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Award-winning UEA

Prof Bob Watson has been made a knight in the New Year Honours list, while a number of other colleagues, students and alumni have also won prizes and awards in recent weeks.

Prof Sir Bob Watson (photo: Defra)



New Year Honour for Prof Bob Watson

Climate scientist Prof Bob Watson (ENV) has received a knighthood in the New Year Honours.

Prof Watson is director of strategic development at the Tyndall Centre, and chief scientific adviser at Defra. From 1997 to 2002, he was chair of the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

On receiving the news Bob said: "I am delighted and humbled by this honour, which implicitly recognises the value of scientific knowledge in national and international environmental policy formulation. Of all the honours I have received this is very special, not only to me but also to my family and friends."

Prof Watson previously worked as chief scientist at the World Bank and environmental adviser to the Clinton White House. He has

received numerous national and international awards and prizes for his contributions to science, including the Blue Planet Prize (2010) – Japan's equivalent of the Nobel Prize – for his roles in highlighting the influence of human activities in the depletion of the ozone layer and climate change.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Edward Acton said: "I would like to offer my warmest congratulations on this latest public recognition of one of our very finest scientists. Bob Watson has made, and continues to make, an enormous contribution to the globally important field of climate science – a field in which this university is committed to playing a leading role."

Letter to the Editor

It is pleasing to note the launch of a Centre for Japanese Studies (Broadview, Oct. 2011, p7) and the present UEA generation might be interested to learn of a campus precursor. An initiative by the late Prof NECusack (UEA) and Prof H Endo (Kyoto University), led to our physics sector enjoying a strong collaborative research programme with many Institutions in Japan. This took place from 1970 until UEA closed the School of Physics some 20 years later. (I know how Music must feel at present!)

In my time at UEA, I enjoyed (the right word!) some 14 man-years (mostly family-years) of visits

from Japanese academics and co-authored 40 papers with a total of 12 physicists from Tohoku, Niigata, Hiroshima, Kyushu and the Ryukyus Universities and also one from the National Defense Academy. This is a partial picture because I was but one of a group, which also included Norman Cusack, Russell Ross, Moises Silbert and Frank Neale.

So, on behalf of this first UEA-Japanese study group, I send best wishes to our successors.

WH Young

Professor of Physics (1971-88), dean of the School of Mathematics and Physics (1984-87)

L-R: Chris Applegate, Cansu Bayindirli, Rachel Hipkin, Luke Davis (photo courtesy of NERC)



Students say YES! to entrepreneurship

Four students from UEA have won a national competition aimed at raising the levels of entrepreneurial awareness in the field of environmental science.

ENV PhD students Rachel Hipkin and Cansu Bayindirli, joined Chris Applegate and Luke Davis from CMP to enter the Environmental Young Entrepreneurs Scheme (YES).

The scheme is designed to help PhD students gain a greater commercial awareness with regards to their research. It is organised by the Natural Environmental Research Council.

The competition took the form of an initial three-day workshop held in the autumn, where the team had to create a fictional company, assign themselves corporate roles within it, and then present a business plan for an inventive idea to a panel of science and business experts.

UEA's team created a company called

ReNeVention. Their plan, based on recovering lost heat from electrical appliances and converting it back into electricity to be used again, was pitched to the experts as an innovative way for supermarkets to save on their energy bills and decrease their carbon footprint.

The team had to present again at the final on December 5 at the Marriot County Hall, London, where the UEA students were awarded the top prize of £1,000.

Minister for Universities and Science, David Willetts, congratulated the winners of the Environment YES competition on their success.

"Scientists who are able to combine their expertise with an understanding of business are a very precious resource. By learning how to translate research into wider successes, they can help ensure their work delivers the maximum benefits to society and the economy," he said.

Double Costa Award win for creative writing alumni

Two graduates of the university's prestigious creative writing programme have won Costa Book Awards.

Paediatric nurse Christie Watson took home the Costa First Novel Award for *Tiny Sunbirds Far Away*. The story follows a family in Nigeria who have to leave comfortable surroundings in Lagos for a poor life in the countryside.

Christie said: "I'm shocked and delighted at the news - and my children were jumping up and down in the kitchen listening to the radio announcement!"

Meanwhile Andrew Miller won Best Novel with *Pure* - the story of a young engineer, set in pre-revolutionary Paris.

Judges praised it as "a structurally and stylistically flawless historical novel" and "a gripping story, beautifully written and emotionally satisfying".

Christie and Andrew are among five category winners, including Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy, who will each receive £5,000. One of the five winning books will be selected as the



Christie Watson

overall Costa Book of the Year, receiving a further £30,000, announced on January 24.

Creative writing graduate Martyn Bedford was also shortlisted for the Children's Book Award with *Flip*.

Major national award for UEA professor

Prof Ian Bateman (ENV) has been awarded a prestigious Wolfson Research Merit Award by the Royal Society, the UK's national academy of science.

He is one of 18 new holders of the award which provides up to five years' funding, after which the award holder continues to hold a permanent post at the host university.

The scheme takes the form of a salary enhancement and is jointly funded by the Wolfson Foundation and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS).

Prof Bateman was selected for his work in bringing the natural environment into real world decision-making.

"I am delighted and feel very privileged to receive this honour from the most important institution for scientific progress in the world. The Royal Society has been at the forefront of research and innovation for more than 350 years. It's wonderful that they are leading the way in bringing together research from multiple disciplines to address the complex real world problems facing society," said Prof Bateman.



Ruby Wax with Dr Tony Weston

Outstanding PhD research project rewarded

A former student has scooped an award for his 'outstanding' research, which will help people overcome depression and anxiety.

Dr Tony Weston received a British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP) Award for his PhD research on person-centred psychotherapies - known as 'talking therapies' - which he completed at UEA.

He was presented with the Outstanding Research Project 2011 award by Ruby Wax at a prestigious London event in November.

The annual awards recognise, reward and celebrate innovation and excellence in counselling and psychotherapy, as part of the association's commitment to spread and promote best practice.

Dr Weston, who received his PhD this summer, investigated the effectiveness of person-centred counselling for common complaints presented at UEA's counselling service and in his private practice.

December Open Forum

Student numbers, graduate employment and the new Corporate Plan were all discussed at the Vice-Chancellor's Open Forum in December.

Prof Edward Acton began by outlining some of the key issues currently facing the Higher Education sector, including application rates and the effect the Eurozone finances have on perceptions of UK universities.

He then introduced the main elements of the 2012-16 Corporate Plan, which will focus on nine key areas, including student academic experience, career development and enterprise. The plan will go to a university-wide consultation in February and March. The final version is scheduled to be signed off by University Council in July.

Prof Acton proceeded to take questions from the audience, some of which had been submitted in advance. These ranged from the future of music at UEA, to the new student hubs and car park issues.

For those staff unable to attend on the day, a video of the forum can be viewed on the university's YouTube channel, accessible via the UEA website homepage.

2012 Inaugural lectures

From medieval art to the impact of HIV, this year's series of public lectures from newly appointed professors will be starting next week on campus.

The Inaugural Lectures 2012 series begins on Tuesday, January 17, with a talk by Prof Sandy Heslop (ART), entitled 'Medieval art, politics and people'.

Prof Janet Seeley (DEV) will discuss how HIV has changed the lives of East Africans in her lecture 'Thirty years in the shadow of an epidemic' on February 14.

February 28 will see Prof Shaun Stevens (MTH) introduce 'What's in a number?', and Prof Stephen Church (HIS) presents his lecture on March 13.

The series continues on April 24 with a lecture by Prof Declan Conway (DEV), before Prof Bruce Lankford (DEV) finishes on May 15, with a talk on 'Understanding irrigation using metaphors and games: parodies, parrots or portals?'.

All events take place at 6.30pm in the Thomas Paine Study Centre Lecture Theatre, and will be followed by a drinks reception in the foyer.

For further details call 01603 591924, email events@uea.ac.uk or visit www.uea.ac.uk/events.

L-R: Founding EAFA director David Cleveland, most recent director Richard Taylor and Prof John Charmley



Major film digitisation project website launched

A new free online resource offering more than 150 hours of rarely seen film footage of regional life has been launched by the university.

