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I believe that Exeter is at a historic crossroads. Over the past few years, our rise has been dramatic: no other university has risen so far, so fast.

Our student numbers haven't risen from 10,700 in 2002 to 15,700 in 2010. More than 130 nationalities are now represented among Exeter's student population with 3,100 international students compared with 1,200 in 2002. In 2009, we were ranked 9th in the *Times Good University Guide* league table for the first time in our history. So, as other universities in the UK experience the economic doom and gloom, Exeter's performance remains strong.

In my inaugural keynote speech as Universities UK President, I made it clear that universities are one of the UK's greatest success stories. The higher education sector's economic output in the UK now amounts to £59 billion a year – bigger than aircraft manufacturing and pharmaceuticals. In the current economic climate I am continuing to argue both the financial and the social case for government investment in higher education.

The successful economies of the future will be knowledge economies: universities are the core mechanisms for achieving these knowledge economies. At Exeter, we are investing to ensure that we are leading the development of the knowledge economy in the UK. We are in the middle of a £275 million investment programme on the Streatham campus, with the iconic Forum project at the heart of this investment. While other universities are cutting academic posts, at Exeter we are currently recruiting over 100 new academic staff.

And, this year, we are launching the University of Exeter campaign: **Creating a world-class University together**. We are asking you, our alumni and friends, to give us your support – your time, expertise and your donations. I hope you will consider supporting the campaign.

Why are we doing all of this? I passionately believe that Exeter has a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to become one of the leading universities in the world. I and my colleagues will do all that we can to achieve this, but to get there we will need the support of our alumni and supporters. That, you see, is why we have called our campaign **Creating a world-class University together**.

Professor Steve Smith
Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive



< Professor Steve Smith, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Exeter, delivers his speech at the University launch of the campaign.

University of Exeter campaign launched



At the University launch of the campaign (from left) Professor Steve Smith, > Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive, Russell Seal the Chairman of Council and Les Halpin (Mathematical Statistics & Operational Research 1979), a member of the Campaign Board, cut a cake to launch the campaign.

The University has launched its campaign: *Creating a world-class University together*, at a series of events in the UK and overseas.

The campaign was launched at the annual alumni Gala Dinner in London in early May, at the Gulf Alumni Dinner in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, in March, and at a University launch in Exeter in April.

The campaign seeks the support of the University's alumni, friends, staff and current students to secure its position in the top 10 UK universities and build its reputation internationally for excellence in teaching and research.

To achieve these goals, the University is aiming to raise £23 million, to secure more than 250 legacy pledges and to recruit 2,012 hours of volunteers' time for Exeter by 2012. To date, more than 4,000 alumni and supporters have already contributed £15 million* towards the campaign target; 169 legacies have been pledged; and 1,221 hours have been volunteered, mainly to help our students enhance their employability prospects.

Susie Hills, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, said: "We are very excited to be running this campaign. We are delighted

to have had so much support to date and we are looking forward to more support in the coming years."

More than 200 alumni and friends attended the Gala Dinner in London on 5 May. The dinner was held in the beautiful surroundings of The Inner Temple, in the heart of London's legal quarter.

Meanwhile, around 100 guests attended the fourth University of Exeter Gulf Alumni Dinner, hosted by His Highness Dr Sheikh Sultan bin Mohamed Al Qasimi, Member of the Supreme Council of the United Arab Emirates and the Ruler of Sharjah on 4 March 2010.

Support the campaign

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Creating a world-class University together
University of Exeter Campaign

To ensure that the University of Exeter retains its position as one of the best UK universities in an increasingly competitive higher education market, and continues to build its reputation as a global leader, we are asking all our alumni and friends to support our campaign: ***Creating a world-class University together***.

The campaign aims to raise £23 million, to secure more than 250 legacy pledges and to recruit 2012 hours of volunteers' time for Exeter by 2012.

Our priorities are:

- **world-class campuses** – building the very best facilities for our students and academics;

- **world-class research** – expanding our research capacity and ensuring that our academics continue to produce research with impact on the world;
- **world-class graduates** – ensuring that we recruit the best students, regardless of financial or social barriers, and that they have many opportunities to flourish.

You can support the campaign by:

- making a donation;
- pledging a legacy;
- volunteering your time and expertise.

In the following pages, you will find out more about the campaign and how to support it.

www.exeter.ac.uk/campaign

*current campaign total includes pledges made, inclusive of matched funding and gift aid.

Exeter alumnus competes at Paralympic Winter Games



University of Exeter alumnus Tim Farr recently competed in the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games in Canada. Tim, who has a degree in Politics and Sociology from Exeter, broke his back in March 2004 in a skiing accident. Within a year he was back on the slopes on a sit-ski. He soon made the transition from being a recreational skier to a racer. Now the 27-year-old has made his Paralympic debut and came 20th in the men's slalom event in Vancouver.

Tim said: "The University of Exeter were very accommodating after my accident and helped ease me back into life and sport."

Dr Claire Dunlop, who was Tim's personal tutor in his final year at Exeter, said: "The main thing I can remember about Tim is that he was incredibly positive and determined. The fact that he has gone on to compete in the Paralympics is not surprising. He was very well-liked by his peers and they all rallied around him. I wish him the best of luck. The fact that he has achieved so much already is an inspiration to us all."

The Xth Paralympic Winter Games took place during March in Vancouver, Canada. ParalympicsGB selected five wheelchair curlers and seven skiers (comprising six sit-skiers and one visually-impaired skier) to compete in the games.

New website launched

We have now launched **Exonline** – a new interactive website for University of Exeter alumni. Sign up today to take advantage of this new service, offered as part of a new and improved set of services for all alumni.

Holly Peterson, Head of Alumni Relations, said: "Exonline allows alumni to keep in touch with friends. You can also network with other alumni who are willing to give professional advice or you can share your own expertise. You can also sign up for an Exeter-branded email address. Visit the website to join other alumni online."

Key features:

- Keep in touch: you can use our online directory to search for fellow alumni by name, year of graduation, city and country;
- Update your profile: view and update your contact details using our improved online form to keep in touch with the University and let your friends find you;
- Exepert Professional Directory: use the Exepert directory to contact and network professionally with other alumni;
- Email for life: create an Exeter-branded email for use on your CV.

