

Comment

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£500m fundraising campaign launched

WITH AN OVERARCHING GOAL TO improve the lives of people around the world, on 3 November, King's launched a £500 million campaign, the most ambitious fundraising effort in the 180-year history of the university.

The College unveiled this landmark campaign – named World questions|King's *answers* – with more than £197 million already received towards the fundraising goal. The campaign will end in 2015.

More than 300 alumni and friends gathered on the Strand Campus on launch day for a celebration hosted by BBC broadcaster David Dimbleby. The hour-long event focused on how the campaign will support

whole College in a belief that now is the time for universities like ours. This is a key time for our sector to make the case for what we can achieve – the great contribution we are making to society,' the Principal stated. 'King's transforms lives for the better through our educational opportunity, discovery and our positive contribution to resolving world issues.'

Joining Professor Trainor as panellists at the launch were Sir Robert Worcester, founder of the international polling firm Ipsos MORI and an Honorary Fellow of the College, and three members of the King's staff: Professor Shitij Kapur, Dean of the Institute of Psychiatry; Dr 'Funmi Olonisakin of the Conflict, Security & Development Group; and Professor Peter Parker of the Integrated Cancer Centre.

Speaking in a Great Hall filled with students, staff, alumni and friends, each panellist stressed how the campaign will further strengthen King's hallmark approach to problem-solving: creating a multidisciplinary, collaborative environment for research that leads to on-the-ground solutions.

Videotaped messages from

Archbishop Desmond Tutu FKC (Theology, BD, 1965; MTh, 1966) and the Rt Hon Sir John Major KG CH, former British Prime Minister and the campaign's Chairman, were also shown.

'Our modern world throws up problems of great complexity, and

questions that seem sometimes impossible to answer. The easy option is to leave the most challenging issues for others to address, easy but wrong,' said Sir John in his taped remarks.

'In their own areas of expertise, King's is determined to remain at **continued on page 2**

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research activities and help develop real-world solutions related to the campaign's three theme areas: Neuroscience & mental health, Leadership & society and Cancer.

'This campaign unites the

Confucius comes to King's

The King's China Institute was officially launched on 22 October, in the presence of HE Mr Liu Xiaoming, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China. A bronze statue of Confucius, donated to

the College by the Confucian Academy of Hong Kong, was unveiled outside the Maughan Library. Around 70 guests attended the launch, including the former Governor of Hong Kong, Lord Wilson.

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From left: HE Mr Liu Xiaoming, the Principal, Dr Tong Yun-kai, the President of Confucian Academy of Hong Kong, Lord Wilson and Professor Xinzhong Yao, Director of the King's China Institute



Principal's column

Dear Colleagues

All universities will face a large number of challenges in the coming year and King's is no exception. Indeed, King's is better placed than most institutions to meet the challenges in the new higher education landscape and flourish.

The Browne report and the Government's reaction to it have elicited strong feelings but there are still many details

that are unclear. Universities will have to work with whichever arrangements for university financing are approved by Parliament. Until that happens, I do not intend to speculate publicly on the various scenarios that could unfold. Nevertheless, I have made clear my view of the importance of adequate funding for both science and arts subjects, and have spoken publicly on these issues at the Royal Institution and the Cheltenham

Festival of Literature.

The coming year brings the College particular opportunities in moving towards its goal of raising £500 million in the World questions | King's *answers*

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campaign. The launch of the campaign on 3 November was a huge success and I have every confidence that we will meet our targets. Raising funds for the Somerset House project is only part of the campaign, but it is very gratifying to see work underway that will significantly enhance our Strand campus.

I do hope you enjoy the Christmas break and return refreshed for the spring term.
Rick Trainor, Principal

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the forefront of research that will not only benefit and enrich our own lives, but also those of our children and our children's children.'

Alumni and friends also gathered for simultaneous celebrations in two events on opposite sides of the planet. More

than 60 guests attended a dinner gathering hosted by Dr Abraham Lue FKC in Hong Kong. Meeting in New York over breakfast, alumni ranging from the Class of 1946 to the Class of 2010 took part in the celebrations.

On the evening of the launch day, the College hosted a second

gathering on the Strand, attended by more than 100 alumni, staff and students.

'So our campaign is well and truly launched,' Professor Trainor said in his concluding remarks. 'It has been widely discussed in articles in print and broadcast media here in the UK and in international news as far

afield as Australia, China and South Africa.'

Find out more about the campaign in a special issue of *Comment*, which can be found at receptions on all campuses; alternatively please call 0207 848 2377 to request a copy. To find out more online, please visit www.kcl.ac.uk/kingsanswers

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Panelists and BBC broadcaster **David Dimbleby** at the launch event in the Great Hall

Violence & Memory theme strikes a chord

THE SCHOOL OF ARTS & HUMANITIES

opened its doors to the public in October for its annual week of lectures, debates and exhibitions, showcasing the diversity and impact of its research on society. This year's theme of 'Violence and Memory' was designed to make us think about the way violence and memory affect our lives.

'This year's Arts & Humanities Week built on the success of last year's inaugural Week, welcoming a wider range of cultural partners and participants. There was a real buzz in the Strand Building each night and the debates were of a very high calibre, both in the formal setting and during the receptions that followed,' said Dr Jon Wilson, Senior Lecturer in British Imperial & South Asian History and convener of Arts & Humanities Week.

A number of staff gave their inaugural lectures, including Patrick French, Department of French, Gordon McMullan, Department of English, and Catherine Boyle, Department of Spanish, Portuguese & Latin American Studies.

Guests of the Centre for Culture, Media & Creative Industries, John Crace, *The Guardian's* satirist and John Sutherland, Emeritus Professor



The Great War & the Visual Arts: a 'show-&-tell' – the panel observing images of war

of English at UCL, added some humour to an otherwise sombre theme, tackling questions such as whether academia had destroyed literary criticism and if reading and digesting fiction was akin to grievous bodily harm.