For the last two years, archivists at the East Anglian Film Archive (EAFA) have been cataloguing and digitising hundreds of hours of historic footage as part of a million pound project.

The project, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, UEA and Screen Heritage UK, opens up hundreds of hours of footage to academic research and commercial collaboration, as well as to anyone with a general interest.

Prof John Charmley, associate dean for Enterprise and Engagement in HUM, has overall responsibility for the Film Archive.

"Film is an important resource in recording the recent social history of the nation. It connects people directly to their history and brings it alive," he said.

"This archive is of great general interest but is also an important resource for academic researchers. It can tell us about our past in ways in which written records simply cannot."

Many, though not all, of the films are of the East Anglian region but the subject matter ranges over the changing face of rural life, health and welfare, politics, advertising and more, providing a wealth of material for research.

Under the scheme a series of partnerships have been developed with venues across the region, which will house special Mobile Film Show Units to provide special film shows.

The new site contains footage from every decade of the 20th century, and is fully browsable at www.eafa.org.uk.

Challenges of government Green Deal discussed



Dr John French at the summit

A panel of environmental and housing experts discussed the challenges of implementing the government's Green Deal, and its benefit to householders, on campus in November.

The Green Deal was set up to help people

pay for home insulation and other energy-saving measures. Under it, authorised companies will pay for the insulation work and homeowners will repay the money, plus interest, through additional charges on their energy bills.

The Green Deal Energy Summit saw panellists – including Low Carbon Innovation Centre's (LCIC) Dr John French and David Purdy from the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) – discuss how the initiative can be made viable for social housing in Norfolk.

It was jointly hosted by LCIC and Wherry Housing Association.

LCIC consultants have produced a new report entitled 'The Green Deal Appraised for Build with CaRe' – an international partnership between universities and local authorities which aims to make energy-efficient building design the mainstream.

A £300,000 partnership project being undertaken by the Tyndall Centre and NBS will see researchers investigate how consumer decisions will affect Green Deal uptake.

NRP drives ahead

New appointments have been announced to bring additional focus and drive to the development of the Norwich Research Park, following last year's £26 million infrastructure investment by the Department of Business Innovation and Skills.

Alan Giles, who, with the BBSRC, led the business case that secured the grant, will oversee this critical investment programme - dubbed 'Project 26' - and the creation of a world-class commercial science park within the NRP.

The project aims to help create 5,000 new jobs over the next 10-15 years and to make the park more attractive to investors, partners and a world-class workforce.

The investment in roads, infrastructure, facilities and buildings, designed to attract the commercial sector, has to be delivered by March 2014. In this role Alan will report to Steve Visscher - Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer of BBSRC. Alan will retain responsibility for the Norwich Biocubator and NRP Innovation Centre which are essential elements for the success of Project 26.

To enable Alan to focus on this vital role, Prof Andrew Stewart Coats, the NRP Professor-at-Large, is taking on the role of NRP Professor and Chief Executive with responsibility for marketing and communications, attracting companies to locate in Norwich and leading interaction with key research partners and regional and national stakeholders.

This appointment is until July 31, by which time a new NRP Operating Company will have been established and a permanent Chief Executive appointed. Andrew will report to the Vice-Chancellor in his position as chair of the NRP Stakeholders Board.

Andrew and Alan will work very closely together to ensure excellent communication and effective delivery.

Vicky Ford views a scientific demonstration



MEP praises world class science

Vicky Ford, MEP for the East of England, visited the NRP before Christmas to see the latest developments in science and innovation.

As well as a tour of the park, including some of the hi-tech innovative companies based in the Biocubator, Vicky visited The Genome Analysis Centre and the new NRP Innovation Centre.

She said: "I was enormously impressed by the wide range of food security and safety issues being worked on, from disease resistant crops to more efficient fuels and antibiotics. The scientists in Norwich clearly are world class.

"In Brussels I am fighting to keep EU research

funding focused on the best and brightest projects across Europe. I hope that the scientists here will continue to benefit from this funding. All of us stand to benefit from their discoveries."

'Increased' risk of TB in post natal women

The risk of TB diagnosis is significantly increased in women during the first six months after pregnancy, according to a new UK-wide study published in the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine.

In the joint study between scientists at UEA and the Health Protection Agency (HPA), researchers analysed data on all women with pregnancies between 1996 and 2008 from the General Practice Research Database.

A total of 192,801 women who had a total of 264,136 pregnancies were included in the study and over the 12 year period of study there were 177 TB cases among this group.

After adjusting for age, region and socio-economic status, post natal women

had a significantly higher TB risk outside pregnancy, whereas no significant increase during pregnancy was observed. Overall the researchers calculated that the rate of TB among pregnant and post natal women was 15.4 per 100,000 people, which is significantly higher than the rate outside of pregnancy - 9.1 per 100,000.

Lead author Prof Ibrahim Abubakar (MED), an expert in infectious disease epidemiology and head of TB surveillance at the HPA, said: "This study clearly shows that future guidance to healthcare workers, especially midwives and health visitors, should take into account that the risk of TB may be increased during pregnancy or shortly after giving birth."



UEA voted top university

UEA has been voted top university, and the best in the UK for its accommodation and Student Union, in the latest Whatuni Student Choice Awards.

More than 10,000 students were surveyed by the university comparison website Whatuni, published by Hotcourses.

The university appears in the top ten of all nine awards categories, and is in the top three for categories covering courses and lecturers, university facilities, and clubs and societies.

Prof Tom Ward, pro-vice-chancellor with responsibility for the student experience, said: "Everyone at UEA will be delighted by the news that we have won the overall Student Choice Award again. This is a reflection of the great efforts that our staff and our students make to ensure that UEA provides an excellent educational experience.

National Student Survey 2012

The 2012 National Student Survey is launched at the end of January and final-year undergraduates at UEA are being urged to take part.

Ipsos, the company conducting the survey, will email students during the week commencing January 30, inviting them to complete an online questionnaire at www.thestudentsurvey.com.

Since its inception in 2005, the National Student Survey has become an increasingly significant performance indicator in Higher Education.

UEA has fared particularly well in previous surveys - ranking in the top ten mainstream English universities since its inception.

It is very important that as many students as possible take part in this year's survey. For the data to be deemed sufficiently robust to publish, each subject area must achieve a response rate of at least 50 per cent.

Students will be asked to judge the performance of their course in the following areas: teaching quality; assessment and feedback; academic support; organisation and management; learning resources; personal development; and overall satisfaction.

The UEA contact for the 2012 National Student Survey is Barrie Osborne (ACAD) x2122 or e-mail nss@uea.ac.uk.



Outreach scheme nominated for award

A university scheme to encourage Brownies, Cubs, Guides and Scouts to find out about higher education was nominated for a Times Higher Education Award.

The Outreach team was shortlisted in the Widening Participation Initiative of the Year category, for a project to develop and run a unique Challenge Badge which allows guides and scouts to find out what it's like to study at university.

Although the team eventually missed out on the top award, the badge scheme continues to be highly successful.

The badge encourages young people to fulfil their potential by explaining the benefits of higher education and breaking down stereotypes and misconceptions.

To be awarded the badge, Brownies, Cubs, Guides and Scouts must choose and complete activities from five themed sections entitled 'Students', 'Some Basics', 'Starting Out', 'Socialise' and 'Study'.

The scheme was piloted in 2009 with three Guide and Scout groups before being launched in November 2010. A version for Brownies and Cubs launched in 2011 due to popular demand.

LCS Latin American specialist in demand

LCS lecturer Hazel Marsh was invited to give a seminar on cultural politics in contemporary Venezuela at the Research Institute of Latin American Studies, University of Liverpool.

Hazel's seminar, on December 1, examined how power relations in contemporary Venezuela are closely related to questions of culture. She focused particularly on how 21st century cultural policy in Venezuela aims to encourage and deepen participatory democracy by recognising and including the memory of the masses in official representations of the country's heritage.

Popular culture can be seen as the primary arena in which struggles to contest, negotiate and reinforce political legitimacy are played out. Hazel's research examines questions such as 'whose cultures come to be regarded as official and whose are subordinated?'

24 hour opening for Library

Whether you need time for research, study or space to think, UEA Library will now be open 24 hours a day for a trial period.

The trial service will run until the end of July 2012, including bank holidays and the Easter vacation.

