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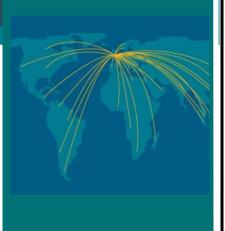
We have decided to produce a shorter Internationalisation newsletter at this point, rather than wait for the scheduled one in the summer term, as we wanted to share with colleagues the discussions and conclusions from the workshop held in December before this became too distant a memory. The workshop was extremely well attended, and the ideas and discussion from it, very helpful and constructive. We will certainly build on this and consider recommendations and suggestions that came out of it. This includes the need for more intercultural communications training, which, with the help of Vicky Wright, we are beginning to put in place.

There have been/are about to be some interesting international trips being undertaken by Faculty members, and we have received a series of international delegations here. These are listed below.

Claire Wilkins has been very active in her new role as admin assistant for Internationalisation, and any of you making trips on behalf of the Faculty or your department should contact her for helpful advice, including a range of possible publicity materials and gifts to select from. She will also remind you of the need to complete a risks assessment form (a University requirement) which has been somewhat adapted to suit Humanities more specifically. A recent initiative with the help too of Antony Aguado-Navarro will be the creation of a Faculty internationalisation web page (in addition to existing pages about International students) to access from the Faculty website. We will announce this when it goes live.

Please do contact Claire or me (noting which one has the 'i' in our name!!) if you want any further advice and/or have ideas and information to share, including reactions to anything in this newsletter.

Clare Mar-Molinero (Associate Dean for Internationalisation)



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Internationalisation Contacts:



Director: Clare Mar-Molinero

Internationalisation workshop -December 2012

Agenda from the day

9:30 - Welcome and introduction to workshop (CMM)

9:45 - Cultural diversity in learning & teaching styles: integrating difference (Prof Ros Mitchell)

10:15 – Follow-on group discussions

10:45 - Coffee

11:00 – Feedback from first session

11:15 – Study Abroad opportunities (incoming & outgoing); Pre-Masters/PGR (Thom Bull)

11:45 – Discipline-specific group discussions of UG & PGT curriculum

12:30 – Feedback from previous groups: examples of departmental good practice. Next steps & finish of workshop

Please click <u>here</u> to download a full summary of the day including a copy of the presentations given by Ros Mitchell and Thom Bull and a digest of the group discussions.

Recent and upcoming trips

December 2012

Dalian and Chengdu - Chris Sinclair

To review and assess the current level of English language provision at DPU, and to discuss plans for a summer pre-sessional course and assessment for year 2 students planning to come to WSA in October 2013. To assess Sichuan University's English language teaching provision; to explore possibilities for collaboration and to help with student recruitment to Film and Music

Beijing and Chengdu - Thomas Seltz

To meet potential music students for Southampton and to interest agents in promoting Southampton to their customers. Student recruitment at ACSU (currently in an agreement with Southampton) and creating a link with SCCM

Chengdu – Tim Bergfelder

To nurture previous contacts with the College of Arts and explore new possibilities for collaboration for Film



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University building in central Bogotá, Colombia



View over the vibrant city of Medellín, Colombia from the iconic hilltop Biblioteca de España



Temple of Marquis Wu at the Wuhou Shrine in Chengdu, Sichuan

<u>January 2013</u>

Colombia – Clare Mar-Molinero and Darren Paffey

To consolidate links with Colombian universities and the Faculty of Humanities (Bototá and Medellín), and explore further opportunities (Barranquilla). To set up a new ML student exchange to start in August 2013 (Medellín). To liaise with the British Council in Bogotá re the online MA ELT and further regional opportunities

Ethiopia – Dan Levene

To make contacts with colleagues in Addis Ababa University and discuss collaboration on a project that considers the Christian magical texts of Ethiopia within the greater culture of Semitic magical texts from Late Antiquity to the Early Modern period. To give a couple of lectures and a seminar at the University of Addis Ababa. To meet with the British Council and explore funding for a collaborative project. To promote the English online Masters in English teaching and explore funding opportunities for this with the British Council. To explore the possibility of access to traditional magical art in manuscript and church murals and make as much of a register of this as possible

February 2013

Visitors from Xiamen University

Anne Curry, Chris Sinclair, Ros Mitchell and Clare Mar-Molinero met with a delegation of senior academics from Xiamen University

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Saudi Arabia – Alastair Archibald

Recruitment/marketing trip to Riyadh and Dammam. Seminars at 3 universities. Meeting with Ministry officials. Counselling PG applicants

Visitors from University of Tripoli

Clare Mar-Molinero and Chris Sinclair met with a delegation from the department of engineering at the University of Tripoli to take forward the English Language Link.

China – Ros Mitchell, Chris Sinclair and Rugang Lu

To give research talks as part of the VC-led 'Southampton promotion day' delegation in Nanjing and Xiamen, and to develop student exchanges

Mexico – Clare Mar-Molinero, Alasdair Archibald, Vicky Wright and Karin Zotzmann

To assess the work of the Mexican distant learning PHD students, and reinforce links with the British Council, Ministry of Education, recruit for the online MA ELT and visit ML students on their Year Abroad



Wuhou Shrine in Chengdu, Sichuan



Tim Bergfelder and Thomas Seltz enjoying the Wuhou Shrine in Chengdu, Sichuan



Wuhou Shrine in Chengdu, Sichuan April 2013

Honolulu – Phil Riris

To recruit especially PG students for Archaeology at a major conference and exhibition

USA - Will May

Lecture tour visiting the Universities of DePaul and Northwestern

USA – Mark Everist

Visiting the music departments at Columbia University in NYC and at the University of Chicago.

Study abroad movements

Study abroad 12/13 - We received in 163 students (across all departments within Humanities including ML). We sent out 163 students (across all departments within Humanities including ML). Destinations include France, Germany, Spain, Chile, Mexico and Italy.

Pre-masters - Pre-MA has 19 students on it this year; 107 applications for 13/14, 46 offers made with 15 of those accepted so far

International Foundation Year programme – There are 24 enrolled IFY students this year. For 2013/14, 146 applications (45 EU/101 Overseas) have been received.