In a panel discussion, 'The Great War & the Visual Arts: a 'show-&-tell'', Professor Sir Lawrence Freedman, War Studies, and Dr Lawrence Napper, Film Studies, were joined by textile artist Rozanne

Hawksley; Jane Wildgoose, Keeper of the Wildgoose Memorial Library; and Harry Willis Fleming, founder of the Willis Fleming Historical Trust. They discussed the visual ways in which the Great War has been imagined and remembered.

Professor Ludmilla Jordanova, Chair in Modern History, raised questions around the role of higher education institutions in public life in a discussion of Art & the Academy. This focused

City of Culture.

The Centre for Culture, Media & Creative Industries hosted its first exhibition in the newly-renovated Art Exhibition Room (formerly the Senior Common Room), in conjunction with *Queer@King's*. Instigated by exhibiting artist Alex Brew, the *me masculine* exhibition included works spanning 30 years by Oreet Ashery, Rosie Gunn, Alexis Hunter, Derek Jackson, Del LaGrace Volcano, Tracy Allen, Katy Norton and Grace Lau. The artists spoke to a packed room about their own relationship to masculinity.

Michael Takeo Magruder, artist in the King's Visualisation Lab in the Centre for Computing in the Humanities, also exhibited for the first time at King's his project (*in*)*Remembrance [11-M]* about the Madrid bombings. Michael is the artist behind the original artwork, which will be erected in the new year in front of the East Wing of Somerset House, while the building is being renovated.

A video showing highlights of the week is available on iKing's.

MARK BLACKMAN



Sandy Nairne, Director of the National Portrait Gallery, took part in a panel debate

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on the visual arts with Sandy Nairne, Director of the National Portrait Gallery, Frances Carey, a key figure in the public engagement activities around the BBC History of the World in 100 Objects project, and Peter Jenkinson, contributor to 'Derry/Londonderry 2013', the first UK

Reverend Jesse Jackson launches StopWatch

REVEREND JESSE JACKSON, ONE OF America's foremost civil rights, religious and political figures, launched a new action-research coalition group to help tackle the issue of black and Asian people being disproportionately stopped and searched in the UK.

The group – named 'StopWatch' – is made up of researchers, academics and campaigners, and aims to reduce ethnic disproportionality in stop and search by half over the next five years, as well as to promote best practice in policing.

Reverend Jackson, speaking at the College, said: 'Racial and religious profiling and discrimination undermines the dream and promise of democracy. Democracy promises equal protection under the law, equal access, equal opportunity for all. No one should be denied equal access based upon race, gender, religion - these are anti-

democratic forces at play.'

StopWatch member, Ben Bowling, Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, said: 'The abuse of stop and search has driven a wedge between police and communities. It is often unfair and ineffective and

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can be counter-productive. StopWatch aims to monitor the use of stop and search powers and focus research and public policy on developing good policing. Together we can find fairer and more inclusive ways of creating a safer society.'



Reverend Jesse Jackson decried the use of racial and religious profiling

Report on violent dissidents threat published

The danger posed by groups such as the Real IRA and Continuity IRA is now at its greatest level in more than a decade, and is likely to increase, finds a new report commissioned by the International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation and Political Violence (ICSR).

The report, 'Return of the Militants', written by Dr Martyn Frampton, Queen Mary, University of London, is the most

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authoritative attempt to-date to address the recent resurgence of violent republicanism. It analyses the origins and the nature of the threat posed by violent dissidents, and provides a timeline of their recent activity and an introduction to the various groups associated with the dissident cause.

Drawing on the expert testimony of former security service personnel, the report also examines the changing security environment and evaluates potential responses to the increase of the threat.

THE MAIN CONCLUSIONS

- Growing influence of dissidents. Dissident groups appear to enjoy increasing prominence in certain

'republican areas' in Northern Ireland.

- Changing power structures in republican areas. The growth in dissident strength has been paralleled by the retraction and withering of the Provisional IRA in some areas, as well as other structures of social support for the Provisional movement.

- Dissident capacities remain potent and lethal. Such groups do not have to go through the same 'learning curve' as many other start-up terrorist groups. There are a number of individuals within their ranks who were heavily involved in the IRA's campaign before 1998 and who retain high levels of operational experience, including bomb-making.
- A weakened security

structure. The Police Service of Northern Ireland has struggled to respond to the challenge posed by dissident republicans. Some senior officers or former senior officers have admitted to the existence of a skills-gap, following changes to the policing and security infrastructure since 1998, alongside budgetary cuts.

- Talking does not provide an easy answer. It has been suggested that the best way to deal with these groups is to talk to them. However, their whole raison d'être is to oppose the political process and to avoid the traps of negotiation that they believe the leadership of Sinn Féin fell into in the 1990s.

The report was discussed at length on BBC2's *Newsnight* on 11 November.

King's new website goes live

THE NEW COLLEGE WEBSITE WENT live on Wednesday 13 October after an intensive 12-month project that involved research and in-depth analysis to identify the needs and requirements of a range of key stakeholders.

The primary objectives were to create a strong representation of the King's brand, supportive of world-class status, through a complete revamp of the site, including a new flexible design and layout that will allow King's

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The new King's website will allow the College to move with technological developments

To maintain the redesigned site, a new CMS has been implemented that allows content providers far more flexibility than before, with added functionality such as greater interaction with social media and the ability to embed multimedia on any page.

Due to the vast size of the site,

it was only possible to transfer a small portion of the content to the new design, with the remaining pages being updated within the next 12 months.

The reaction to the launch has been very positive. Please email neil.carpenter@kcl.ac.uk with any feedback or questions.

MRC Asthma Centre status renewed

MRC & ASTHMA UK CENTRE IN Allergic Mechanisms of Asthma at King's has received approval from the Medical Research Council (MRC) for another five years of funding.

The MRC Centre's International Advisory Board commented that the Centre was flourishing, had developed a remarkably collaborative and collegial structure, had been successful in obtaining peer reviewed grants and in publishing high-quality, peer-reviewed publications that have made a major impact in this area of research.