The university has decided to fund this service in response to requests from students for additional access to the Library's study spaces and collections as well as the existing 24 hour IT areas. Other services available will include self-service issues and returns, photocopying and binding, and open access to individual carrels and group study spaces.

The 24/7 service will be particularly welcome during times of peak demand such as assessment periods, examinations and bank holidays. It also enables the Library to overcome the issue of late morning opening on weekends.

The trial will also help to address the diversity of needs among the university community, such as students on placement or with family or work commitments who may need to access library



resources and facilities outside the standard working day.

The extension of 24/7 opening to the end of July also recognises that for many students the academic year can extend beyond the standard semester dates, e.g. those in FMH and EDU. There are also many taught and research postgraduates with needs outside of the semester for research and dissertation purposes.

A case for continuing with this 24/7 initiative will be made based on utilisation and feedback over the trial period, so please spread the word.

Postgraduate studentships on offer



The university is offering a large number of PhD studentships across all four faculties.

These can cover full course fees and a maintenance payment of up to £13,590.

More than 40 scholarships to study in the faculty of Arts and Humanities - which incorporates subjects such as creative writing, film, literature and history - are available.

Nine of these are funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council, while 33 are offered

by the university itself.

Meanwhile the faculty of Social Sciences - covering business, economics, law, education, development studies, social work and psychology - is offering more than 25 grants.

Applications are also invited for a number of project-specific PhD studentships in the faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences and also the faculty of Science.

The deadline for FMH is January 25, while for HUM and SSF it is February 17. SCI deadlines vary according to the individual project and candidates are advised to check specific closing dates via the Postgraduate section of the university website: www.uea.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/finance.

For more information about all postgraduate research courses, email pgr.enquiries.admiss@uea.ac.uk or phone 01603 591709.

LAW academic at Leveson Inquiry

Dr Daithí Mac Síthigh (LAW) gave evidence at the ongoing Leveson Inquiry in December.

Dr Mac Síthigh is among the country's leading academics who presented their research and views as part of the inquiry into the culture, practice and ethics of the press.

In his evidence, he noted that UK newspapers who have opposed statutory regulation in the UK have all joined a new State-recognised independent Press Council in Ireland. He also

cautioned against making hosting websites such as Facebook or YouTube the "new arbiter of what is right or wrong". The inquiry also explored UEA's interdisciplinary approach to teaching media, including the innovative Media and Society module, jointly taught by DEV, ECO, FTV, LAW and PSI.

Dr Mac Síthigh said: "I was very pleased to be asked to participate in the inquiry, and will be encouraging the large number of students of media law at UEA to follow its progress."

L-R: Jackie Kay, Jeanette Winterson



Eminent line-up for literary festival

Jeanette Winterson and Iain Banks are among the eminent writers who will appear at the 2012 Spring Literary Festival.

The annual festival, which is hosted by the Centre for Creative and Performing Arts, started in January.

Whitbread award winner Jeanette Winterson has written 10 novels including best-seller *Oranges are not the Only Fruit*. She will talk about her acclaimed memoir *Why Be Happy When You Could Be Normal?*.

Iain Banks, author of *The Wasp Factory*, and renowned as one of the most powerful and original writers of a generation, will also speak at the festival.

Renowned poets - John Burnside and Sean O'Brien - who have both been shortlisted for the TS Eliot Prize, to be announced in January - will also appear.

Other writers include journalist and novelist John Lanchester, neuroscientist Prof Robin Dunbar who will discuss the science of falling in love, and Jackie

Kay who was shortlisted for the Costa Poetry Prize and who has a new collection of short stories called *Reality, Reality*.

Festival director Prof Lavinia Greenlaw said: "We attract the best writers from all over the world and the best audiences a writer could hope for.

"We are thrilled to once again present such a diverse and eminent line-up. I hope that both our regular audience and newcomers will enjoy this exciting programme of events."

The spring series launched in January and runs until May 15. All events take place at 7pm in Lecture Theatre 1.

Season tickets priced £42 (£36 students and concessions) and individual tickets priced £6 (no concessions), are available from the UEA Box Office on 01603 508050, or online at www.ueaticketbookings.co.uk/events.

For more information, visit www.uea.ac.uk/litfest.

PHI academic calls for radical government measures to safeguard UK future

A UEA academic has launched a report proposing a 'super jury' of ordinary people to act as guardians for the country's future.

The 'Guardians of the Future' report by Dr Rupert Read (PHI) calls for radical constitutional reform to safeguard the basic needs of future generations. It was launched at the House of Commons in early January.

He proposes that a council of randomly picked members of the public, like a jury, should be placed above the House of Lords to oversee all government decisions - with the power of veto to stop legislation which threatens the interests of future generations.

Dr Read's 'super-jury' would also be charged with the power to force a review of existing legislation which is likely to have negative effects for society in future.

The report has been published by Green House - a think tank set up to lead the development of green thinking in the UK. It sets out proposals for how the guardians could be chosen, how many should sit on the council and how long they would serve for.

You can see the full report at <http://bit.ly/xWHJug>.

ENV research group launches with lecture

Prof Sheila Jasanoff, one of the world's leading scholars in the study of the relationship between science and society, helped to launch a new UEA research group in January.

Speaking on the theme of trust in science, public accountability and the lessons of 'Climategate', Prof Jasanoff gave the inaugural lecture of the new Science, Society and Sustainability (3S) research group in ENV.

She argued that the difficulties faced by climate science following 'Climategate' are not so much about processes internal to science, such as concerns about data storage and disclosure policies, transparency and peer review, as they are about science itself.

Using cross-national examples, Prof Jasanoff called for a deeper rethinking of the way scientific processes engage with connected and opinionated people.

These ideas partly inform the research agenda of the new 3S Group. More information can be found at the Group's website at www.3s.uea.ac.uk.

The Broads are the nation's rare wildlife hotspot



Norfolk Hawker (photo: Mike Page)

Scientists from ENV have carried out a study which has revealed that the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads are the hotspot for the nation's rarest wildlife.

The pioneering study, commissioned by the Broads Authority, shows that this small area, which makes up only 0.4 per cent of the UK, is a haven for an incredible quarter of Britain's rarest

species.

The research project, conducted over 12 months with support from Natural England, pooled 1.5 million records collected by scientists and dozens of amateur enthusiasts since 1670.

In an 834 sq km area, the study identified 11,000 species, of which 66 are special to the Broads and 31 are rarely seen elsewhere in Britain.

While it has long been realized that species such as the Swallowtail Butterfly, and Norfolk Hawker Dragonfly - the symbol of the Broads Authority - are restricted to the region, this study has shown that there are many more previously unrecognised specialities, such as the Broads Dolly Fly, the Slender Amber Snail and the Scarce Marsh Neb (a rare moth).

Dr Hannah Mossman (ENV) said: "This study has shown we can identify which of the hundreds of rare species are most threatened by climate change, and that we can map these to show which parts of the Broads could be priorities for protection from sea level rise, based on their vulnerable biodiversity."

National award for LAW graduate

LAW graduate Rebecca Maher has received a prestigious award for her outstanding performance in family law.

Rebecca, aged 23, has won the Resolution Prize 2011, awarded by national family lawyer's association Resolution. The prize is given to the student who obtains the highest overall mark in the family law paper of the Legal Practice Course across The College of Law's eight nationwide centres.

Rebecca graduated from UEA in July 2009 with a 2:1, before embarking on her LPC at the College of Law. The prize includes £500 and a year's membership of Resolution.

Ranworth Trust award

A scholarship worth £4,500 has been established by a local trust to support a new degree programme.

The Ranworth Trust Scholarship has been established by the trust to support students on the MSc in Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security course. 2011 is the first year it was awarded, to coincide with the start of the new degree programme.

Mark Cator, trustee of The Ranworth Trust 1985, visited campus in November to present the inaugural scholarship to Carrie Bewick, who has recently started her MSc degree in Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security.

Carrie said: "Receiving the award allowed me to make the decision to return to university and I am very much enjoying my MSc".

Tavistock Trust prize

A third year SLT student has been awarded the Tavistock Trust for Aphasia Student Prize.

