfair Library Hall (see inside back cover for details)

**\* Members are invited to submit questions to the meeting in advance by email to [general.council@ed.ac.uk](mailto:general.council@ed.ac.uk) or live during the meeting via the link from our web page at [http://www.general-council.ed.ac.uk/forthcoming\\_meetings.htm](http://www.general-council.ed.ac.uk/forthcoming_meetings.htm).**

**Please note that the meeting will be filmed.**

### AGENDA FOR THE GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

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| 1 | Result of the election of members of the Business Committee                           |
| 2 | Minutes of the meeting of the General Council held on 20 June 2009 ( <b>PAPER A</b> ) |
| 3 | Matters arising   |
| 4 | Report of the Business Committee  |
| 5 | Dates of future meetings of the General Council                                       |
| 6 | Notice of forthcoming elections   |
| 7 | Presentation by the Principal of the University's <i>Annual Review</i>                |
| 8 | Any other competent business  |
| 9 | Adjournment   |

### PAPER A

#### Minutes of the meeting of the General Council held on 20 June 2009

##### Present:

**Mr Iain Macwhirter**  
Chairman

**Mr Melvyn Cornish**  
University Secretary and Registrar of the  
General Council

**Dr Ann Matheson**  
Secretary of the General Council

**Dr Alan Brown**  
Convener of the Business Committee

##### 59 other members

**The Rev. Di Williams**  
Chaplain to the University opened the  
meeting with prayer.

##### 1. Minutes of the meeting of the General Council held in Edinburgh on 14 February 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on  
14 February 2009 were approved.

##### 2. Matters arising

The Chairman reported that there were five matters arising: (i) Discussion with heads of Human Resources and Estates & Buildings had confirmed that even in the present financial climate the University was indeed able to secure high-quality staff; (ii) the Academic Standing Committee would raise the matter of the teaching of Scottish History with the Head of the School of

History, Classics and Archaeology when they next meet; in the meantime information on the number of courses in Scottish History offered by the University had been sent to the enquiring party; (iii) the Media Group of the Public Affairs Standing Committee had discussed video-conferencing of meetings, but it was now old technology, expensive and complex and had been replaced by web-casting; (iv) a break during the half-yearly meeting was considered impractical, but seats would be reserved at the front of the hall to allow members to stretch their legs without interrupting the meeting; (v) the Public Affairs Standing Committee had considered holding a special General Council Meeting in Hong Kong at a different time of the year and had concluded that any other time of year would

also have disadvantages. In regard to holding a straw poll of graduates, the number of graduates in the Far East was known and it was anticipated that there would be an excellent turnout next June in Hong Kong.

### 3. Report of the Business Committee

Dr Alan Brown, Convener of the Business Committee, gave the report of the Business Committee. He said that it was a great pleasure to welcome the relatively new Rector to his first official meeting of the General Council. His election had been widely acclaimed and he was already making a significant impact on student affairs. He noted that this meeting of the General Council and the address by the after-lunch speaker, Dr Philippa Gregory, was being transmitted as a live webcast for those members not able to be present and hoped that this technology would be used at future General Council meetings. Video clips of the day's activities would be available later on the General Council website ([www.general-council.ed.ac.uk](http://www.general-council.ed.ac.uk)).

The Academic and Finance & Services Standing Committees had regular stimulating sessions with Heads of College and senior University management. The Constitutional Standing Committee had been putting all necessary arrangements in place for the introduction of online voting for General Council elections and the Public Affairs Standing Committee and its Media Group had been involved in setting up the morning's live webcast and in preparations for the next away half-yearly meeting in Hong Kong in June 2010. Following the February 2009 meeting, the guidelines for the Council's away meetings had been developed and approved by the Business Committee and were available on the General Council website.

He said that the Business Committee had recently begun to explore ways in which the General Council could support the University further, for example by providing much needed scholarships and bursaries for undergraduates.

Forthcoming activities of the Business Committee would include attending pre-graduation receptions for the graduates and their families in the Chaplaincy Centre, the graduations themselves, and the now traditional General Council Festival Reception at the Talbot Rice Gallery.