The Advisory Board members

felt that the Centre was unique internationally thanks to the large breadth of outstanding research capabilities and investigators.

Professor Tak Lee, Head of the MRC Centre, said: 'I am absolutely delighted that our Centre has received approval from MRC for another five years of continued funding. The Centre was first established as a partnership between King's, Imperial, MRC, Asthma UK and partner NHS Trusts.

'In the past five years, we have doubled in size; tripled our active grant income; quadrupled the numbers of PhD/MD students; increased academic



Professor Tak Lee

capacity at faculty level; and made a number of important discoveries for patient benefit. None of this could have been achieved without the supportive infrastructure and vision of the host institutions.'

Global Health Day

King's Health Partners Global Health launched with a Global Health Day on 5 November. Professor Baron Peter Piot opened the event at Guy's with a keynote address on 'New Challenges in Global Health.'

Baron Piot is the new Director of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, was the former Under Secretary-General of the United Nations, former Executive Director of the UN specialised agency UNAIDS and co-discovered the Ebola virus in 1976.

The launch, titled 'Sharing Experience, Building a Community, Developing Potential', was attended by more than 150 people. The aim was to raise awareness of King's Health Partners Global Health among staff and build a global health community across King's Health Partners.

There is already a large body of global health work being undertaken across the four partners. However, through the creation of King's Health Partners this work has come together as King's Health Partners Global Health.

King's Health Partners recognises that through effective external partnerships there is potential to contribute significantly to the health and wellbeing of those in lower and middle income countries. One such partnership was formed in February 2010 with THET, an NGO that supports international partnerships for global health. The University of California, San Francisco is also emerging as a key strategic partner.

Tenth Nobel Prize winner

MARIO VARGAS LLOSA, ONE OF

Latin America's most significant novelists, a former member of staff and Honorary Fellow of the College, has been awarded the 2010 Nobel Prize in literature.

Mario Vargas Llosa was Lecturer in Spanish American Literature in the Department of Spanish & Spanish-American Studies at King's from 1969-1970, just before he decided to become a full-time writer. He was made an Honorary Fellow of King's in July 2005. He is the first South American winner of the 10 million kronor prize since 1982 when it was awarded to Colombian Gabriel García Márquez.

A prolific novelist, playwright and essayist, the 74-year old is best known for works such as *The Time of the Hero* (*La ciudad y los perros*), *The Green House* (*La casa verde*), and the monumental *Conversation in the Cathedral* (*Conversación en la catedral*).

His novels include comedies, murder mysteries, historical novels, and political thrillers. Several, such as *Captain Pantoja and the Special Service* and *Aunt Julia and the Scriptwriter*, have been adapted as feature films.

He is also a literary critic of great importance, having published still fundamental studies of Gabriel García Márquez, Gustave Flaubert, and the 15th century Valencian chivalresque novel *Tirant lo Blanc*. He has been the recipient of many literary prizes and numerous honours including membership of the Real Academia Española.

He is also well-known for his profile as a politician, and ran for the Peruvian presidency in 1990 with the centre-right Frente Democrático (FREDEMO) coalition, advocating neoliberal reforms.

Paying tribute to Mario Vargas Llosa, Dr Elisa Sampson Vera



Mario Vargas Llosa delivered a keynote speech at King's in October 2008

Tudela in the Department of Spanish, Portuguese & Latin American Studies at King's, said: 'Over his long trajectory as a writer, Mario Vargas Llosa has shown an incredible versatility and willingness to take risks in his novels. The Nobel Committee

has recognised this amazing formal creativity as well as Vargas Llosa's commitment to a public and political role for the writer in society – this is a very good day for Latin American letters.'

King's now has ten Nobel Prize winners.

General Petraeus at War Studies seminar

GENERAL DAVID PETRAEUS, THE

Commander of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan, under whose command British forces in the country operate, briefly visited London in mid-October.

The general took time out from his meetings in Whitehall to meet with a group of King's students. Dr John Gearson, Director of the Centre for Defence Studies, Department of War Studies, chaired the seminar with the general and graduate students of the Department. The event was held at the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) on 15 October and was supported by Professor Michael Clarke, Director of RUSI and a Visiting Professor of Defence Studies at King's.

General Petraeus was previously the Commander of US Central Command and

responsible for all US operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. During the seminar, he discussed the current situation in Afghanistan, the development of his counter-insurgency strategy from the Iraq campaign to the current operation in Afghanistan and took questions from students on the MA in War Studies programme and MPhil/PhD students from the Department.

He emphasised the positive role that British forces were playing in bringing better governance to Afghanistan and went out of his way to reject press reports of criticism of British troops' performance in Helmand province. He suggested that steady progress was being made and that he believed the timetable for a phased withdrawal from Afghanistan beginning in 2011 was achievable.



General David Petraeus, Dr John Gearson and Professor Michael Clarke

Ian Caldwell

Ian Caldwell is Director of Estates. Here, he discusses historic buildings, sustainability and the East Wing of Somerset House

Tell us about your career.

Looking back, if there has been a theme to my career it has been bringing historic buildings into modern uses and integrating new buildings into existing estates. As an architect, I worked for the National Gallery, the National Portrait Gallery, Kensington Palace and the Imperial War Museum in London, and the National Galleries of Scotland and Supreme Courts of Scotland in Edinburgh – in many cases integrating modern conservation and display environments into historic buildings and removing post-war alterations in the process.

The most fascinating was restoration work at Hampton Court Palace, working with archaeologists to remove layers of history and deciding what to keep and what to restore in, for example, the Great Kitchens.

I was also Establishment Planning Officer for two naval bases in Scotland, where operational needs were, of course, paramount – and sometimes changed at a fast pace. After this, I worked as a consultant at Deloitte for commercial and government clients, which was valuable in understanding the relationship between the physical estate and investment in projects and the business objectives of an organisation.