Aphasia is the loss of speech, language and communication. The prize was set up by Robin Tavistock, who suffered a brain haemorrhage in 1988 which left him severely aphasic. He founded the Tavistock Trust for Aphasia (TTA) in 1992, in the hope of helping others affected by the condition.

UEA was the first university to award the TTA student prize, worth £300, seven years ago. Samantha Mann won the prize this year for her case study on acquired language disorders.

Samantha said: "I was amazed but extremely pleased and proud to have won this award. It really boosted my confidence and motivated me to continue to work hard toward my goal of working in the field of aphasia."



Scholarship awarded in memory of former student

The inaugural Dominic Russell scholarship was awarded to a student in MTH in November.

Dominic Russell joined UEA in 2002 on the Master of Mathematics degree programme. He tragically died in 2003 during the first year of his course. Dominic was an exceptionally talented mathematician and an incredibly patient person, always willing to help others with their work.

Dominic's parents, Gerry and Gwen Russell, returned to campus in November to present the first Dominic Russell Scholarship to Emma McManus, who has recently started her degree in mathematics. The ceremony was hosted by pro-vice-chancellor Prof Tom Ward, and also present were head of MTH, Prof David Stevens, and Emma's advisor, Dr Mark Cooker.

In thanking Mr and Mrs Russell at the presentation, Emma said: "I'm so very grateful to be awarded the scholarship, and I will work very hard to make sure I achieve everything I can. Ultimately I cannot say really how thankful I am for giving me the scholarship and the opportunities it has given me, allowing me to spend all of my time on my studies."

The scholarship is available to students who have applied to study an undergraduate or integrated Master's degree in MTH, and will pay the recipient's full course fees for the duration of their course.

AMS postgraduate receives new scholarship



L-R: Charlie Dimont and Liam Heffernan

AMS student Liam Heffernan has been awarded a £2,500 scholarship created by an alumnus of the university.

Liam, who has recently started a Masters degree in American Studies and Film Studies, was chosen to receive the inaugural Charlie Dimont Scholarship.

He was presented with the award by Charlie Dimont, who graduated from the School of Economic and Social Studies in 1974. Charlie has worked throughout his career in the music industry, including with Virgin and EMI.

Scholarship recipient Liam is from Kent, and has an undergraduate degree in Film & Television Production from York St John University. He was presented with his award at a ceremony hosted by Vice-Chancellor Prof Edward Acton, on November 24.

Liam said: "Scholarships and grants make postgraduate education accessible to people like myself who would otherwise spend years struggling to find the money, and hopefully one day I will also be in a position to give something back and help other students."

University awarded share of £3.4 million to develop early years workforce

The university has received a contract to deliver training for nursery, childcare and pre-school professionals from January 2012.

It will benefit from a share of a £3.4 million pot to provide the only Government-endorsed accreditation for working with children under five - Early Years Professional Status (EYPS).

The contract means that the university will be able to provide fully-funded graduate-level courses with no tuition fees. Courses for both practising professionals and graduates entering the profession are delivered by EDU.

There are four routes to gaining the flagship EYPS qualification - depending on the students' level of experience. They range from a six-month part-time course for very experienced graduates, to 12 months full and part-time courses which include longer training placements. A year-long full-time course for graduates new to the profession is also available.

Course leader Gillian Preece said: "EYPS gives both practitioners and those new to the profession a recognised professional status as a leader in one of the most demanding, challenging and rewarding areas of education.

Staff at work in the UEA Nursery



"Early Years Professionals have a direct and profound effect on the lives of young children, laying the foundations for their future learning and helping them interact with the world around them.

"Graduates are choosing the sector because it offers really good prospects and is now recognised as an integral part of the education profession, alongside teachers."

Funded places for the January 2012 intake may still be available. Please call 01603 591614 for further information or email eypdu@uea.ac.uk.

Warm global temperatures continued in 2011

2011 is set to be the 11th warmest in a record spanning more than 150 years, according to climate scientists from the Met Office and UEA.

The global average temperature from January to October 2011 was 14.36°C, 0.36°C above the 1961-1990 long term average.

2011's placing near the top of temperature datasets which go back to 1850 continues a long-term warming trend in global climate.

This has seen each successive decade since 1950 warmer than the last, with 2010 being one of the warmest individual years on record.

Prof Phil Jones (CRU) said that due to natural variability we do not expect to see each year warmer than the last, but the long-term trend is clear.

"The HadCRUT3 record, supported by the other records, is one indicator amongst several which provide overwhelming evidence that the climate has warmed," he said.

Final figures for the whole of 2011 will be available in March this year.

International summer school

The university will hold its first international summer school this year.

The four week course will take place from July 1-27, and will give students from all over the world the opportunity to gain academic credit by studying abroad at one of the UK's top 20 universities.

Students gain academic credits by participating in an intensive academic course, developing skills and knowledge, and engaging in lively debate and practical seminars, delivered by leading academics. The level two modules are being offered in diverse areas, ranging from revolutionary change in history to a unique assessment of contemporary biological sciences.

Students will be encouraged to make the most of an exciting social programme, embracing the bustling atmosphere of the city.

They will also explore the coast and countryside, including trips to the north and east coast beaches, rural castles and a number of famous landmarks including the Queen's Norfolk residence, Sandringham, as well as a trip to UEA London.

Violent storms provide testing conditions for researchers



Prof Ian Renfrew on board

Researchers from ENV have been flying directly into the powerful storms that battered the UK at the end of last year.

Driven by an exceptionally strong 'jet stream' around 8km above the North Atlantic, the series of storms brought high winds and heavy rainfall during late November and early December.

While disruptive for many, the violent weather has provided an ideal test-bed for the researchers who are part of the DIAMET project (diabatic influences on mesoscale structures in extratropical storms). The project includes

scientists from the universities of Manchester, Reading, Leeds and UEA, as well as from the Met Office. It is led by the Natural Environment Research Council's National Centre for Atmospheric Science (NCAS).

The aim of the project is to understand the complex structure of such storms so that strong winds and heavy rainfall can be forecast more accurately at the county, rather than country, level.

"The observations we can obtain from these research aircraft flights are vital for working out how these storms work and how we can simplify some of the crucial processes for inclusion in our forecast models," said Prof Ian Renfrew (ENV).

The DIAMET scientists use a specially-instrumented research aircraft to obtain unique observations of the storms' associated winds, temperature, humidity, cloud microphysical properties and their interaction with the ocean surface.

The aircraft is a modified passenger jet which has been refitted to carry a range of state-of-the-art equipment, measuring the properties of the air in which the plane flies.

International Development Day

Five DEV PhD students attended an event in Germany in November to mark 'Development Day'.

The day was organised to celebrate the opening of the UAMR (University Alliance Metropolis Ruhr) Graduate Centre for Development Studies, which is a new joint venture between the University of Ruhr and the University of Duisburg-Essen, both in Germany.

Ben Taylor, Jake Lomax, Aidy Halimanjaya, Citlalli Becerril-Tinoco and Camilla Addey were invited to the opening as an opportunity to create international links with other universities around the world, hopefully allowing students, researchers and lecturers to contribute to and complement each other's development research.

The five students also contributed posters to the 30 presented by research students from a number of institutions during the event. Topics for the posters included poverty reduction, water safety, climate change, conflict, migration, foreign aid and global policy.

Become a PhD affiliate of the BCLT

Doctoral students at UEA whose research involves translation in some way, are invited to become affiliates of the British Centre for Literary Translation (BCLT).

This new category of affiliation is designed to offer support to all PhD students interested in translation and world literature. BCLT is also keen to serve as a resource to ensure students are aware of and gain access to various translation-related opportunities, both academic and professional.

It is not necessary for the student's thesis to deal specifically with literary translation; however, they should have a demonstrable interest and/or experience in translation in order to benefit fully from what BCLT has to offer. By becoming a PhD Affiliate, they will receive a wide range of benefits including invitations to industry events and subscriptions to relevant newsletters and journals.

All doctoral students enrolled at UEA, as well as Courtauld, Essex, Goldsmiths, Kent, OU and Sussex are welcome to apply by sending a brief email of introduction to Valerie Henitiuk, BCLT Director, at v.henitiuk@uea.ac.uk.