Exonline is just one part of the new website. To sign-up or log in, just visit www.exeter.ac.uk/alumnisupporters

Transition to Colleges

The University is moving from nine Schools to five Colleges. From 1 August, three new Colleges will come into being:

- College of Humanities, which will include Archaeology, Classics, Drama, English, Film, History, Modern Languages and Theology, led by Professor Nick Kaye;
- College of Social Sciences and International Studies, which will include Education, the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, Law, Philosophy, Sociology, Politics and Flexible Combined Honours, led by Professor Tim Dunne;
- College of Life and Environmental Sciences, which will include Biosciences, Geography, Psychology and Sport and Health Sciences, led by Professor Mark Goodwin.

They are additions to the existing:

- University of Exeter Business School, led by Professor Richard Lamming; and
- College of Engineering, Maths and Physical Sciences, led by Professor Ken Evans.

David Allen, University Registrar and Deputy Chief Executive, said: "The move from nine Schools to five Colleges will give us an academic structure that is sustainable and fit for purpose for the foreseeable future. It will create stronger academic units that will enable the University to build capacity in research and teaching. Academic disciplines will be grouped to promote interdisciplinary work and to optimise research funding bids."

Visit our website www.exeter.ac.uk/about/organisation/colleges

Standing up for higher education

Write to your MP

Alumni can help support Exeter and the need for higher education funding by writing to your MP. We have prepared information for alumni to use when writing to your MP to make the case for funding for universities. Email alumni@exeter.ac.uk to request a copy of this information.



^ Professor Steve Smith, Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive of the University of Exeter, delivers his speech at the Universities UK Annual Conference 2009 in Edinburgh.

The University of Exeter's Vice-Chancellor Professor Steve Smith has been leading opposition to further cuts in public funding for higher education in his role as President of Universities UK.

Universities face a cut in funding of £449 million in 2010/11 and a further £600 million cut from the overall higher education and research funding budget by 2012/13. Universities like Exeter have made huge strides in becoming less reliant on public funding in recent years. Exeter has already instituted savings of 5% and importantly, the University is less reliant on state funding than ever before. However, there are fears that any further cuts in funding could damage the future of the higher education sector.

Professor Steve Smith said: "Lord Sainsbury recognised the vital role of effective higher education in his report *Race to the Top*; the alternative is a race to the bottom. This would be terrible news.

The successful economies of the future will be knowledge economies. Universities are the core mechanisms for achieving that knowledge economy and their contribution cannot be substituted or made good later in the economic cycle.

Vice-Chancellors are now extremely worried about possible further budget reductions to come and the prospect of having to take an unfair cut. This would damage a great national success story which is worth £59 billion a year to UK plc."

"Universities are prepared to take their fair share of public spending cutbacks," he said. "It has been necessary for this country to borrow heavily to stave off the worst effects of recession and now we have to pay it back.

Cuts of more than £1 billion in higher education spending over the next few years have been announced by the government. But to go beyond that, the government will be undermining the very investment they have made in higher education."

He points out that universities like Exeter have made huge strides in becoming less reliant on public funding in recent years. The University receives £73m a year from the government on a turnover of £240m. The rest of Exeter's income comes from research, accommodation and catering, consultancy, international student fees and philanthropy.

"Nevertheless, to retain a world-class higher education system in Britain we need

to continue to have a healthy level of public investment. This investment is already exceptionally good value. For the government's stake of £73m in the University of Exeter we generate an economic impact of £340m a year: that's an excellent return on investment by anyone's standards."

Higher education: the facts

- The higher education sector is worth £59 billion to UK plc – bigger than pharmaceuticals, aircraft manufacturing or advertising;
- 372,000 people are employed in higher education, which is 1.2% of the total UK workforce. Universities in the UK educate nearly 2.4 million students;
- The UK is among the most cost-effective higher education sectors in the world. We rank 28th out of the 34 countries in the OECD (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development) league table for public investment in universities. Yet the UK is second only to the United States for quality, which proportionally invests far more.

Governor of the Bank of England visit

“Some dates are easier to remember than others,” said Mervyn King, the Governor of the Bank of England, in his keynote speech delivered earlier this year at Exeter.

“1789 and the French Revolution, 1989 and the fall of the Berlin Wall, 1929 and the Wall Street Crash are easily recalled. How will 2009 be remembered: as the year when the world economy fell off a cliff but was rescued by government and central bank intervention around the world? Or the year when we finally recognised that genuine reform to the international monetary and banking system was essential to restore prosperity? Time will tell.”

Mr King made the comments at a gala dinner at the University’s Great Hall attended by more than 550 alumni and friends of Exeter. In the speech, he warned that the patience of UK households was likely to be tested over the next two years, with little scope for growth in real take-home pay even though the recession was now judged to be technically over.

The Governor ended his speech by saying: “The full impact of the financial crisis has yet to be seen. And the national statisticians will take another two years or so before providing their

best estimates of spending and output in the UK economy.

More importantly, the question of whether basic reforms to the structure of banking and the international monetary system will be made before another crisis engulfs the world economy remains unanswered.”

The next day Mr King laid the foundation stone for the new building at the University of Exeter Business School in a ceremony attended by Professor Steve Smith, Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive of the University, David Allen, Registrar and Deputy Chief Executive and other guests. At the ceremony, the Governor heaped praise on the University of Exeter and the investment being made in its Business School.

“It gives me great pleasure to be associated – in a very modest way – with the new Business School building at the University of Exeter,” added the Governor.

“This marks a further progression in the development of the Business School, which can only be of benefit to the University, Exeter and the South West. I am delighted to be back in Exeter.”

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World-class campuses: the University of Exeter Business School

The University of Exeter Business School is at the forefront of teaching in many of its courses and has been the top UK business school every year since 2006, according to the National Student Survey, the annual measure of student satisfaction. The School sustains a number of world-class research units and offers a strong business-facing research focus.

A new building is being constructed that will house state-of-the-art teaching spaces and enlarged open-plan graduate research areas to promote greater interaction between students and academics. Completed by early 2011, the new building will bring together existing buildings into a ‘mini-campus’.