In terms of universities, I was Director of Estates and Services at Sheffield Hallam University, as it transformed from a polytechnic into a university with a very ambitious estate rationalisation programme; Director of Estates at Imperial College as it redeveloped its South Kensington Campus with Norman Foster as the masterplan architect; and now fulfil the same role at King's.

Please describe your current role. My role covers everything to do with the physical estate from

large redevelopment projects to day-to-day maintenance. It is challenging and every day is different, but I have a great team and we are trying to ensure that we provide the facilities and the service that the academic community needs. There is a close relationship with the ever-changing use of technology and we need to provide flexible facilities that can cope with that, which I personally find exciting. There is a lesson to be learnt from the Anatomy Museum project at the Strand, which is a historic space transformed into one of the College's most technically-equipped spaces. Good flexible spaces can support future change.

What does achieving the Investors in People (IIP) standard mean for the Directorate?

IIP is a major achievement for the staff, who have been fantastic in responding to the investment in training. In doing so, we can demonstrate better quality and value from our operations. The challenge is to keep up the momentum as we move forward and try to improve further our services for the academic community.

Why do you think it's important that the East Wing of Somerset House has been acquired?

There are three reasons. The first is that it gives the Law School much-improved accommodation. The second is that it gives the College a front door onto the great Courtyard of Somerset House and it starts a process of opening up the Strand campus, which is rather fortress-like on the outside. The East Wing will have public-facing facilities and provide a great opportunity for the College to raise its profile.

The third is that we can then tackle the Quadrangle, which at the moment is an uninspiring space, and transform this, and the entrance off the Strand, linking it



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into King's Building on one side and the East Wing on the other.

What challenges does sustainability pose?

Sustainability is a great challenge for all organisations. We have gained a good reputation for what we have achieved so far. We need staff and students to become more involved, as we can only do so much within the Directorate itself. This is what Harvard and other universities have done and we can learn lessons from them. We have to make sustainability part of our culture.

What do you enjoy most about your role?

It is enjoyable to work with such a wide range of people, whether staff, students or outside consultants and contractors on property located in some of the most historic sites in London. We have great opportunities in working with our partners in King's Health Partners

and Somerset House Trust, and, from my perspective, we are only at the start of what will be a challenging but stimulating journey.

Fact file

Book on your bedside table

The Girl who Kicked the Hornet's Nest, one of the *Millennium Trilogy* by Stieg Larsson, full of conspiracy and intrigue.

Favourite holiday destination

Havana. You can see what a cultural city it was and, in many ways still is, and the people are tremendous.

Proudest work moment

Completion of the first phase of the Strand redevelopment, which won a Green Gown Award for sustainable construction.

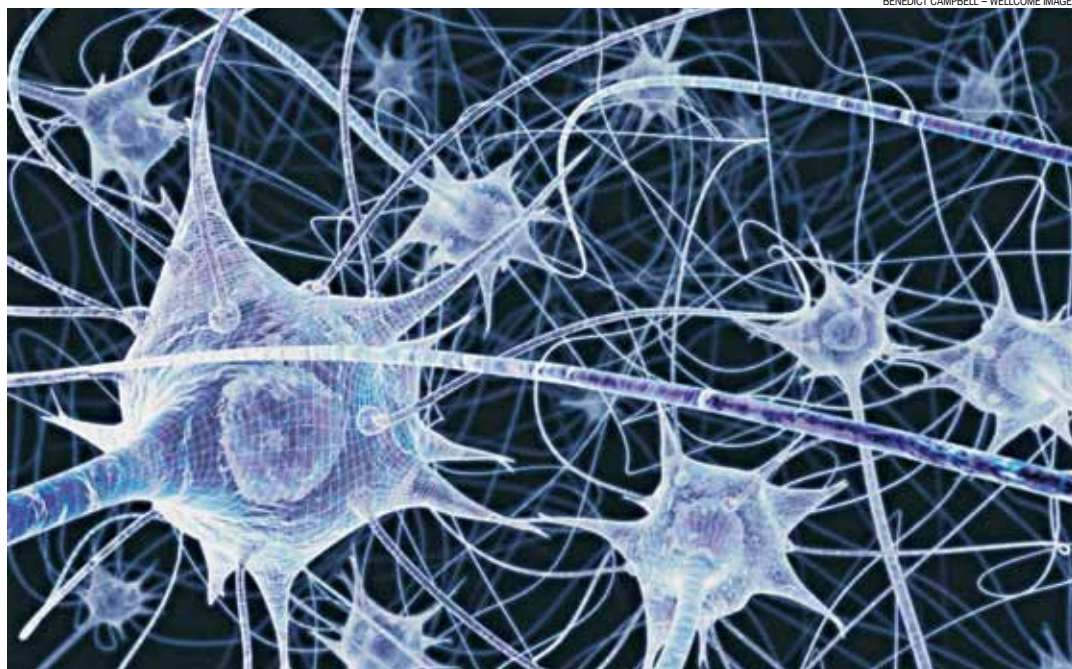
Advance in dementia research

THE PRESERVATION OF A PROTEIN

found in particular synapses in the brain plays a role in protecting against vascular dementia after a stroke, say researchers at King's.

The study, published in *Neurology* on 9 November, increases understanding of vascular dementia, and highlights a possible target for future diagnoses and treatment.

Professor Paul Francis at the Wolfson Centre for Age-Related Diseases, said: 'Vascular dementia accounts for 15 to



BENEDICT CAMPBELL - WELLOOME IMAGES

Information travels across the gaps (synapses) between nerve cells in the brain

The study highlights a possible target for future diagnoses and treatment

20 per cent of the 25 million people worldwide with dementia, yet there is currently no effective treatment. It is common for people to develop vascular dementia after a stroke, which can be devastating for patients

and their carers.

'Understanding the chemical processes that affect the brain when people develop vascular dementia is a vital step towards identifying potential treatments for this common

condition. These findings take us that little bit closer towards achieving this goal.'