He noted how this was the last half-yearly meeting for four Business Committee members and expressed the Committee's gratitude to them: Mrs Marjorie Appleton, Mr Ewan Jeffrey, Mrs Ann Sutherland and Dr Charles Swainson. This was a particularly memorable and sad occasion as Dr Ann Matheson was retiring as Secretary of the General Council at the end of July. In a letter to her, the Chancellor, HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh had written about how the General Council was a very important element in the structure of the University and how her part in maintaining a healthy relationship with the University was widely recognised.

Provided that the first motion was passed, Dr Simon Cunningham would be appointed Secretary of the General Council for four years from August 2009, and he welcomed him to the post and wished him well. The report of the Business Committee was approved.

*The full text of the Convener's remarks, and the record of the discussion that followed the presentation, are contained in the Annex to the Billet.*

### 4. Motions

The Chairman invited the Convener to present the motions. The Convener reported that the first motion was the appointment of Dr Simon Cunningham as Secretary of the General Council; this was unanimously approved. The second motion invited the General Council to approve the introduction of online voting for all elections. After some discussion the motion was carried by a show of hands. The third motion concerned the incorporation in the constitutional arrangements of provision for the removal of any member of the Business

Committee who brings the office into disrepute; this motion was also carried.

### 5. Dates of future meetings of the General Council

The next half-yearly meeting of the General Council would take place in Old College on Saturday 13 February 2010: any motions for discussion at that meeting should be received in the General Council Office by 25 November 2009. The following meeting of the General Council would take place in Hong Kong, on Saturday 12 June 2010: any motions for this meeting should be received in the General Council Office by 24 March 2010.

### 6. Notice of forthcoming elections

There would be elections for five members of the Business Committee in February 2010: nomination forms, available from the General Council Office or on the General Council's website, should be received in the General Council Office by 25 November 2009.

### 7. Presentation by Professor Nigel Brown, Vice-Principal and Head of the College of Science & Engineering

Vice-Principal Brown described how there are seven schools in the College and how it is an extremely large and diverse organisation with about 2,000 staff, 500 approximately being academic staff, and more than 650 postgraduate research students, most of whom are undertaking PhDs.

The College participates in a number of research pools: the Scottish Universities Physics Alliance (SUPA), a grouping across all the Physics departments in Scotland; the University of Edinburgh and the University of St Andrews working together at Chemistry, (EaStCHEM); and ScotCHEM working together with other Chemistry departments elsewhere. The Edinburgh Research Partnership is between Edinburgh and Heriot-Watt University, mainly in Engineering and

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Mathematics. The remaining three pools are the Scottish Alliance for GeoScience, Environment and Society (SAGES), the Scottish Universities Life Sciences Alliance (SULSA), and the Scottish Informatics and Computer Science Alliance (SICSA). All of these are led or jointly led from Edinburgh, confirming its status in leading research.

Vice-Principal Brown has a strong belief in multidisciplinary work and gave examples: the Centre for Systems Biology within the College, which involves biologists working with mathematicians and engineers and physical scientists. The Centre for Communication Interface Research (CCIR) fosters very close ties between engineering and the banking sector, and is funded by the banking sector. The Wellcome Trust Centre for Cell Biology is 'the place' in the UK to undertake academic cell biology research. Moreover, the University of Edinburgh is certainly the UK and, arguably, the European lead in high performance computing, and the Edinburgh Parallel Computing Centre, with industrial connections to Microsoft, Sun, IBM the other big computing firms, is extremely well known internationally. More recent developments are the Centre for Regenerative Medicine, with the College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine, which is led by Professor Sir Ian Wilmot and is taking stem cell research through into clinical application. Finally, there is the Scottish Centre for Carbon Storage with Heriot-Watt University.

The Vice-Principal noted the need to work with others: for instance, the School of Informatics is working with Stanford University. He felt that it is immaterial where the collaborators were located, as long as the collaboration is of a very high quality.

The evidence for how well the College is doing in research is to be found in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise (RAE). The College of Science & Engineering is placed top for Science and Engineering in Scotland, and is in the top five in the UK. Almost half of the world-leading science in Scotland is

carried out at the University of Edinburgh. The Vice-Principal felt that the College's success leaves it with some challenges, specifically how to maintain its upward trend in the current economic climate when funding comes mainly from the Research Councils and charities but less money is available for research.