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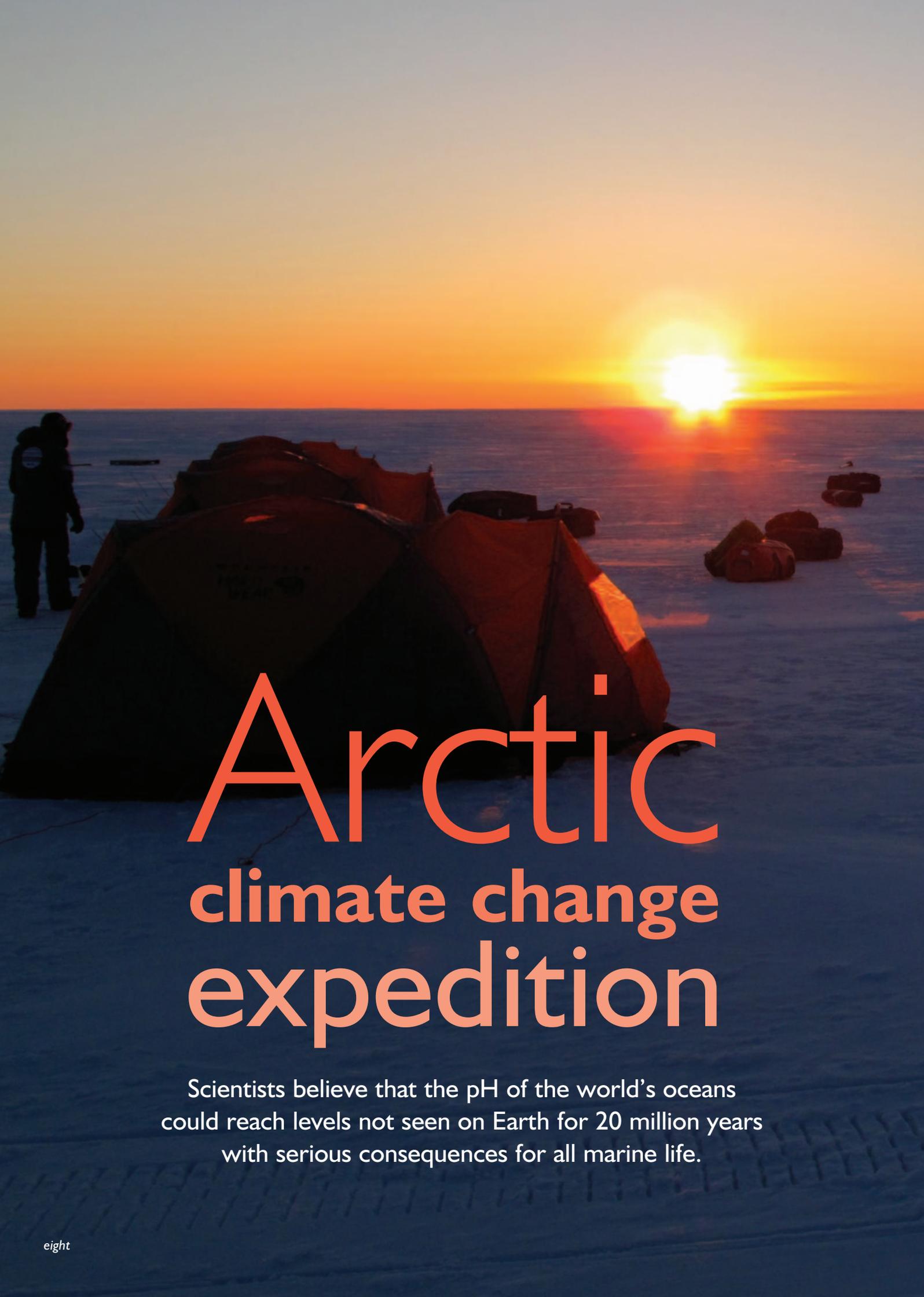
Mervyn King, the Governor of the Bank of England, delivers his keynote speech at the University. The speech was widely reported in the national media.

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A major foundation, which has requested anonymity at this stage, has made its biggest gift in the UK to the University of Exeter to set up a challenge fund for the University of Exeter Business School.

For every £2 given to the Business School the foundation will match £1. If £1.5 million is donated by July 2011, the foundation will add a further £250,000 bonus, bringing the total potential grant to £1 million.



A photograph of an Arctic expedition camp at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm orange glow over the scene. In the foreground, several dark tents are pitched on a snowy or icy surface. To the left, a person in dark winter gear stands near one of the tents. In the background, the ocean is visible under the sunset sky, with some equipment or supplies scattered on the ice to the right.

Arctic climate change expedition

Scientists believe that the pH of the world's oceans could reach levels not seen on Earth for 20 million years with serious consequences for all marine life.

Dr Ceri Lewis is pictured braving freezing conditions during the Catlin Arctic Survey. V



B iologist Dr Ceri Lewis recently braved minus 40 degree temperatures to undertake pioneering climate change research. She joined Polar explorer Pen Hadow's Catlin Arctic Survey to investigate climate change and the effects of carbon dioxide on the Arctic Ocean. The team assembled in the Arctic in March to work on an ice base around 750 miles from the Geographic North Pole to study the impact of rising levels of acidity in some of the coldest water on the planet.

Polar bears, snow storms and the risk of frostbite were just some of the dangers faced by the expedition, which investigated the impacts of increased carbon dioxide in the atmosphere causing acidification of the oceans of the Arctic.

As a marine biologist, Dr Lewis is accustomed to carrying out her research in warmer water. She was daunted at the prospect of having to adapt to freezing conditions and the constant threat of polar bear attack. At the start of the six-week expedition in early March, she received a crash course in Arctic survival skills at Resolute Bay, Canada. The scientist then spent the next four weeks living out of a three-layered sleeping bag in a tent at the expedition's Ice Base situated in the territory of Nunavut in Canada.

"Two days of the course are devoted to training in how to deal with polar bears," said Dr Lewis, whose research focuses on the biology of marine invertebrates and their responses to environmental conditions such as climate change.