The autopsy study of brain tissue showed that in individuals who did not develop dementia after a stroke, the levels of

the protein 'VGLUT1' were significantly higher.

This suggests that if levels of this protein can be preserved artificially after a stroke, the chances of developing vascular dementia could be reduced.

LondonAir project: mapping air pollution

Building on the success of its iPhone application, the Environmental Research Group (part of the new Environmental and Analytical Sciences Research Division) is producing maps of London's air pollution each hour. This near-real-time mapping is a first for the UK and Europe.

The LondonAir Nowcast uses a combination of measured and modelled NO₂ and PM₁₀



concentrations to produce a 20m resolution map of air pollution each hour. This is an important step forward to help Londoners visualise the air pollution that affects their daily lives.

You can use the Google Maps navigation tools, or simply type in your postcode, to see air pollution anywhere within the M25. Visit www.londonair.org.uk to find out more.

A screenshot from the LondonAir Nowcast

World-first to deliver faster treatments

SCIENCE MINISTER DAVID WILLETTS and Health minister Lord Howe have announced that King's will be one of nine universities involved in a world-first initiative to deliver new treatments and medicines to patients faster.

The government's Therapeutic Capability Clusters programme brings together the life sciences industry, clinicians and academics to work on experimental medicine studies to find new ways to treat or diagnose a range of diseases.

The first two Clusters launched are in inflammatory respiratory disease (such as asthma) and joint inflammatory diseases (such

as rheumatoid arthritis). These Clusters are the first in the world to be established around specific therapy areas, and King's, as part of King's Health Partners Academic Health Sciences Centre, will be involved in establishing both.

Focusing on early clinical studies, the Clusters aim to ensure that research is translated into treatments for people a lot sooner. The government says this initiative will also help to ensure the UK has the commercial and cultural environment to support strong collaboration, and maintain and grow world-class research and development in the UK.

Hearts on their minds at pioneering cardiovascular event

SOME OF THE WORLD'S LEADING

cardiovascular specialists recently gathered in London for a world-first conference led by King's Health Partners.

More than 840 cardiovascular professionals helped make history by attending King's Health Partner's PCR London Valves Conference – the world's first training course of its kind dedicated to up-skilling surgical teams in minimally invasive heart surgery.

The event saw cardiovascular experts, from around the world and representing different areas of expertise, meet for two days (11–12 October) to pool their collective knowledge and experiences in transcatheter valve therapies.

All aspects of transcatheter treatment of the aortic, mitral and

pulmonary valves were explored through practical and interactive platforms such as presentations, seminars, live video crosses to procedures, peer discussions, case study corners and clinical tips.

Dr Martyn Thomas, Chairman of PCR London Valves and

consultant cardiologist at St Thomas', commented: "The fact that we are now in a position to share the expertise we have developed at King's Health Partners with the cardiovascular community abroad – and in such an innovative way – is exciting."



Dr Martyn Thomas hailed the sharing of expertise afforded by the Conference

Treatments for postnatal depression assessed

GIVING ANTIDEPRESSANTS TO WOMEN

with postnatal depression early in the course of the illness is likely to result in the greatest improvement in symptoms, according to new research from the Institute of Psychiatry (IoP).

The researchers compared the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of antidepressant drug therapy with a community-based psychosocial intervention.

A total of 254 women were recruited from 77 general practices in England to receive either an antidepressant prescribed by their GP or counselling from a trained research health visitor. The results show that in the sample, where the prevalence of postnatal depression was just under 10 per cent, antidepressants were significantly superior to general supportive care at four weeks.

Professors Andre Tylee and Louise Howard, were Principal



Antidepressants have the greatest impact in the early stages of postnatal depression

Investigators and co-supervisors of the London arm of the trial.

Louise Howard, Professor of Women's Mental Health and Consultant Perinatal Psychiatrist, said: "Treatment should be tailored to the individual needs and preferences of the women

where possible, after ensuring that they have been provided with comprehensive information about the types of treatments."

The study was funded by the National Institute for Health Research Health Technology Assessment programme.

Genes linked to psoriasis identified

A major study by King's researchers on genetic variants associated with increased susceptibility to psoriasis was published online in *Nature Genetics* in October.

It was led by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) comprehensive Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) at Guy's and St Thomas' and King's and the Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics at Oxford University, and involved multiple UK institutions.

Psoriasis is a chronic and recurrent skin disease, with a global prevalence of two to three per cent.

The researchers, led by Professor Richard Trembath, Head of King's Division of Genetics and Molecular Medicine and Director of the NIHR BRC, in collaboration with Professor Jonathan Barker, carried out a genome-wide association study of 2,622 patients with psoriasis and 5,667 healthy individuals from across the UK.

Professor Trembath said: "Our genetics studies in psoriasis are the largest worldwide and because of their strong statistical power have identified many new genetic loci linked to psoriasis. As a result, we now have a much clearer view of what causes this chronic common, distressing disease."

This research is part of the Wellcome Trust Case Control Consortium 2, genome-wide association studies funded in 2008 into 13 different conditions including glaucoma and Parkinson's disease.

Katherine Grainger crowned World champion for fifth time

KING'S STUDENT KATHERINE GRAINGER MBE won a record fifth world title at the World Rowing Championships on Lake Karapiro in New Zealand in November.

An Olympic silver medallist in 2000, 2004 and 2008 and now a World Champion for the fifth time, Katherine is Great Britain's most successful Olympic female rower and was awarded an MBE in 2006 for services to rowing.

She and her partner Anna Watkins, undefeated since they came together earlier this year, dominated the double sculls final – coming in six seconds ahead of silver medallists Australia. The win is the biggest possible boost to her 2012 Olympic campaign as she strives to finally win gold.

Katherine, who is currently

studying for a PhD in Law at King's, said: 'We were confident going into the final, but very aware that we were going to be attacked from all sides and we didn't know where the biggest threat would come from. We knew we should have everything covered, but it's only in the heat of battle that you find out exactly what you've got.'