Please include in your email a bio-note of no more than 150 words, stating your research topic and/or the reason for your interest in BCLT, suitable for posting to the BCLT website. There is no closing date for applications.



Farming crucial for threatened species in developing world

A number of threatened species in the developing world are entirely dependent on human agriculture for their survival, according to new research by Dr Paul Dolman and Hugh Wright (ENV).

Published in the journal *Conservation Letters*, the study concludes that many species, rather than just using farmland to supplement their natural habitat, would actually be driven to extinction without it. Species such as the White-shouldered Ibis in Cambodia, the Sociable Lapwing in Kazakhstan and the Liben Lark in Ethiopia rely on local people and their agriculture.

Greatest benefit comes from local communities practising traditional agriculture with low ecological impact. Valuable practices include grazing animals on land where rare species breed and feed, and growing cereal crops which provide a rich source of food.

"Conservation efforts in the developing world

focus a lot of attention on forest species and pristine habitats – so people have usually been seen as a problem. But there are a number of threatened species – particularly birds but probably a whole range of wildlife – which heavily depend on the farmed environment," said lead author Hugh Wright.

"Many of the traditional farming systems that benefit these species are now under threat both from industrial, large-scale agriculture and from more local economic development. We need to identify valuable farmland landscapes and support local people so that they can continue their traditional farming methods and help maintain this unique biodiversity."

Campus conservation project update

A volunteer at the Water Soldier Pond

Volunteers from across the university have been involved in an environmental maintenance scheme on campus, most recently clearing and transforming a pond.

The team, including 37 volunteers, carried out conservation work on the Water Soldier Pond, situated at the eastern end of the Broad. The pond had become clogged and overgrown, preventing the water soldier plant living within from growing.

Items removed from the pond during cleaning included drink cans and bottles, fence posts and even a shopping trolley. Weeds were removed, and numerous trees had to be cut back.

The nutrient rich debris which volunteers have managed to remove from the banks of the pond will be given to UEA Allotments at Earlham Hall for composting. Clearing the duckweed from the surface is an ongoing management task, although volunteers found an ingenious solution to remove the weed - dragging a floating rope across the surface as a boom.

Next term the Campus Conservation Project volunteers will begin coppicing the marshland near to the Water Soldier Pond. The new UEA Wildlife Trail is also due to be ready for visitors



soon, with the official launch taking place on February 1.

For more information about the project, contact Elaine Sherriffs at volunteers@uea.ac.uk.

Our sustainable campus

A regular slot focusing on environmental and sustainability news from around the campus

Sustainable Travel Award win

The university has won accolades in two categories of the national Sustainable Travel Awards presented by ACTTravel, the UK's premier network for organisations working to promote sustainable travel.

UEA transport co-ordinator, Dawn Dewar, beat travel planners from the Welcome Trust, Cambridge, the Defence, Science and Technology Laboratory Wiltshire and Cobalt park, Newcastle Upon Tyne to take the title of Travel Planner of the Year.

The judges said: "Dawn has demonstrated all the qualities necessary to achieve long term change: commitment, creativity, innovation and tenacity. The University of East Anglia has been highly successful in reducing private car usage but more importantly the reduction has been sustained over a long period of time. Keeping the momentum going and continuing to come up with fresh ideas is the difficult bit of the job."

Bus service 30 won highly commended in the

Dawn Dewar receives her award from Chris Smith (Pindar)



Innovation category. The service aims to help those who live in market towns and villages to benefit from faster journey times by eliminating the need to change buses in the city centre. It also provides those who live in popular residential areas to the east of Norwich with direct services to the university for the first time.

Dawn Dewar said: "I am really pleased with both awards which showcase nationally our commitment to sustainable travel. Bus service 30 has seen real growth this year and this award will help promote it further. For myself, being awarded Travel Planner of the Year is obviously an honour and it's great to have the work you do recognised at this level."

Fairtrade Fortnight - date for your diary

Fairtrade Fortnight 2012 is from February 27 to March 11.

In recent years, staff and students have shown their support by organising a range of activities – in addition to offers and promotions in campus cafes, restaurants and shops.

If you are planning an event, please make sure that it is included in Fairtrade Fortnight publicity by contacting Jill Brown at jill.brown@uea.ac.uk.

UEA is a Fairtrade organisation and the university and the Union of UEA Students are committed to procuring and supplying fairly

traded produce wherever possible.

Fairtrade hot drinks are offered in all catering outlets and at all university functions - but don't forget you can also buy cost price Fairtrade tea and coffee for your office tea fund by contacting Catering; x2477 or catering.services@uea.ac.uk.



UEA: bike friendly

The university has been hailed as one of the most 'bike-friendly' universities by the *Daily Telegraph*.

Using statistics from the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA), the *Telegraph* placed UEA ninth in the UK, due to its 3,074 bike spaces on campus.

Tony Rich

Jonathan Nicholls (Registrar at Cambridge) will be running the London Marathon on April 22, inspired by Tony Rich.

Sadly, Tony, who will be known to a number of colleagues from his time as academic registrar at UEA from 1991 to 1999, has been diagnosed with an incurable cancer.

Jonathan is running on behalf of cancer research at Bristol University, where Tony had been appointed Registrar, after 12 years as Registrar at Essex University.

Jonathan has started a JustGiving page at www.justgiving.com/Jonathan-Nicholls1 and would be grateful for any support colleagues can offer.

ENV student is UK's best young social science scholar

Dr Saffron O'Neill, a member of the Tyndall Centre and ENV from 2004 to 2009, has been awarded the inaugural UK Scopus Young Researcher Award for 2011 in the social science category.

This award is offered jointly between Elsevier - who own Scopus - and the UK-US Fulbright Commission to the best UK early-career scholar in each of eight meta-disciplines.

Penny Egan, executive director of the US-UK Fulbright Commission, who presided over the award ceremony said: "These awards are not just meant to acknowledge the outstanding performance of the young winners, but should also be seen as confirmation of their ability to succeed in their chosen field."

Saffron joined the Tyndall Centre in 2004 to study for her PhD with Prof Mike Hulme and was awarded the degree in 2008 for her thesis, 'An iconic approach to representing climate change.'

Radio 3 series on WG Sebald

Former colleagues and students of the internationally renowned author WG Sebald presented a series of programmes about his life and work on BBC Radio 3 in December.

WG Sebald, or Max as he was known, taught at the university from 1970 until his death in a car accident in 2001, aged 57. He was the founder of the British Centre for Literary Translation.

The five-part series, entitled 'Looking and Looking Away', included personal reflections on different aspects of his life, work and influence by those who knew him while he was a lecturer in Norwich.

Accommodation

FOR RENT: Modern property in quiet cul-de-sac off Dereham Road, handy for UEA campus/ NRP/hospital and for Earlham Road shopping centre (Co-op etc). Three large bedrooms, two with built-in wardrobes, garage plus off-street parking, secluded garden at rear. Available to let now to professionals and/or family. Rent £630 per calendar month. Phone Natasha or Beth on 01603 478179.

TO LET: Double room ensuite in non-smoking house, use of kitchen etc, sitting room/dining room in London. Central Line tube eight mins walk. On bus routes. Parking in quiet street. M11 (for A11) two mins (as is A406). M25 10 mins drive. Waitrose, restaurants, shops, cinema, library five mins walk. Forest two mins walk. Might suit Monday to Friday but available full week. Contact K Donn on 07910 594372.

TO LET: Studio flat in the Barbican, balcony, original interior. Short lets / overnight stays, sleeps one or a couple. Now letting for the Olympics. Contact Nick Caistor on 07905 599241.

E-procurement increasing

Orders placed through the university's e-procurement system reached a new high in November, with 714 paperless requests being made.

In 2010 the UEA began the roll-out of the Parabilis e-procurement system; this was another step towards delivering the Corporate Plan objective of making the university an exemplary 'low carbon campus'.

The e-procurement system connects the UEA finance system, via an electronic marketplace, to our suppliers. It enables orders to be generated, approved and transmitted electronically.

Starting with SCI and Office Depot users, the system is being gradually rolled out across campus. There are currently just under 500 users and 12 suppliers set up on the system, with more being added every week.

The system delivers a number of benefits to the university and its suppliers, including a reduction in the time taken from inception to receipt of the order by the supplier; providing users with current pricing (and in some cases stock levels) as part of the ordering process; and reduced prices.