Arctic climate change expedition

But she firmly believes that potential benefits of the research far outweighed the risks to her own safety. She added: "I think we are going to make a difference by collecting important data and by raising public awareness. The conditions are so hostile in the Arctic that very few scientists have carried out research of this type."

As she explains, climate change is not just causing the greenhouse effect in the atmosphere due to rising carbon dioxide levels. 30% of this extra CO₂ is absorbed by the Earth's oceans. But this does not come without cost. As sea water absorbs carbon dioxide ocean acidity increases.

As CO₂ is more easily absorbed in cold waters, scientists think that the oceans of the Arctic will be the first to be impacted, acting as a sort of climate change early-warning system. It is feared that the rising acidity of the sea may corrode the shells of many types of zooplankton – some of the most important marine creatures in the food chain. Zooplankton are microscopic organisms that live in great numbers in the sea. As well as being a key part of the food chain, they also respond very rapidly to changing environmental conditions.

She said: "Zooplankton may be small, but they are a key part of the food chain. Levels of zooplankton in the ocean can increase or diminish very rapidly and so can be one of the best indicators about the true consequences of rising CO₂ on the ocean."

After collecting plankton samples underneath the ice sheet using a giant net, Dr Lewis exposed the samples to higher carbon dioxide levels to mimic

'end of century' predicted conditions. She then froze the plankton samples so that they could be transported back to the laboratory at Exeter for analysis after the expedition.

"We will be taking advantage of the superb systems biology work that has been developed at Exeter to see how the zooplankton have been affected by the higher levels of CO₂ in the sea water," she added. Her results could help scientists around the world model the impact of higher CO₂ levels in decades to come.

Dr Lewis added: "It is really important to understand what the consequences of rising acidity in the oceans caused by rising levels of carbon dioxide might be. Zooplankton could potentially provide us with scientific evidence about the consequences of climate change on our oceans."

Polar explorer and Exeter Honorary Graduate Pen Hadow, who is Director of the project, described it as an example of modern exploration. He said that the survey had made it possible to undertake scientific research which would otherwise be exceptionally difficult.

The academic institutes participating in the project include the Laboratoire Oceanographie, Villefranche, Plymouth Marine Laboratory, Institute of Ocean Science, the University of Exeter and Bangor University.

Find out more at www.catlinarcticsurvey.com where blogs, video and photos give a unique insight into the expedition.

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World-class research:

The University of Exeter is investing in recruiting brilliant new academic research staff in support of its strategy to:

- expand research capacity across the portfolio, particularly in science, technology, engineering, maths and medicine (STEMM) subjects;
- encourage interdisciplinary research activity, which often produces new insights, significant breakthroughs and novel applications;
- increase the opportunity to attract external funding for our research programmes;
- deliver greater impact on the world; and
- enhance the University's reputation at home and overseas.

www.exeter.ac.uk/campaign/research



Profile: Dr Richard Ward

“Calculated risk is the key to success. No risk, no reward,” advised alumnus Dr Richard Ward at his Shaping the Future lecture at Exeter. A scientist by training, Richard knows all about the career and life benefits of taking calculated risks. His highly-successful career has been marked by the right decisions at the right time. He took the calculated risk to switch from a career in academia for a career in the commercial world. And now he is CEO of Lloyd’s – the world’s largest specialist insurance provider.

Richard returned to Exeter in February as a volunteer to deliver a Shaping the Future lecture to students, alumni and local businesspeople. More recently, he hosted the University’s Climate Change event at Lloyd’s in March.

Richard gained a 1st Class Honours degree in Chemistry and a PhD in Physical Chemistry at Exeter. He worked as a Senior Physicist with the Science and Engineering Research Council between 1982 and 1988, where he led a number of research and development projects. However, he decided to take a calculated risk and leave the world of science.

He said: “Some of the skills and knowledge that I learnt here at Exeter have served me very well in the business world.”

During his lecture he thanked the ‘great teachers and great professors’ at Exeter who had given him the academic grounding for his future career. Among those in the audience

during his lecture was his former tutor Professor Alan Leadbetter. After leaving academia, he joined British Petroleum (BP) and held a range of senior positions, including Head of Marketing and Business Development for energy derivatives worldwide.

He then joined the London-based International Petroleum Exchange (IPE), the second largest energy trading exchange. During his 10 years at IPE he served as both Vice-Chairman and CEO. In April 2006, he joined Lloyd’s as its CEO.

As the head of Lloyd’s, Richard is the head of an organisation with a 321-year history. Lloyd’s has pioneered the insurance world ever since its early beginnings in the Edward Lloyd’s Coffee House in 1688. Lloyd’s has survived events such as the Battle of Trafalgar, the devastating San Francisco earthquake in 1906, and the terrorist attack on the World Trade Centre in 2001.

Richard said: “For the first few centuries our business was maritime and yes, we did insure the Titanic. I have the original log book in my office. That was the largest loss that we had suffered at that time.”

In today’s globalised world, Lloyd’s is at the forefront of assessing the natural and socio-political risks we all face. Richard noted: “How do you get a life insurance policy if you are a mine clearer in Iraq? You come to Lloyd’s.” At the helm of Lloyd’s, Richard has steered the organisation successfully through

the troubled waters of the recent global downturn.

According to Richard, the secret for success in your life and career is calculated risk. However, he is keen to emphasise the word ‘calculated’. And as his own career journey from academia to the commercial world shows, taking calculated risks produces results.



^ Nicholas Bull, Chair of the Campaign Board, talks to Professor Richard Lamming, Dean of the Business School, at the Climate Change event.