The College also faces challenges in learning and teaching. It is teaching much larger class sizes and so its lecture rooms, library and study facilities need to be improved. In this regard, Vice-Principal Brown mentioned the proposed King's Buildings Learning and Resource Centre. The type of teaching has also changed quite significantly and he referred to the James Clerk Maxwell Building in which there will be new teaching and learning clusters, which essentially consist of a small table, around which half-a-dozen or so students can sit and look at a large computer screen and learn together.

These various challenges are being addressed in the *College of Science & Engineering Strategy and Delivery Plan 2009–2014*, and the Vice-Principal stated that he would be very happy to receive feedback by email (gail.linnett@ed.ac.uk) or other means. *The Plan* is aligned with the University's *Strategic Plan 2008–2013*: excellence in education, excellence in research, excellence in commercialisation and knowledge exchange, and achieving these goals through the enablers of quality people, quality services and quality infrastructure.

He described how in education the College would continue to improve its high-quality taught courses and improve the student experience through the *College Learning and Teaching Strategy*, which has been adopted by all the Schools. The College attracts the highest quality students but wants to ensure they develop the skills that will serve them through life and enable them to become independent and reflective learners. He felt that achieving these goals involves working with the students and noted how fortunate the

University is to have officers of the Students' Association heavily engaged in the University.

The Vice-Principal also stressed the need to feed the user requirements back into the research environment. Commercialisation and knowledge exchange are increasingly important for the university sector, so there is a need to increase awareness of this and of opportunities available to staff and students. In this regard, he asked the biologists to make sure that they put a team in Biotechnology YES (Young Entrepreneurs Scheme) that runs every year.

There is also a need to exchange knowledge with the local community and local bodies: to have people go into industry, and people come from industry into academia.

Vice-Principal Brown considered that the University's Human Resources practices should allow time for these developments and stated that he had asked every Head of School throughout the College to develop a workload model. If somebody is doing a lot in one aspect of the academic role, then that person may be relieved by his or her colleagues from doing a lot in the other aspects of their job. He has also had discussion with Human Resources to ensure that the College's management and reward structures are fit for purpose. The Vice-Principal emphasised how the University needs the personnel to provide expert and general technical support and good administrative support. It must ensure that staff are trained and can develop professionally, that they meet their ambitions, and that there are not too many terminal or 'glass ceilings' for their particular roles.

He felt that there was also a need for high-quality infrastructure if the University is going to undertake research and learning and teaching at the very highest level. The College needs to work with Estates & Buildings and Information Services to provide the best facilities.

Finally, the Vice-Principal turned to some new developments. In Climate Change and

Sustainable Energy, the University of Edinburgh has quite a significant lead and is developing, with Heriot-Watt University, the Edinburgh Climate Change Centre. The Scottish Government has been engaged with this initiative. Moreover, Scottish Power has recently undertaken to fund a chair in Carbon Capture and Sequestration.

In the matter of drug discovery, in November 2008 the University welcomed Professor Manfred Auer from Novartis, in Austria. Professor Auger's strategy is to take a limited range of compounds and, in association with the College of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine, and human and animal hospitals, see what diseases they can treat.

Another new development is in Synthetic Biology, which involves bringing engineering to biology, and engaging the social scientists. The Vice-Principal stated that one of the leading UK networks is in the College. Also, the new Wellcome Trust Centre for Immunity, Infection and Evolution cuts across the Colleges of Science & Engineering and Medicine & Veterinary Medicine. The University also has the UK's world-leading

eScience Institute, which is planned to move to the School of Informatics.

The Vice-Principal finished by saying that the success of the *Plan* could be judged if, in five years time, he would be able to say that the College is a world-leading centre, addressing the 'grand plan' challenges of climate change, renewable energy, global security, life-long health and well-being. He hopes that the College will have developed its already broad research base to have innovative, inter-disciplinary research, both within the University and with other institutions in the UK and overseas, and finally that it will be the institution of choice for global industrial, commercial and academic partnerships.