Over the coming months the purchasing team will continue to roll-out the system into new areas and to more suppliers. For more information on the system, please contact purchasing@uea.ac.uk.

Global carbon emissions reach record 10 billion tonnes - threatening two degree target

Global carbon dioxide emissions from burning fossil fuels have increased by 49 per cent in the last two decades, according to the latest figures by an international team, including researchers at the Tyndall Centre.

Published in the journal *Nature Climate Change*, the new analysis by the Global Carbon Project shows fossil fuel emissions increased by 5.9 per cent in 2010 and by 49 per cent since 1990 – the reference year for the Kyoto protocol.

On average, fossil fuel emissions have risen by 3.1 per cent each year between 2000 and 2010 – three times the rate of increase during the 1990s. They are projected to continue to increase by 3.1 per cent in 2011.

Total emissions - which combine fossil fuel combustion, cement production, deforestation and other land use emissions - reached 10 billion



tonnes of carbon in 2010 for the first time. Half of the emissions remained in the atmosphere, where CO₂ concentration reached 389.6 parts per million. The remaining emissions were taken up by the ocean and land reservoirs, in approximately equal proportions.

The Global Carbon Project is opening an office at the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research at UEA this year, funded by the Natural Environment Research Council. The office will support the annual publication of emissions statistics for the atmosphere, ocean and land reservoirs.

Flexible financial support for 2012 students

It has been announced that changes to the way students can receive financial support from the university have been approved by OFFA (The Office for Fair Access).

As a result, the university's financial support will be more flexible, so that students can choose how they receive financial support, dependent on what suits their personal circumstances.

For 2012 entry, the university will be offering a number of bursaries, the full details of which can be found online at www.uea.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/finance/university-financial-support.

The options for the way eligible students will receive their bursary can be chosen from the

following list:

- Full bursary amount as a fee waiver
- Full bursary amount as a university accommodation discount
- £1000 cash bursary, and remaining balance as an accommodation discount or as a fee waiver
- Full bursary amount in cash (this option is only available for students in their second year onwards)

Support for students with a household income of less than £16,000 is provided as part of the Government's National Scholarship Programme.

If you have any questions about students finance, or for further information, email student.finance@uea.ac.uk.

Confidentiality and Collaboration conference

A conference to discuss the ethics of information sharing in health and social care was held in Norwich in November.

Supported by The Centre for Research on the Child and the Family at UEA, the *Ethics and Social Welfare* journal and Making Research Count, the event focussed on the sharing of information in multi-agency and multidisciplinary working in the field of health and social care.

The conference brought together 80 practitioners and academics from a range of organisations and disciplines. Keynote speakers included Charles Clarke, visiting professor in PSI, who explored the legal and policy frameworks which govern the acquisition and sharing of personal information across organisational boundaries.

Media Watch

Making the headlines this month



Prof David Wright (PHA)

Telegraph, Radio 5 Live, Sky News Radio, Punjab Radio, TWR UK, Sunrise Radio,

BBC Radio Norfolk, Lancashire Evening Post, Heart Essex, Buzz Asia, Kismet Radio, Hayes FM, LBC Radio, Nursing Times, French Tribune, BBC Look East, Wigan Evening Post (drugs administration)



Prof John Street (PSI)

BBC2 Daily Politics, Huffington Post, Arts Industry and online, New Statesman, Future

Radio, Siren FM, Evening News, EDP, Radio Norfolk (music and politics), PRI's The World (Youssef N'Dour)

Prof Chris Bigsby (AMS)

Radio 3, Radio Norfolk (WG Sebald)

Prof Sarah Churchwell (AMS)

Channel 4 News, BBC2 Review Show, NBC (My week with Marilyn), The Guardian (Jack Kerouac novel), BBC Radio 4 (off the page), Guardian (First Book Award), Journalism Foundation (free press), Guardian (Munroe & Thatcher), Psychologies (film review), Sky News (paper review), Independent, TLS (Katherine Anne Porter), Channel 4 News (2011 US news), NPR (Marilyn Monroe), Psychologies (film noir)

Mark Barlow (ARM)

EDP (admissions)

Briony McArdle (ARM)

Future Radio (Christmas lectures)

Dr Christina Riggs (ART)

THE (Nile Valley exhibition)

Prof Matthew Gage (BIO)

New Scientist online and other online (mole rats)

Dr Stephen Robinson (BIO)

EDP (Big C)

Prof Catherine Waddams (CCP)

Independent (energy bill reforms)

Dr David Russell (CHE)

EDP, Electronics Weekly (Intelligent Fingerprinting)

Dr Richard Harvey (CMP)

THE (fees)

David Blake (DEV)

Scotland on Sunday, New York Times online (Mekong dam)

Dr Maren Duvendack (DEV)

New Republic (microfinance)

Dr Heike Schroeder (DEV)

EDP (forests)

Dr Mark Zeitoun (DEV)

New York Times (profile)

Prof Ian Bateman (ENV)

EDP, Evening News (valuing nature), ESRC online (RELU)

Dr Paul Dolman (ENV)

BBC online and other online (threatened species)

Dr Sandy Leaton Gray (EDU)

Guardian online (blog)

Prof Alastair Grant (ENV)

Radio 4 (EU Habitats and Birds Directive)

Dr Kevin Hiscock (ENV)

Radio Norfolk (weather)

Prof Mike Hulme (ENV)

BBC News, Newsnight (IPCC report), Financial Times (climate change)

Prof Phil Jones (ENV)

The Times, Daily Mail, Guardian online, Science (global temperature records), BBC Focus (sea ice)

Prof Corinne Le Quere (ENV)

EDP, i, The Scotsman, Telegraph, Sydney Morning Herald, Morning Star, The Universe and various online (carbon emissions), Radio Norfolk (climate change)

Asher Minns (ENV)

Huffington Post (COP17)

Dr Hannah Mossman (ENV)

BBC online, BBC Radio 2 News, BBC Radio 5 News, Telegraph online, ITV Anglia News, BBC local radio, EDP, EADT (Broads survey)

Prof Ian Renfrew (ENV)

BBC Radio Norfolk, BBC Radio Essex, BBC News (storms)

Dr Hugh Wright (ENV)

Evening News, BBC World Service, various online (threatened species)

Dawn Dewar (EST)

EDP (Travel Planner of the Year award)

Dr Eylem Atakav (FTV)

Huffington Post (Eastenders), Huffington Post (virginity tests)

Dr Keith Johnston (FTV)

Radio 4 Today Programme, The Independent, Radio Norfolk, Huffington Post (Ealing films)

Prof John Charnley (HIS)

Welwyn and Hatfield Times, Basildon Recorder, Essex County Standard, Colchester Gazette (digital film archive)

Prof Malcolm Gaskill (HIS)

Radio Norfolk (Christmas lectures)

Dr Richard Maguire (HIS)

Evening News (history as compulsory subject)

Dr Victor Morgan (HIS)

EDP (Nathaniel Bacon)

Dr Thomas Otte (HIS)

EDP (Brussels summit)

Dr Daithi Mac Sithigh (LAW)

Guardian, Telegraph, Radio Norfolk, Evening News, EDP (Leveson Inquiry)

Prof Andreas Musolf (LCS)

THE (consumers)

Andrew Cowan (LDC)

EDP (Queen's Anniversary prize), Evening News, EDP (website for new writing)

Dr BJ Epstein (LDC)

Polari Magazine (gender and sexuality); Polari Magazine (Christmas song)

Giles Foden (LDC)

EDP (Body of Work)

Prof Kathryn Hughes (LDC)

Guardian (Lucia Etxebarria)

Prof Ibrahim Abubakar (MED)

Daily Mail and online (TB)

Dr David Livermore (MED)

BBC Countryfile (antibiotics)

Dr Yoon Loke (MED)

Daily Mail (cystitis)

Prof John Wain (MED)

Cambridge Network (Discuva)

Dr Lawrence Coates (MTH)

EDP (new energy and environment MSc)

Dr Richard Purvis (MTH)

EDP, Business Weekly online (maths queries)

Dr Paul Dobson (NBS)

EDP (local shops)

Andrea Fenegan (NBS)

Radio Norfolk (euro crisis)

Dr Bridget Penhale (NSC)

The Guardian (domestic abuse of older people)

Dr Stephen Bazire (PHA)

Daily Mail (corticosteroids)

Dr Rupert Read (PHI)

Guardian, online (intergenerational justice)

Prof John Greenaway (PSI)

Radio Suffolk (politics)

Dr Beth Neil (SWP)

BBC Radio 4 (adoption)

Prof Tom Ward (VCO)

Evening News (Olympics torchbearing), EDP, Norwich Advertiser (Whatuni awards), Telegraph (paid for essays)

LDC Café Conversations

Harry Potter, mutants and super-humans will all come under the spotlight this year in a series of Café Conversations organised by CUE East.