Climate Change event at Lloyd’s

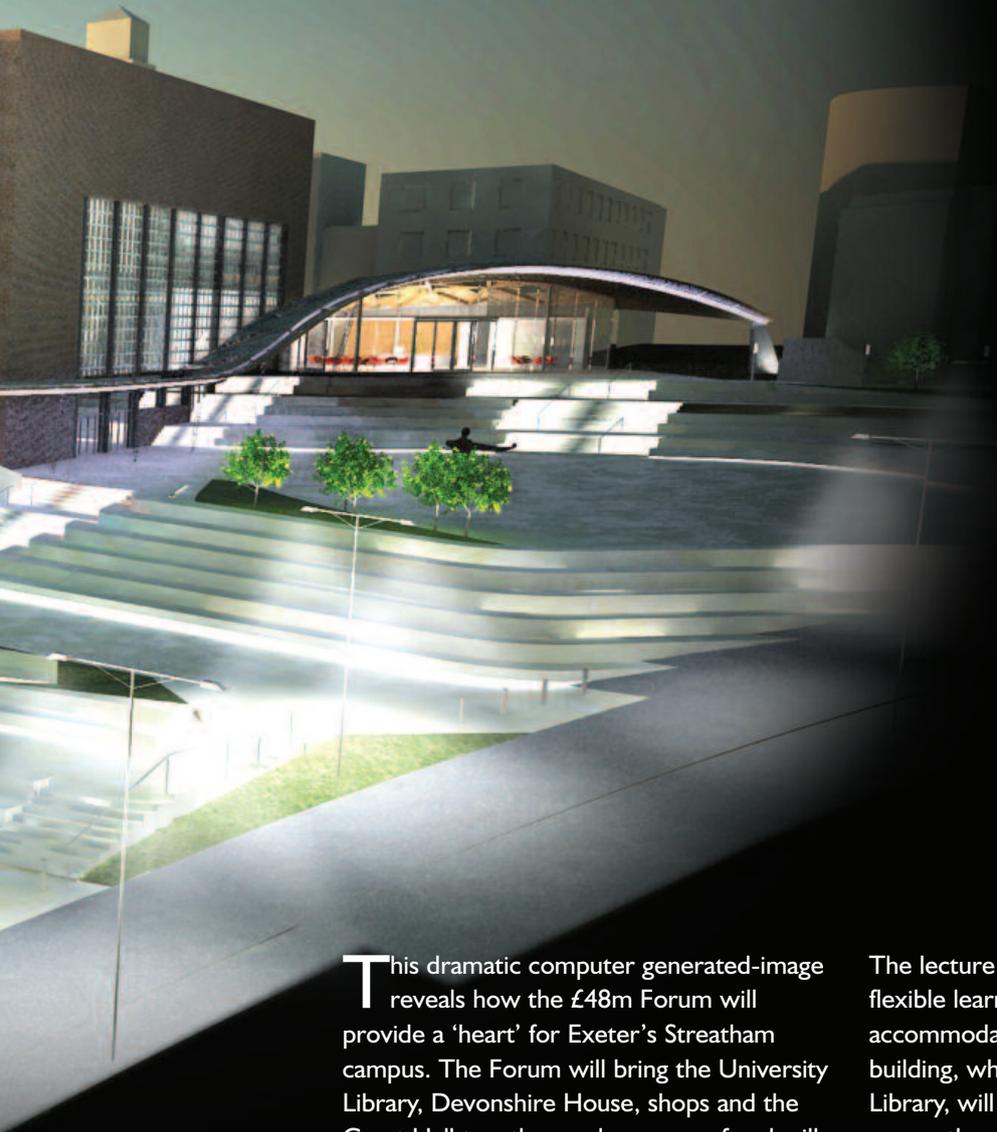
More than 100 academics, alumni and supporters of the University came together for the Climate Change event at Lloyd’s in March. The event was hosted by Dr Richard Ward in the Adam Room of Lloyd’s in the heart of London.

Professor Peter Cox, Chair of Climate System Dynamics at the University, addressed the topic ‘Climate Change: dirty tricks and obvious truths’. Climate change and sustainable futures is a research beacon area for the University.



Creating a world-class campus

The £48million Forum project is designed to provide a world-class heart to the Exeter campus.



This dramatic computer generated-image reveals how the £48m Forum will provide a 'heart' for Exeter's Streatham campus. The Forum will bring the University Library, Devonshire House, shops and the Great Hall together under one roof and will spill out into impressive landscaped piazzas and terraces, providing improved access to the wider campus.

Construction of the project started this spring and is set to be completed by 2012. The building will be a model of environmental sustainability. The Forum is designed to bring together staff and students from across the campus by providing a range of flexible teaching and learning spaces, informal group spaces, an extended and refurbished library, student services centre, catering and retail outlets.

Under the plans, a new lecture theatre will form a key part of the project, offering the largest lecture space on Streatham campus.

The lecture theatre is designed to be a flexible learning area which will accommodate 400 students. The Rashid building, which houses the University's Library, will be extensively refurbished with spaces throughout the building being redeveloped to enable new styles of learning.

Two exploration labs will be located within the Forum, each able to accommodate up to 60 students. These rooms are intended to provide facilities for innovative teaching techniques.

Spread over two floors, the student services centre within the Forum will provide a fully integrated service to Exeter's students for the first time. Prominently positioned at the north entrance of the Forum, the student services centre has been strategically situated to provide varied open plan spaces that will cater for the welfare and social needs of Exeter's student body.

Creating a world-class campus

The Forum will also provide new outdoor spaces, including the Great Hall piazza, which will be a high-quality public space outside of the new University reception and Great Hall, providing an impressive welcome statement to visitors. The Great Hall piazza will be a flexible space for major gatherings and events at the centre of Exeter's Streatham campus, providing the opportunity for both informal and formal activities.

Much of the piazza will feature steps and terraces. These terraces will provide opportunities for sitting and enjoying performances, casual gatherings, socialising, classes, spontaneous events and performances. It will be the main focus for outdoor celebrations and events in the University calendar, providing the backdrop for the University's key ceremonial events including graduation.

Alumni and supporters of the University are playing a central role in turning the plans for the Forum into reality. His Highness Dr Sheikh Sultan bin Mohamed Al Qasimi, Member of the Supreme Council of the United Arab Emirates and Ruler of Sharjah, has provided major and continued support for the Forum, the Garfield Weston Foundation is providing £500,000 to support the project, and there are set to be opportunities for everyone to support through sponsoring a seat in the auditorium or a roof panel.

David Allen, Registrar and Deputy Chief Executive of the University of Exeter, said: "I am very pleased that construction work has started on the Forum. This is a very important moment for the University. We are delighted to have a number of alumni and friends who are supporting the project."