*The full text of the Vice-Principal's address, together with the accompanying documentation, can be found at [www.general-council.ed.ac.uk/past\\_meetings.htm](http://www.general-council.ed.ac.uk/past_meetings.htm) and in the Annex to the Billet.*

## 8. Any other competent business

No matters were raised.

## 9. Adjournment

The motion by the Convener of the Business Committee that, for the purpose of considering matters which may be transmitted to the General Council by the University Court or any other business of a competent nature, the Business Committee be empowered to act on behalf of the Council, and that this meeting be adjourned to a date to be fixed by the Business Committee, was approved.

The Rev. Di Williams closed the meeting with a benediction.

*The Annex to the Billet contains supporting papers for the agenda, including communications from the University Court, full Standing Committee reports, a transcript of the presentation, and the Business Committee's report to the meeting on 20 June 2009.*

*General Council members may either collect the Annex from 30 minutes before the Council meeting or request it by post from: Mrs Mary Scott, General Council Office, Charles Stewart House, 9–16 Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1HT, Scotland UK. Tel +44 (0)131 650 2152, email [General.Council@ed.ac.uk](mailto:General.Council@ed.ac.uk).*

# General Council bids farewell to Dr Ann Matheson (Secretary 2001–2009)



Dr Ann Matheson

Dr Ann Matheson OBE is to be awarded a doctorate *honoris causa* for her contribution to the University as Secretary of the General Council from 2001 to 2009. It is highly appropriate that she will receive the degree in Hong Kong in June 2010, as it was under her tenure that meetings of the Council were held outside Scotland in order to reach out to our alumni around the world.

A portrait of Dr Matheson has been jointly commissioned from Victoria Crowe by the University and the General Council. It will hang in Old College.

In a letter to her, the Chancellor, HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, wrote: "As you appreciate, the Council is a very important element in the structure of the University, and your part in maintaining a healthy relationship with the University is widely recognised."

Dr Matheson has had a distinguished career. She was Keeper of Printed Books at the National Library of Scotland, Edinburgh, until 2000. She is Secretary-General of the Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche (LIBER) and Chairman of the Advisory Committee for Sabhal Mòr Ostaig Library, UHI, Isle of Skye. She was Chairman of the Consortium of European Research Libraries from 2000 to 2006 and Chairman of the Literature Committee of the Scottish Arts Council from 1997 to 2003. She is a member of the Literary Awards Panel of the Saltire Society.

Her research interests are in the 18th century, and she has written and co-edited books, including *Scottish Gaelic Union Catalogue* (1984), *For the Encouragement of Learning* (1989) and *Theories of Rhetoric* (1995), and contributed articles to a wide range of national and international scholarly and professional journals.

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## Postal election

Candidates for postal election of Members of the Business Committee

The following nominations have been received for the election of five members of the Business Committee to serve until 31 July 2014.



**Mr Hamish Andrew Niven McKenzie**  
MA 1967

*Proposed by Mr Brian Robert Peters Murdoch, BSc 1968*

*Seconded by Mr Graeme Douglas Robert Cruickshank, MA 1969*

As a professional Chartered Accountant, I have been concerned, *inter alia*, with the viability of various businesses and other institutions, and the optimisation of investment. Along with my degree in English Literature, I believe this gives me the opportunity for a balanced approach to the work of the Business Committee.



**Dr Elizabeth Margaret Munro Morris**  
MB ChB 1981

*Proposed by Dr Janet Murray, MB ChB 1981*

*Seconded by Mr John Murray Bremner, BDS 1988*

I have lived and worked in Edinburgh for many years and firmly support our city and university. As a mother of students and a GP I am well aware of the issues facing our undergraduates and feel I could make a positive contribution to the work of the Business Committee.



**Sheriff Andrew Montgomery Bell**  
BL 1961

*Proposed by Mrs Anne Margaret Tait, BSc 1965*

*Seconded by Mr David Alexander Lamb, LLB 1967*

I practised as solicitor and advocate and was sheriff at three courts. I was on the Sheriffs' Council and the Church of Scotland Legal Questions Committee. I am a trustee of Viewpoint Trust. I have lectured at Judicial Refresher Courses. I have been on Council of Old Edinburgh Club.