The spring 2012 'Literature and Translation Series' will run from January to April, hosted by academics from LDC.

Topics that will be covered include 'Is theatre always political?' and 'An introduction to Turkish'.

For more information, or to view the full programme, visit www.uea.ac.uk/ssf/cue-east/events.



Abraham Eshetu

LCS Research and Engagement Seminars

Translating and interpreting in police contexts was the focus of the first in a new series of Research and Engagement seminars organised by LCS. The first event was held in conjunction with local translation services provider INTRAN, and the Norfolk Constabulary and Police Authority.

The first seminar saw LCS's Dr Luna Filipović use her expertise as a forensic linguist to highlight how fundamental variations between languages may cause difficulties in the translation of witness interviews, which can lead to potentially dire outcomes.

Abraham Eshetu, corporate equality and diversity manager for Norfolk Constabulary and chair of INTRAN, and Valérie Gidney, INTRAN partnership and development manager, took up issues from the practitioners' perspective with an account of the challenges and needs facing the police and public service interpreters.

A second seminar, on communication across languages and cultures in medical contexts and health services, is planned for the early summer.

For information about the LCS Research and Engagement series, please contact the organiser Dr Marie-Noëlle Guillot at m.guillot@uea.ac.uk.

Workshop to discuss feminist research methods

Feminist researchers, from PhD level through to professors, were brought together at a seminar to learn more about a range of feminist research methods last month.

Prof Yvonne Tasker (FTV) spoke about research funding, Dr Natasha Mauthner (Aberdeen University) discussed digital data sharing and research ethics, Dr Anne Humbert (Middlesex) talked about the use of gender indices, while Prof Rosemary Hunter (Kent) shared her experiences of running a project which undertook feminist re-judgements of existing legal decisions.

In the afternoon, Prof Alison Assister (UWE) spoke about feminist philosophy, before Dr Fiona Poland concluded the day with a feminist analysis of care.

It is hoped this will be the first of many such seminars in the field of feminist research.

Vice-Chancellor's Open Forum

All staff are invited to attend one of two Vice-Chancellor's Open Forums to launch the university-wide consultation on the Corporate Plan 2012-2016.

Prof Edward Acton will be joined by the registrar, Brian Summers, and the pro-vice-chancellors, Prof Tom Ward and Prof David Richardson.

There will be a short presentation followed by the opportunity for staff to raise questions for further discussion. Questions can also be submitted in advance by emailing m.padmore@uea.ac.uk.

The events will be held in the TPSC Lecture Theatre on Thursday, February 9, at 9am and 1pm, each lasting for an hour.

For more information, contact the Events Office on events@uea.ac.uk or phone x3492.

New EDU-based academic journal launched in Tokyo

The official journal of the World Association of Lesson Studies (WALS) was launched in November at the association's annual meeting in Tokyo.

The new publication is called *International Journal for Lesson and Learning Studies*, and its chief editor is Emeritus Prof John Elliott of the Centre for Applied Research in Education (CARE).

The editorial office of the journal is based in CARE/EDU. Enquiries can be sent to Miriam McGregor at lessonstudies@uea.ac.uk.

Listings

JANUARY

Thu 26

PSI Too Difficult Box: Richard Dannatt **'Defending the UK'**, TPSC LT, 6pm

LCD Event: **Body of Work: 40 Years of Creative Writing at UEA**, Drama Studio, 7pm

Fri 27

RESNET Workshop: **Conditions of Worth**, Council House, 12.30-2pm

Tue 31

Literary Festival: **A L Kennedy**, LT1, 7pm, £6

MUS Event: **Allegrì Quartet**, UEA Music Strobe Concert Room, 7.30pm, £4

UEA London Lecture: **Careless People, F Scott Fitzgerald and idea of America**, Prof David Peters Corbett and Prof Sarah Churchwell, 7pm

Inaugural Lecture: **Prof David Crossman & Prof Bill Fraser** (MED), Benjamin Gooch Lecture Theatre, N&NUH, 5.30pm

FEBRUARY

Mon 6

LCS Research Sem: **Does**

humanitarian intervention work?

The challenges of cross-cultural communication in a war zone, Jonathan Browning OBE, TPSC 1.1, 5.30pm

Wed 8

Gig: **Kerrang! Relentless Energy Tour**, LCR, £20

Thu 9

Gig: **Mastodon**, LCR, £17.50

Fri 10

Music at One Concert: **clarinet and saxophone with Hannah Obasaju and Robert Peck**, Assembly House, 1pm, £5

Tue 14

Inaugural Lecture: **Prof Janet Seeley** (DEV), TPSC LT, 6.30pm

Thu 16

LAW Lecture: **It's a man's world: redressing the balance**, The Baroness Hale of Richmond PC DBE, Justice of the Supreme Court of the UK, LT1, 6pm

SISJAC Lecture: **Okinoshima: The Shōshōin of the Sea**, Dr Simon Kaner, Norwich Cathedral Hostry, 6pm

Mon 20

LCS Research Sem: **Communication and culture in the built environment?** An analysis of how the mind/brain understands architecture, Bill Downes, UEA & York Uni, Toronto and Michael Innes, LSI Architects, Arts 0.30, 5.30pm

Wed 22

Gig: **Ben Howard**, LCR, £13

Thu 23

CEAS Lecture: **The Story of England: local history and national narrative**, Michael Wood, LT1, 7.15pm

Fri 24

Music at One Concert: **singers Ellen-May Shipp and Meredydd Cheeseman**, Assembly House, 1pm, £5

Sat 25

MUS Event: **Sonic Arts 65: Denis Smalley**, UEA Music Strobe Concert Room, 7.30pm, £4 - £7

Tue 28

Inaugural Lecture: **Prof Shaun Stevens** (MTH), TPSC LT, 6.30pm

All events free unless stated. For Sainsbury Centre events visit www.scva.co.uk. Tickets for LCR and Waterfont gigs are available by calling 01603 508050. All prices are advance only and may be subject to a booking fee. Doors open 7.30pm unless stated. All gigs are for over 14's only. www.ueaticketbookings.co.uk.

Japanese relations flourishing

Japanese ambassador Keiichi Hayashi has hosted an evening of talks by members of the Centre for Japanese Studies and the Sainsbury Institute for the Study of Japanese Arts and Cultures at the Japanese Embassy in London.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Edward Acton spoke of the huge importance Japan has in the world, and of how the next generations of global citizens who pass through UEA should have the best possible opportunity to understand something of Japan and its place in the world.

UEA is now offering degree-level courses in Japanese language at both BA and Masters level. Japanese can be taken in conjunction with other modern languages, or other subject areas, and BA and MA courses in Japanese Cultural Heritage and Museum are also available.

Further Japan-related programmes will be developed over the coming years, including a BA in Japanese Cultural Studies. Full details of courses on offer are available at the website of the new Centre (www.uea.ac.uk/cjs).

Prof Acton at the Japanese Embassy



The new year will kick off with a major Japan Foundation exhibition of the history of manga and anime, Kingdom of Characters, which opens at the SCVA in early February

Other events planned for 2012 include a major international conference on Japan's place in Asia in late June at UEA London, and the British Association for Japanese Studies annual conference in Norwich on September 5-6.

Books

Investigating the political power of music

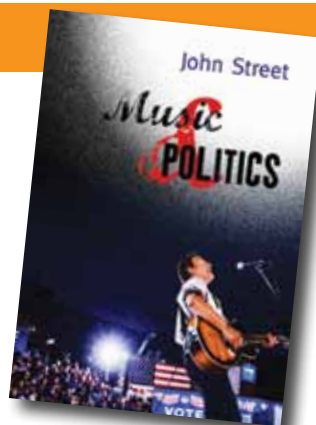
From Lily Allen and Live8 to gangsta rap, revolution and the sounds of the Arab Spring - the political power of music is explored in a new book by Prof John Street (PSI).