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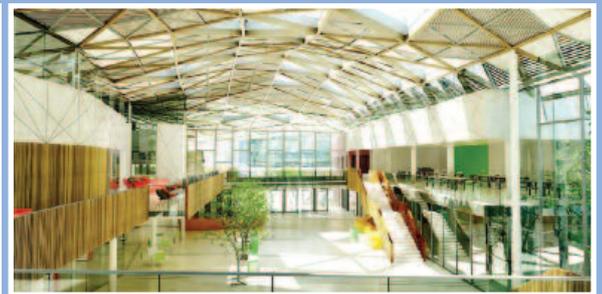
The Forum

The Forum is a dramatic new development that will revolutionise our students' experience of the campus, bringing together a range of student-focused facilities and services, all under a majestic sweep of curving glass.

The Forum will:

- provide vibrant new learning spaces, including social learning spaces and a 400-seat alumni auditorium;
- consolidate front-line student services in one building;
- reinforce research-led teaching;
- plan for the anticipated growth and internationalisation of the student body, encouraging and celebrating cultural diversity;
- create a new University reception and an external piazza area.

www.exeter.ac.uk/campaign/campuses/forum





^ Volunteer mentor Julie Morgan (Biology and Psychology 1980), who works with KPMG, gives advice to Daniel Cross, a third-year undergraduate studying Economics and Accountancy.

Mentors make a difference

Volunteering as a mentor has been an incredibly rewarding experience for Julie Morgan (Biology and Psychology 1980). For the last year Julie, who works with KPMG, has mentored student Daniel Cross. "From my point of view, being a mentor has been a very positive experience," said Julie.

As a mentor, the alumna has provided detailed guidance to Daniel about how to embark on a career in accountancy. In today's tough graduate job market this goal seemed out of reach. This is why Daniel sought the help of the University's new mentoring scheme, which began in 2009. After being mentored by Julie, Daniel has now secured a graduate-level job with PriceWaterhouseCoopers.

"I am very glad to be able to help someone like Daniel at the start of his career and to share my experiences with him," said Julie. "During the time that I have been Daniel's mentor, I hope that I have been able to give him some advice about the different options that are available. From the start, Daniel has had a very clear idea that he wanted to train in accountancy when he graduated from Exeter.

Guidance about the advantages and disadvantages of different options at different stages of your career is quite difficult to get

a real feel for. It is probably something that only someone with a bit more experience can provide."

Julie herself has very warm memories of her time at Exeter. She said: "I have very much enjoyed returning to campus and seeing all the exciting changes that are taking place. I would encourage more alumni to consider becoming mentors. It really is a very rewarding experience. I am hoping to keep in touch with Daniel once he leaves Exeter and to continue to help him as he progresses in his career."

Meanwhile, Daniel is keen to thank Julie for being his mentor. He said: "I have been really lucky to have a mentor. It has really helped me to get started in my career and I think that there are many students who would benefit from having alumni mentors."

Employability Officer Dr Dawn Lees, of the Careers and Employment Service, added: "The mentoring scheme provides enormous benefits to current students at the University. We are grateful to the alumni and other volunteer mentors for their time and input.

The mentors are able to provide first-hand advice to students about how they can get ahead in what is a very competitive graduate recruitment market."

“ I have to say I loved my time at Exeter. For me university was where my life started. At Exeter, I felt I was around like-minded people. ”

John Crace (Politics 1979)



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A man with short hair, wearing a grey V-neck sweater and blue jeans, is sitting on a large, rough-hewn stone wall. He is looking off to the right with a thoughtful expression, his hand resting on his chin. The background is a dark, dense evergreen hedge. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights on the man's face and the stone wall, and deep shadows in the background.

Exeter gave me everything

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John Grace (Politics 1979),
feature writer for *The
Guardian*, back at Exeter.

Exeter gave me everything

John Crace, a feature writer for *The Guardian* returned to Exeter late last year on assignment. His brief was to write about how the University had changed since he was a student in the late 1970s. The 53-year-old journalist is best known for his pastiches of popular writers, from Bridget Jones to Julian Barnes. This time, though, he was tasked with walking down his own memory lane.

Like generations of students, John said that he never forgot Exeter's steep hills during his time away. He comments that the campus and himself are heading in opposite directions. While he says he is showing the signs of ageing, the campus is looking youthful. John has positive memories of studying Politics. He reflected: "I was doing a subject I really loved and I did the party and social life as well. I just did love every minute. I was really interested in the world."

When he left Exeter, John embarked on postgraduate study at the London School of Economics with the intention of pursuing a career in academia. However, he decided that he just wasn't 'bright enough to be a professor'.

After leaving higher education, John admits that he drifted. He said: "To be honest I really didn't have a career plan at all. I did a variety of jobs, including a spell selling insurance." He then read the work of a journalist friend and thought that he could do better himself. He sent in an article to *The Independent*, which to his surprise was published. Ever since, he has earned a living from writing.

However, John admits that being a university academic has always been a dream job. But could he cut it? That was the question he faced when he was invited back again to Exeter as a guest lecturer in December last year.

He says that he thoroughly enjoyed the experience, but said: "I am sure I would have made a terrible academic." He added: "I am no good at footnotes." He returned to the University for a third time in March as a volunteer to participate in Widen Your Options – a two-week programme of activities aimed at helping explore a variety of career paths.

More than 25 alumni returned to the University during the Widen Your Options fortnight to participate in a wide range of activities from workshops to presentations. As part of the programme, John took part in a panel discussion with students about how to succeed in a career in journalism.

Even though he did not become an academic after studying at Exeter, John says it did prepare him for his life and career. "Exeter gave me everything," he added. "I have forgotten 90 per cent of what I learnt about Hobbs, Hegel, the Red Brigades and the rest. But I did learn how to think and how to structure an argument in a way that made sense to me and that has been with me throughout the last 30 years."

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How to support: volunteering your time and expertise

The University is keen to engage the skills and expertise of its alumni and friends as volunteers. You can support the campaign by:

- becoming a mentor and giving one-to-one advice to students;
- sharing your experiences with students by giving a careers talk;
- providing work placements and/or recruiting an Exeter student;
- helping students improve their interview techniques by acting as a recruiter at a mock interview.