PETER SPURRIER: INTERSPORT IMAGES

Katherine Grainger and partner **Anna Watkins** show off their gold medals

Henry III documents brought to life

THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE KING

Henry III Fine Rolls Project were celebrated at a well-attended event in the Weston Room, Maughan Library on 24 November.

Lord Douro, the Chair of the

College Council, opened the event and the special guests were Sir Alan Wilson and Professor Rick Rylance, Chair and Chief Executive of the Arts and Humanities Research Council respectively, as well as Professor

Scott Waugh, Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, UCLA.

The Fine Rolls of King Henry III (1216-1272) are preserved in the National Archives and record offers of money to the king for a wide variety of favours, as well as a mass of other material.

Written in Latin on parchment, there is one for every year of Henry III's fifty-six-year reign. Some contain more than 40,000 words. The aim of the project is to make this material available to a wide audience.

With funding of £1 million from the Arts & Humanities Research Council, the six-year project, formally known as 'From Magna Carta to the Parliamentary State: The Fine Rolls of King Henry 1216-1272', has been a joint venture between scholars at three institutions – King's, The National Archives and Canterbury Christ Church University. The pioneering technical work has been carried out by King's Centre for Computing at the Humanities.

The Principal Investigator on

the Project is David Carpenter, Professor of Medieval History at King's. He commented: 'The Project is a perfect example of a collaborative enterprise that develops and exploits the latest technology in order to open up a major historical source to a wide community of users, public as well as academic.'

A presentation given at the event by members of the Project team stressed that it had been guided by an impact philosophy from the start, its aim being to translate the Latin rolls into English, link them to a search facility and make them freely available to all on the Project's website (www.finerollshenry3.org.uk) – thus making the riches of the rolls intelligible, available and usable by everyone.

At the end of the presentation, Professor Rylance and the Principal, Professor Rick Trainor, commended the Project, with Professor Rylance describing it as 'a model of how you articulate scholarly expertise and public access'.



Professor David Carpenter, Professor Rylance, Sir Alan Wilson, Dr Louise Wilkinson, Professor Jan Druker (Canterbury), **Dr David Crook** (The National Archives) and **Lord Douro**

The King's Brazil Institute

THE KING'S BRAZIL INSTITUTE WAS officially launched on 15 October with a panel discussion entitled 'Brazil at a Crossroads? The Elections of 2010'.

HE Alan Charlton, British Ambassador to Brazil and HE Roberto Jaguaribe, Brazilian Ambassador to the UK, spoke at the event, which was introduced by the Principal, Professor Rick Trainor.

The panel discussion was moderated by Professor Anthony Pereira, Director of the King's Brazil Institute. Questions debated included: 'What is at stake in the 2010 elections? How have the principal candidates and major political parties positioned themselves? Will Brazil's activist foreign policy and rising prominence in world affairs continue under a new president?'

The King's Brazil Institute aims to be a focal point for Brazil-related activities across a range of academic disciplines, and to develop the profile of Brazilian studies at university level in the UK. The lively discussion between the panel and the audience reflected one of its

key objectives: to promote an interest in and an understanding of Brazil in the UK.

Professor Anthony Pereira, Director of the King's Brazil Institute, said: 'There has never been a better time to focus on Brazil, as the country has emerged as a significant player in world affairs.'

'Given the rising interest in Brazil in the UK, the Brazil

Institute can play an important role in disseminating information and stimulating informed debate about the challenges that the country faces. We will be organising conferences, seminars and exchanges that will make us one of the most important bridges to Brazil in London.'

'It is our hope that the Brazil Institute can become a major resource to all those in the UK

interested in thinking more deeply and creatively about contemporary Brazil.'

The panel discussion, held in the Great Hall of the Strand Campus and attended by 150 guests, was followed by a reception with live Brazilian music.

The Institute was also launched in São Paulo at the British Council on 18 October.



HE Alan Charlton, HE Roberto Jaguaribe, Marcia Ribeiro Dias and Professor Anthony Pereira

Principal fights cuts to arts

THE PRINCIPAL, PROFESSOR Rick Trainor, warned against possible government cuts to arts and humanities at a debate in October at the Cheltenham Festival of Literature, the biggest literary festival in the world.

Professor Trainor was speaking in a panel debate chaired by Sky News Political Editor and College Council member Adam Boulton, alongside

The arts make a huge, under-appreciated contribution to the economy

The Guardian's Chief Arts Writer Charlotte Higgins and Wasfi Kani of Grange Park Opera.

The event centred on the question, 'In a climate of universal cuts, what does the future hold for higher education and the arts in Britain, and can creative solutions be found?'

In a well-attended and lively debate, the panellists agreed that any large-scale cuts would have serious economic repercussions for the UK, and that, although not all arts funding deserved protection from cuts, education was a 'special case' that was essential to preserve the country's considerable global standing in the arts.

Professor Trainor emphasised several points in the discussion. The rumoured end of subsidies in university teaching in all non-STEM (science, technology and mathematics) subjects would have serious implications for arts and humanities education, he argued, and could threaten collaborations with arts institutions.

Examples of existing good practice in this area include the College's work with the Globe Theatre, Tate, British Library, British Museum and National Gallery.

Nevertheless, he said, in the face of cuts, collaboration between the arts and HE

must be the best way of meeting the challenges ahead.

He also stressed that the arts make a huge, under-appreciated contribution to the economy – around eight per cent of GDP, which includes the income from overseas students, whose numbers have risen especially fast in non-STEM subjects.

Current proposals would make it more difficult to attract cultural 'stars' from abroad, which would be very undesirable for universities and arts institutions alike.

King's is the academic partner of the Cheltenham Festivals (Science, Music, Jazz and Literature).

Hackett Centenary Lectures

A GROUP OF DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS

took part in an event to mark the centenary of the birth of former Principal General Sir John Hackett GCB, CBE, DSO & Bar, MC at the Strand Campus on 11 November.