Music and Politics shows how music is inextricably linked to politics, and provides a soundtrack to the nation's mood.

The book looks at how musicians from Bob Geldof to Lily Allen have spoken for political causes. It investigates how music can inspire crowds, move individuals and mobilise movements - and how governments can live in fear of its effects, censor its sounds, and imprison its creators.

Prof Street said: "Music has always been the most political of cultural forms.

"After the riots that gripped the UK in August, the musician and campaigner Billy Bragg made a



plea for the return of political pop. This was how young people could 'speak truth to power'. It was music, rather than blogging or tweeting, that really gave people a voice.

"Other voices emerging from the same post-riot debate blamed gangsta rap for causing the attitudes that inspired the looting.

"What both sides agreed was that music mattered - that it had the capacity to influence thoughts and actions. The idea that music and politics are inseparably linked, and that each animates the other, is at the heart of this book."

Published by Polity Press, *Music and Politics* is available now.

Creative writing anthology

The publication of *Body of Work: 40 Years of Creative Writing at UEA* will be marked with an event on campus in January.

The anthology describes 40 years of creative writing through the words of writers with connections to UEA and Norwich.

The evening will include readings, conversation and celebration with former and current creative writing students, faculty and guest writers, alongside a free glass of wine.

A launch will also take place on the night for www.newwriting.net - an online showcase of work from UEA faculty and students alongside commissioned writing from regional, national and international authors working with Writers' Centre Norwich.

It will be held at the UEA Drama Studio on January 26, from 7pm. Tickets are free but must be reserved online at www.uea.ac.uk/lit/eventsnews/events/body-of-work.

Next steps for LCS International Research Exchange

Prof Andreas Musolff (LCS) and MA student Lori Gilbert (LCS) attended an international conference on cognitive linguistics in November.

The event was part of a LCS research exchange with Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE) Budapest and Heidelberg University. 'Cognition & Culture' was organised by the Doctoral Program of Cultural Linguistics (ELTE), under the presidency of Prof Zoltán Kövecses, who was a guest of UEA in spring 2011.

Prof Musolff's presented his work on 'Political and Cultural differences in the understanding of the metaphor of the Body Politic', and Lori Gilbert's paper concentrated on 'Understanding Obama's 'Sputnik moment' metaphor: A reference to war?'

The exchange, agreed to facilitate mutual study visits by postgraduate students, is planned to continue with a symposium on metaphor studies at Heidelberg University in 2013, which will be organised by Prof Sonja Kleinke.

A close-up look at our bodies



John Clancy, (NSC) a senior lecturer in human physiology applied to health, has published his sixth book, entitled *The Human*

Body Close-Up. It is a unique exploration of what we are and how we work in breathtaking, microscopic detail.

Using more than 300 cutting-edge anatomical images, he demonstrates the complexity of our cells, tissues and organs and how our body parts

and systems group together to form the most wondrous biological machine on the planet - the human body.

Readers can witness exceptional views of the body; dramatic images of the respiratory system show how the lungs exchange gases and how the heart and blood transport vital oxygen to every cell in our body, while vivid micrographs reveal how the digestive system delivers valuable nutrients and how these are transformed into energy that fuels our bodies.

The Human Body Close-Up is published by Quercus Publishing Plc.

From social work to sci-fi

While he works part time as a senior lecturer in SWP, Chris Beckett is also a writer of science fiction.

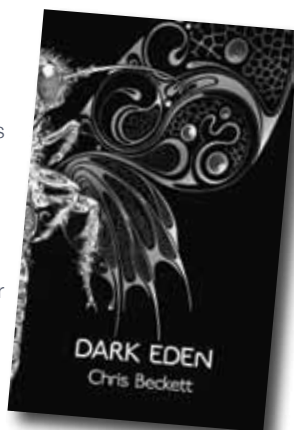
His latest book, *Dark Eden*, was released in January. It tells the story of 500 people who live in a community in an enclosed valley on the sunless planet Eden where, over a century ago, their two ancestors were marooned.

Calling themselves Family, they still cling to the hope that one day someone will come and bring them back to Earth, where light and heat does not come from trees, but from a bright star in the sky.

John Redlantern defies Family's most sacred traditions and leads a small group of followers out

of the valley and across mountains that are not only covered in snow and ice, but are completely dark, in search of wider lands. It had to happen but it comes at a terrible price, for it brings bloodshed and division into the world.

Dark Eden is published by Corvus.





Presenter and historian Michael Wood to appear at UEA

Renowned historian Michael Wood will be giving a one-off public lecture titled 'The Story of England: local history and national narrative' on campus in February.

His lecture will discuss his most recent BBC TV project, which takes the village of Kibworth in Leicestershire through the whole of English History, and will look at his forthcoming series on the social history of Britain.

The talk is part of a series of free public lectures on regional and local history organised by the Centre of East Anglian Studies.

The event takes place on Thursday, February 23, in Lecture Theatre 1 at 7.15pm.

For further information please visit www.uea.ac.uk/his/eventsnews/events/michael-wood.

Science Outreach meeting

Science Outreach in Norfolk (SOIN) held its first annual meeting in December at the John Innes Centre.

Representatives of a wide range of different science communication and outreach groups in the region came together and took part in two workshops; one on evaluation of public engagement activities and the other on how to run science dialogue sessions on controversial issues.

Supported by CUE East, the evaluation workshop was run by Sophie Duncan, deputy director, National Coordinating Centre for Public Engagement, and Suzanne Spicer, social responsibility manager, University of Manchester. The Dialogue in Science Course was provided by The Biochemical Society.



INTO ball raises thousands

The inaugural INTO-Giving Art Ball, held in the autumn, raised £17,000 for charity.

The ball was held at the Sainsbury Centre, and aimed to raise funds for INTO-Giving - a charity established to help fund educational projects in impoverished and disaster-stricken parts of the world.

Funds raised will help build an orphans' and vulnerable children's centre in Lusaka, Zambia. The project will provide much-needed education, nutritional advice, counselling and vocational skills for young people living in this area who have lost one or both parents as a result of AIDS and HIV.

More than 100 guests attended the ball

and enjoyed a dazzling evening. As well as a champagne reception, they were treated to a sumptuous four-course dinner, live music from local band Lee Vasey and dancing until late.

Guests were also given the opportunity to buy raffle tickets, winning prizes such as a private tour of Chilford Hall Vineyard, a three course meal at The Last Wine Bar and a cookery session courtesy of Plan To Cook. There was also a live auction of luxury lots, including a week's holiday in North Carolina, which went for a staggering £2,100 and FA Cup Final tickets, which raised a further £450.

Allegri Quartet concert

One of UEA's professional ensembles in residence, the Allegri Quartet, will give a concert of pieces by Beethoven and Shostakovich at the end of January.

Founded in 1953 by Eli Goren, William Pleeth, Patrick Ireland and James Barton, the Allegri Quartet is Britain's longest-running chamber music ensemble, sustained over six decades by successive generations of the finest international performers.

Beethoven's Op 18 No 5 will open the programme – a piece modelled on an earlier work by Mozart and firmly in the Classical tradition. A later work by the same composer, Op 132, shows Beethoven at his most experimental and is considered a mainstay of the Romantic era. These works will provide a wonderful contrast



Allegri Quartet

to Shostakovich's String Quartet No 7, written in 1960.

The concert takes place on Tuesday, January 31, at 7.30pm in the UEA Music Strobe Concert Room. Tickets, starting at £4, are available online from UEA Box Office or on the door.

Last call for academics for the Directory of Experts

The deadline has been extended for university academics to submit details of their areas of expertise for the latest Directory of Experts.

The directory is used by journalists and programme makers, and is a good way of publicising the expertise and knowledge available to the media from the university.

It is also a way of introducing some of the university's academics to useful contacts within the media.

If you are an academic or researcher and would like to be included in the directory, please email Helen Sibley on H.Sibley@uea.ac.uk by January 27.