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Research news

The work of one Exeter scientist is helping >
us understand how butterflies have evolved.



Exeter scientist discovers how butterflies got their spots

How two butterfly species have evolved exactly the same striking wing colour and pattern has intrigued biologists since Darwin's day. Although they cannot interbreed, *H. melpomene* and *H. erato* butterflies have evolved to mimic one another perfectly. Professor Richard Ffrench-Constant is part of a team that has found 'hotspots' in the butterflies' genes that explain why they look alike.

Europe's first centre for Palestine Studies

The first Centre for Palestine Studies (CPS) in Europe has been established at the University of Exeter. The Centre will provide a unique PhD in Palestine Studies and, through a series of research activities and events, it will make a major contribution to current research in this area. The newly-created Centre is housed within the University's Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies.

Study confirms Bisphenol A link to disease in adults

Researchers from the University of Exeter and Peninsula Medical School have found more evidence for a link between Bisphenol A (BPA) exposure and cardiovascular disease. BPA is a controversial chemical commonly used in food and drink containers. It has previously caused concerns over health risks to babies, as it is present in some baby bottles.

Legacy support for research

Exeter academic Dr Martin Lee, who passed away in July 2009, left a £5,000 gift to support research in youth sport. The study of values was central in Martin's research, which embraced such topics as leadership and parental influence in sport. He led UK and international projects in this area. Professor Adrian Taylor, a former colleague of Dr Lee, said: "Martin has left a legacy in the form of his ideas and research output in this important area of work, and through his contribution to physical education and coaching development he hopefully improved the quality of experience for children in sport and physical education."

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By remembering the University of Exeter in your will and providing a legacy, you can help shape our future and make a real difference to the lives of future generations of Exeter students.

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If you would like to pledge a legacy towards the campaign, please contact:

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World-class exp

For twelve weeks this summer, an international team of student and alumni explorers, scientists, engineers and filmmakers called the Fx-pedition will travel to the unexplored centre of Borneo, venturing into the Joloi/Kapuas watershed deep in the mountainous interior of the rainforest.

Borneo's tropical forests are some of the most biologically-diverse habitats in the world. Endangered species such as the Sumatran rhino, orang-utan, clouded leopard and the pygmy elephant can still be found in the island's forests, which are a treasure trove of plant and animal life. Experts believe that there are many more species that remain undiscovered and are working hard to protect the 220,000 km of rainforest that still survives on the island.

The organisers behind the expedition aim to play their part in helping protect this unique habitat. The team will be exploring a relatively unexplored stretch of the rainforest, where they will attempt to map and survey its biodiversity.

The expedition is being supported by gifts donated by alumni and supporters through the Annual Fund, which is providing £5,000 worth of funding to purchase satellite communications equipment, and will enable the team to upload videos from the jungle on to the expedition website to create a virtual learning environment. Organisers hope that teachers will be able to use the material on the site during the expedition for educational purposes.

As well as the Annual Fund, the Fx-pedition has attracted a growing level of support, including explorer and TV presenter Dr George McGavin, who is most famous for his BBC shows; *'Lost Land of the Volcano'* and the series *'Expedition Borneo'*. The team is also being supported by the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) with a Neville Shulman Challenge Award.

One of the other aims of the expedition is to create links with the University of Palangkaraya in Central Kalimantan. It is hoped that the

expedition will become an annual event, with different students participating each year.

Ian Blessey (Conservation & Biodiversity 2009) will be the Base Camp Manager for the expedition. The former British Army officer has been on expeditions across the world including Nepal, Pakistan, Belize and Guatemala. He said: "One of the aims of the expedition is to raise public awareness about the plight of the rainforest and the fact that it is very much at risk of being lost through deforestation."

Ian, who gained his masters at the University's Cornwall Campus, heaped praise on the quality of the course. He said: "It is a really good course. The staff were fantastic and very supportive. I really enjoyed it."

The expedition's chief scientist, alumnus Tim van-Berkel, who also recently graduated with an MSc in Conservation and Biodiversity, said: "There are a few reasons I am taking part in the expedition. It provides a unique experience, combining real exploration, which I dreamt of since I was a kid and find incredibly fascinating, with biological research that will directly aid in the conservation of one of the worlds richest, least understood and fastest-disappearing habitats, the tropical rainforest."

Expedition leader Martin Holland thanked the Annual Fund for supporting the expedition. He explained that the award had gone a long way to helping make the expedition a reality. "The grant will allow us to send images and videos back from the jungle every few days, so that kids and people all over the world can follow us on our adventure, and interact with us in real time," he said.

University College Falmouth, Project Barito Ulu, Engineers without Borders and Digital Explorer have also partnered with FXP2010. Rupert Ridgeway of the Borneo research station, Project Barito Ulu, recently said that: "Martin Holland, the team leader, has created the best prepared and most efficient student expedition I have worked with in the past 20 years."

An expedition this summer to explore the rainforest of Borneo is being supported thanks to donations from alumni and supporters. Paul Harris/RGS-IBG

edition



Ian Blessey (Conservation and Biodiversity 2009), Base Camp Manager for the expedition is pictured on a previous mountain trek.

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World-class graduates:

The University's commitment to excellence is not limited to new facilities and world-class research. Exeter wants to continue producing world-class graduates with the potential to be the leaders of the future.

Philanthropic support, through the Annual Fund, has long made a major contribution to the Exeter student experience, enhancing facilities and providing opportunities for all students to take part in sports, arts, music, clubs and societies, and volunteering.

Gifts of time and money enable the best students to apply to Exeter and give them the best opportunities to develop their potential and employment prospects.

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Supporting

Jessica Burrows is one of a growing number of talented sports scholars at the University of Exeter.

Alumni sport

The University has recently launched an initiative to engage alumni, particularly recent graduates, with their former sports clubs. The student committees of a number of clubs are keen to hear from former club members including rugby, hockey, football, sailing, rowing, lacrosse, netball and cricket.