General Sir John Hackett, one of the most distinguished names of WWII, was Principal of King's from 1968-1975.

The main speaker, Lieutenant General David Hurley, was appointed to the position of the Vice Chief of the Australian Defence Force on 4 July 2008. He spoke about Sir John's upbringing in Australia and subsequent military career in the UK, and gave an account of his gallant leadership; he also discussed his grasp of geopolitics and lasting and enduring legacy for Australian officers.

Professor Sir Michael Howard gave a warm account of his personal recollections of Sir John in the corridors of Whitehall and how he came to be appointed Principal of King's. He highlighted Sir



Dr Patrick Mileham, Professor Sir Lawrence Freedman, Lt. General David Hurley, Professor Sir Michael Howard & Professor Peter Marshall

John's participation in a student march in favour of higher grants in 1973, and his oversight of the construction of the Strand Building and the Macadam Building. Sir Michael founded the Department of War Studies

at King's and became the country's first Professor of War Studies in 1963.

Peter Marshall, Emeritus Rhodes Professor of Imperial History at King's, was a junior lecturer when Sir John was

Principal and concluded the proceedings with an overview of his times as Principal and academic. Professor Sir Lawrence Freedman, Vice-Principal (Strategy & Development), chaired the event.

Lord Bingham of Cornhill

Fellow of King's and senior law lord Thomas Henry Bingham, Baron Bingham of Cornhill, died on 11 September, aged 76.

He was the first individual in the modern era to act both as master of the rolls and then as lord chief justice – running the criminal courts as Britain's highest-ranking judge.

During his significant involvement with King's, he was a member of Council 1989-93, served on the advisory board of the Centre of Medical Law and Ethics and was made a Fellow in 1992. In 2007, he gave the Commemoration Oration.

New FCO-King's collaboration

THE MIDDLE EAST & MEDITERRANEAN

Studies Programme, the Centre for the Study of Divided Societies and the British Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) launched the 'Conversation with Diplomacy' project at the Strand Campus on 18 November.

Funded by King's Business, the project aims to bring the worlds of diplomacy, business and academia together to address some of the dilemmas facing western governments in the pursuit of foreign policy interests in divided societies across the developing world and, in the first instance, the Middle East.

The launch event featured a talk from Christian Turner, Director for Middle East and North Africa, FCO, and

Dr Michael Kerr, Director of the Centre for Divided Societies.

It was the first in a series of discussions that is intended to create a synergy between diplomacy and academia, and inform the development of new approaches to foreign policy thinking.

During the 2010/11 academic year, British diplomats, HM Consul General Richard

Makepeace (Jerusalem), HM Ambassador Frances Guy (Beirut) and HM Ambassador John Jenkins (Baghdad), will be visiting the College to offer perspectives on UK activity in the Middle East.

Dr Michael Kerr commented: 'The "Conversations with Diplomacy" innovation provides for a timely and much-needed intellectual connection between the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office and King's.

'With the world's attention focused on conflicts in the Middle East, bringing together leading experts and foreign policy practitioners on the region is a highly positive development,' he added.

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Liddell Hart annual lecture

DISTINGUISHED HISTORIAN PROFESSOR

Michael Burleigh gave this year's annual Liddell Hart Centre for Military Archives lecture on 19 October in the Great Hall.

Professor Burleigh is author of *Moral Combat: A History of World War II* and *The Third Reich: A New History*. His lecture was entitled 'Is God with us? The Morality of War'.

In it, he argued that if it is possible to make sense of many of the moral issues involved in

The Second World War was a contest between competing versions of morality

the Second World War, then it is surely incumbent on us to seek to define more explicitly what we are currently fighting for in wars which, in the case of Afghanistan, have already lasted three years more than that conflict.

Professor Burleigh said: 'The claim that God was on their side was common to all participants during the Second World War. This included the Japanese, who thought their emperor was divine, and the Soviets who found God a more cogent rallying cry than "for atheism and Stalin". The Second World War was also a moral contest, not simply between good and evil, but between competing versions of morality. All sides claimed to be fighting just wars.'



Professor Michael Burleigh

Conference on counter-terrorism sanctions

THE CENTRE OF EUROPEAN LAW

hosted an evening conference in October, examining recent judgments of EU Courts on UN counter-terrorism sanctions.

The expert panel included practitioners Cameron Doley (Managing Partner, Carter Ruck), and Marie Demetriou and Maya Lester (Barristers, Brick Court Chambers) and considered the implications of the recent judgment in Case T-85/09 Kadi for the European and international legal orders.

Cameron Doley described his

firm's relationship with Mr Kadi, a Saudi Arabian national who has been subject to UN asset-freezing sanctions for almost a decade.

He noted that Mr Kadi had won legal proceedings in several jurisdictions, but was still subject to UN sanctions. Maya Lester, a member of Mr Kadi's legal team, highlighted some of the difficulties faced in seeking review of UN sanctions before EU Courts.

An academic panel featuring Professor Takis Tridimas, Queen

Mary University of London, and Professor Piet Eeckhout and Dr Cian Murphy from King's discussed the wider impact that the judgment could be considered to have on European constitutional law and the international legal order.

The event was part of the 'Fundamental Rights in Europe' project in which the Centre of European Law co-operates with CIRDCE (University of Bologna) and Fondazione Basso (Rome), and was funded by the European Commission.



Marie Demetriou, Cameron Doley, Professor Piet Eeckhout and Maya Lester debated the wider impact of UN counter-terrorism sanctions

Transforming African mental health education

King's Health Partners is part of an international consortium, led by the University of Zimbabwe, that has been awarded \$1.7 million to enhance the mental health education and research capacity in Zimbabwe.

The Improving Mental Health Education and Research Capacity in Zimbabwe (IMHERZ) project is funded by President Obama's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief and the US National Institutes of Health. King's Institute of Psychiatry is leading the programme for King's Health Partners.