**Dr Edward Bruce Ritson**  
MB ChB 1961

*Proposed by Dr Alan David Gillespie Brown, MB ChB 1963*

*Seconded by Sheriff Richard John Dinwoodie Scott, MA 1960, LLB 1963*

Formerly consultant and senior lecturer in Psychiatry in Edinburgh. Currently member of Parole Board, Chair of 'Scottish Intercollegiate Group on Alcohol' and of 'Art in Healthcare'. I bring experience of teaching and research, including international with WHO, and working with students at all levels within a large organisation.



**Dr Edward Denham Russell-Smith**  
MB ChB 1987

*Proposed by Dr Frank Stewart, MB ChB 1965*

*Seconded by Professor Aziz Sheikh, Professor of Primary Care R&D, Community Health Services*

A highly motivated and professional doctor, I have over 20 years experience in General Practice, training and education, leadership, innovation, communication, teamwork, honesty and enthusiasm. My educational philosophy is learner-centred, grounded in the theories of adult education. It would be an honour to serve on the Business Committee.



**Dr Charles Patrick Swainson**  
MB ChB 1971

*Proposed by Dr Frances Diana Dow, MA 1969*

*Seconded by Dr Alan David Gillespie Brown, MB ChB 1963*

Current Scottish Health Board Director working closely with HE sector, especially University of Edinburgh, and Scottish Government. Served one term on Committee and keen to use my skills once more in service of the University. Bring energy, commitment and innovation to the committee.



**Mr Charles Jesse Hill**  
MBA 1994

*Proposed by Professor Jeff Haywood, BSc 1969, Vice Principal Knowledge Management*  
*Seconded by Professor Richard Donovan Kenway, Vice Principal and Head of School of Physics & Astronomy*

Since 1994 held various roles supporting the University's business activities, recently a lead role in the Roslin merger and currently assuming the role of the University's business continuity manager. Serving as a warden for over 10 years with the remit of responsibility for the students' general well-being and safety.



**Mrs Ann Mary Sutherland**  
MA 1960

*Proposed by Professor Ian McDonald Campbell, PhD 1970*

*Seconded by Mr Peter Bruce Freshwater, MA 1964*

Formerly on Edinburgh University staff and the Business Committee, I am committed to the ongoing success of the University and the contribution the General Council makes in promoting that success. I am a Fellow of the British Cartographic Society serving on its Council and am active in local amenity matters.



**Mr Charles Michael  
Arber Lugton**  
MA 1973

*Proposed by Mr Douglas Andrew Connell,  
LLB 1974*

*Seconded by Dr Alan David Gillespie Brown,  
MB ChB 1963*

Career in public administration in the Scottish Office, the Scottish Executive and latterly as Chief Executive of the Scottish Law Commission. I would aim to bring experience of leadership, management and strategic thinking at senior levels to the maintenance and development of the University's impressive reputation at home and abroad.



**Miss Margaret Luise  
Stirling Locke**  
BA 1976, MBA 1999

*Proposed by Mr Bruce Landale Keith Rae,  
LLB 1967*

*Seconded by Mr Douglas Andrew Connell,  
LLB 1974*

32 years in private practice law, solicitor, equity partner, currently advocate: former conveyancing Tutor Edinburgh University Diploma and Springboard Mentor, PSYBT Panel (8 years): Charitable Trustee, various directorships, South Knapdale Community Council Secretary: all demonstrate a breadth of skills and experience at many levels in property, business, related finance.

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Ann M Smyth, BSc, PhD, MPhil	2011
A Margaret Tait, BSc	2013

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<b>A</b>	Convener of Academic Standing Committee: Ian W Sutherland, BSc, PhD, DSc	2013

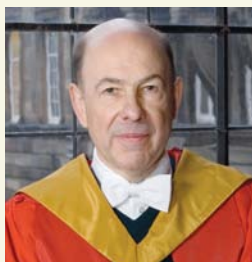
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Assistant to the Secretary: Mary T Scott, BA

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Dr Anthony d'Offay

## The February 2010 General Council lunch

Following the 13 February 2010 half-yearly meeting, members of the General Council, other alumni, family and friends are cordially invited to the General Council lunch in the Playfair Library Hall, Old College. Dr Anthony d'Offay, art dealer and philanthropist, will give the after-lunch address.