Alumni members receive regular newsletters, event invitations and the opportunity to play in teams against current students. Members are asked to make a regular donation to support their club's activities and to enhance the sporting experience for future club members. Other sports are welcome to create an alumni group of their own.

For more information about joining or creating a sporting alumni club, contact Simon Tyson (Exercise and Sport Sciences 2008) at s.tyson@exeter.ac.uk

sporting talent

Golf scholar Jessica Burrows is one of a growing number of students supported by alumni at Exeter. The 20-year-old, who is studying for a degree in Accounting and Finance, is the recipient of a sports scholarship that is helping her unlock her sporting potential.

“The golf scholarship has made a major difference to me during my time at Exeter,” she said.

Jessica’s golf scholarship has helped pay for the cost of club membership, coaching, fitness sessions and travelling to the golf course to practice her game. “Without the support of the scholarship I really wouldn’t have been able to continue playing my sport and continue to compete at a high level.

When I started playing there weren’t that many girls playing golf but it is becoming more and more popular. Dress codes are less strict than they used to be and golf is a very social sport. We have four female golf scholars at Exeter and I think that shows that interest in the sport is growing among women.

I would like to say a massive thank you to all the alumni who have helped support golf scholarships. It has given me the opportunity to combine my academic studies with time to improve my golf.

I am very grateful to those who have donated money to support the scholarships.”

Golf scholars like Jessica are being supported thanks to the efforts of alumni who attend the annual alumni golf day. The event is in its fifth year and last year more than 60 alumni attended the day, which raised £11,000 in support of golf scholarships.

Nick Beasant, the University’s Assistant Director of Sport, said: “There is no doubt that the golf scholarships funded by alumni are helping our talented golfers compete and win at the highest level. Here at Exeter we are committed to helping our students achieve sporting excellence alongside academic success.”

One of the organisers of the golf day, John Gilbert (Economics 1972), said: “By supporting Jessica and several other golf scholars, we feel we are helping the individuals to improve their sporting lives and the University its sporting status. At the same time, alumni get the chance to feel more directly involved with current and future generations of sports scholars and with broader alumni events.” For more information and to reserve a place at the golf day, email John Gilbert at john_gilbert@blueyonder.co.uk

Diary

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Exetra Weekend

9-11 July

Ram and Lemmy,
Streatham Campus, Exeter

Join Exetra, the recent alumni social network, for a career workshop on Friday and a Saturday night in Exeter exactly as you remember it. The Ram and Lemmy have been hired out especially for alumni who graduated between 2000 and 2010.

To take part in this weekend for recent alumni, please telephone Ashley Petrons on 01392 723141 or email a.petrons@exeter.ac.uk

Summer Graduation

12-17 July

University of Exeter Streatham
and Cornwall campuses

Graduation is a special time in the life of all University of Exeter students and marks the transition from student to alumni life. If you would like advice about graduation, please feel free to contact the Alumni Relations Office on alumni@exeter.ac.uk or telephone 01392 723141

5th Alumni Golf Day

6 August

Worpolesdon Golf Club, Surrey

Reserve your place at the 5th Alumni Golf Day. Last year, more than 60 alumni and golf scholars attended the event, with representatives spanning some five decades. The day starts at 9.15am and costs £80 per person. To reserve a place, please email John Gilbert (Economics 1972) at john_gilbert@blueyonder.co.uk

Alumni and Convocation Reunion

17-21 September

Streatham Campus, Exeter

For the first time, the alumni reunion and the Convocation reunion are combining to provide an enhanced array of activities for alumni on and around the Streatham campus.

All alumni are welcome to attend, with a focus on the following class years: 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995 and 2000. If you wish to attend, please contact Ashley Petrons on 01392 723141 or email a.petrons@exeter.ac.uk

Convocation 55th Annual General Meeting

18 September, 10am

Senate Chamber, Streatham Campus, Exeter

The three-year term of office of the President and Treasurer and two other members of Standing Committee will have expired at that time. There are also 2 one-year vacancies.

Nomination papers are obtainable from: The Secretary to Standing Committee, c/o Alumni Relations Office, University of Exeter, Northcote House, Exeter EX4 4QJ. Nominations should be returned by 27 August 2010. All present members are eligible for renomination.

Any Convocation members wishing to bring forward a motion for consideration by the AGM should send the Registrar and Secretary of the University notice of such a motion (also via the Alumni Relations Office), signed by the proposer and at least two other members of Convocation as seconders, to reach him by 27 August 2010 at the latest.

The meeting will be followed by a Q&A session on the state of higher education with senior University staff.

Annual Varsity Rugby Match

TBC

Sandy Park, Exeter

Annual varsity rugby match at the home of Exeter Chiefs, Sandy Park, Exeter. For more information about the match, please contact Charlotte Edwards, Athletic Union Manager, by email at c.e.edwards@exeter.ac.uk or telephone 01392 263505

House of Lords Alumni Reception

4 November

House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW

The University will be holding a reception in the Cholmondeley Room and the Terrace overlooking the Thames. Michael Pownall (History 1971), who is the Clerk of the Parliaments in the House of Lords, is hosting the event, which is open to all alumni of the University of Exeter.

Contact angela.evans@exeter.ac.uk to reserve your place.

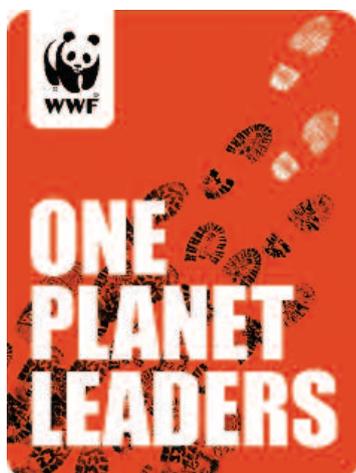
Arts and Media Reception

Wednesday 24 November

Red Brick Road Advertising,
50-54 Beak Street, London, W1F 9RN

The event host will be Managing Partner, Paul Hammersley (Economic and Political Development 1984). The reception will start at 6.30pm and will finish at 8.30pm. The cost will be £20 per head (£12 for alumni graduating since 2005).

If you would like to attend this event, please contact angela.evans@exeter.ac.uk



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