If you would like to attend this event, please book online at [www.general-council.ed.ac.uk/forthcoming\\_events.htm](http://www.general-council.ed.ac.uk/forthcoming_events.htm) or complete and return the form, opposite, no later than Monday 1 February 2010.

Tickets, at £20, include a pre-lunch wine reception and a buffet lunch in the Playfair Library Hall. Table wines will be available for purchase at the meal.



## Half-yearly meeting at Informatics Forum on Saturday 20 June 2009

After the General Council lunch at the Informatics Forum, from left: Professor Nigel Brown; University Secretary and Registrar of the General Council, Mr Melvyn Cornish; Dr Philippa Gregory; Secretary of the General Council, Dr Ann Matheson; University Rector, Mr Iain Macwhirter; and Convener of the Business Committee, Dr Alan Brown.

## June 2010 General Council meeting and weekend events: Hong Kong, 11–13 June 2010

All General Council members are most warmly invited to the June 2010 half-yearly meeting at the University of Hong Kong, on Saturday 12 June 2010 – the Council's first meeting in Asia.

A full outline programme of alumni events has been planned for the weekend of 11–13 June 2010, including opportunities for socialising, networking, discussion and debate.

The outline programme of events, right, is also available at the General Council ([www.general-council.ed.ac.uk](http://www.general-council.ed.ac.uk)) and Development & Alumni ([www.edinburghcampaign.org](http://www.edinburghcampaign.org)) websites.

For those wishing to explore Hong Kong's sights, a wide range of optional activities will be posted on the General Council website, and friends are invited to associated weekend events.

Further details regarding venues and prices will be notified by eNewsletter and on the General Council web pages, and tickets will be available online at [www.general-council.ed.ac.uk/forthcoming\\_events.htm](http://www.general-council.ed.ac.uk/forthcoming_events.htm), using credit card facilities (conversion at prevailing rates), from **Friday 26 February 2010**.

The closing date for applications is **Friday 28 May 2010**, but numbers will be limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

### Weekend programme of events

#### Friday 11 June 2010

- Climate change business seminar, including reception
- Reception and presentation of honorary degrees

#### Saturday 12 June 2010

- Hong Kong University campus tour
- Lecture by Professor Tom Devine
- General Council lunch and meeting
- Reception and dinner

#### Sunday 13 June 2010

- Harbour cruise with lunch



The Hong Kong skyline

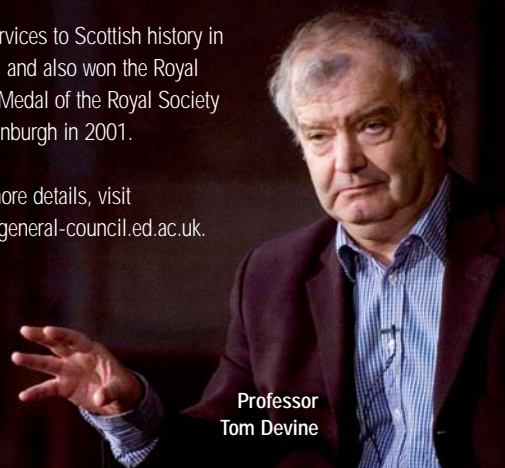
## The June 2010 General Council lecture

The General Council is delighted to welcome Professor Tom Devine as the guest speaker at a lecture in Hong Kong on the morning of Saturday 12 June 2010.

Professor Devine is Director of the Scottish Centre of Diaspora Studies and Head of School of History, Classics and Archaeology. He is considered the pre-eminent authority on the history of modern Scotland. He was awarded an OBE

for services to Scottish history in 2005, and also won the Royal Gold Medal of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 2001.

For more details, visit [www.general-council.ed.ac.uk](http://www.general-council.ed.ac.uk).



Professor Tom Devine

## The February 2010 General Council Lunch

Playfair Library Hall, Old College, on Saturday 13 February 2010, 12.30pm for 1pm

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