King's Health Partners Principal Investigator Dr Melanie Abas said: 'We are excited and honoured to have this opportunity to work with the University of Zimbabwe College of Health Sciences (UZCHS).

James Hakim, Professor of Medicine at UZCHS and Principal Investigator for IMHERZ, said: 'This grant will enable us to implement programmes to improve undergraduate, postgraduate and faculty training in the areas of clinical management and research capacity.'



Professor James Hakim

Recognising success: King's Awards 2010

THE 2010 KING'S AWARDS RECEPTION

took place on 23 September in the Weston Room, Maughan Library. For the fourth year, members of the College community gathered to celebrate the excellence and contributions of staff and students.

Adam Boulton, Sky News Political Editor and member of College Council, reprised the role of Master of Ceremonies while the Principal presented the 20 winners with their awards.

THE WINNERS

- *Research project of the year* – Twins research, Professor Tim Spector, School of Medicine
- *Innovative teacher of the year* – Professor Arthur Burns, School

- of Arts & Humanities
- *Supervisory excellence award* – Professor Jian Dai, School of Natural & Mathematical Sciences
- *Academic author of the year* – Dr Alice Rio, School of Arts & Humanities
- *Media personality of the year* – Professor Simon Wessely, Institute of Psychiatry
- *Innovation & impact award* – Health, Environment & Innovation project undertaken by the Environmental Research Group, Professor Frank Kelly, School of Biomedical Sciences
- *Excellence & innovation in the arts award* – *Queer@King's*, Dr Robert Mills, School of Arts & Humanities

- *International collaboration of the year award* – the African Leadership Centre, Dr 'Funmi Olonisakin, School of Social Science & Public Policy
- *Principal's award* – winners of the 17th Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot – Shingirirai Chaza, Oliver Coddington, Scheherazade Dubash, Ziva Filipic, Bhavna Gokaldas, Katherine Lim, Gabriel Olearnik, Heloise Robinson, Greg Travaini and Ben Waidhofer, School of Law
- *Lifetime achievement award* – Lord Raymond Plant, Professor of Jurisprudence and Political Philosophy, School of Law, and Professor Brian E

Davies FRS, School of Natural & Mathematical Sciences.

Not pictured below:

Research project of the year recipient Professor Tim Spector was unable to attend, so Dr Massimo Mangino of the Department of Twin Research & Genetic Epidemiology accepted it on his behalf.

Dr Alice Rio, was absent on College business, so Dr Paul Readman, Head of the History Department, accepted on her behalf.

Lord Plant was unable to attend the event. Professor Timothy Macklem, Head of the School of Law, collected the award on his behalf.

DAVID TETT



Back row: **Scheherazade Dubash, Oliver Coddington, Heloise Robinson and Ziva Filipic** (members of the winning team from the 17th Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, who picked up the *Principal's Award*), **Professor Simon Wessely, Professor Timothy Macklem, Professor Frank Kelly, Dr Robert Mills, Professor Arthur Burns and Dr Paul Readman**
 Front row: **Dr Massimo Mangino, Professor Jian Dai, The Principal, Professor Brian E Davies, Dr 'Funmi Olonisakin and Bhavna Gokaldas** (also a *Principal's Award* winner)

Prestigious research prizes for IoP academics

THE JACOBS FOUNDATION,

one of the largest foundations in Europe in the field of youth development, has awarded the second annual Klaus J. Jacobs Research Prize to Professors Terrie Moffitt and Avshalom Caspi from the Institute of Psychiatry (IoP).

Professors Moffitt and Caspi were recognised for their trailblazing discoveries of how specific genes, along with environmental factors, are predictors of adult success, or depression, anti-social behaviour and physical disease.

On receiving the Jacobs prize, Professor Moffitt said: 'We have always worked hard to try to make our research excellent and this award is like receiving a stamp of approval from a real authority.'



Professors Avshalom Caspi and Terrie Moffitt

Terrie Moffitt is Professor of Social Behaviour & Development and Avshalom Caspi is Professor of Personality Development at the IoP. Their collaborative work over two decades demonstrates their wide-ranging contributions to the understanding of genetic, situational and experiential influences on youth development, and their combined influence on adult behaviour and health.

They plan to use the 1 million Swiss franc (£640,000) award to further their research at King's.

Professors Moffitt and Caspi have also been awarded a Ruane Prize for Outstanding Achievement in Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Research from the National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression.

Baltic Medal of Merit

PROFESSOR MATT UTTLEY HAS

been awarded the Baltic Defence College Medal of Merit (Silver Class).

He is Head of the Defence Studies Department (DSD) and Dean of Academic Studies at the Joint Services Command and Staff College. The citation is 'for outstanding efforts' and 'highly professional and dedicated work' in support of the Baltic Defence College.

The Medal was presented on 1 November at a ceremony in Tartu, Estonia.

Established in 1989, the Baltic Defence College has become the centre for excellence for senior-level postgraduate military education in the Baltic region. Professor Uttley has been an Adjunct Professor there since 2007 and sits on the College's Academic Advisory Board.

The DSD has worked closely with the Baltic Defence College Dean of Faculty, Dr James Corum, to strengthen

co-operation on a variety of academic and research issues to benefit the academic programmes of both institutions. According to Professor Uttley: 'The Medal award recognises the important role played by King's academics in forging an important professional military education network with a significant European regional partner organisation.'



Professor Matt Uttley

First Cheltenham Writer in Residence

Novelist Trezza Azzopardi was welcomed by the School of Arts & Humanities as its first *The Times* Cheltenham Literature Festival Writer in Residence during Arts & Humanities Week in October.

Author of four novels, including *The Hiding Place*, which was shortlisted for the Booker Prize, Trezza discussed in her lecture the ways in which she uses character, music and place to explore the act of remembering and the way it can affect both our present and future lives.

Professor Jan Palmowski, Head of School, Arts & Humanities marked the occasion by presenting Trezza with a certificate acknowledging her role.

As part of her residency Trezza held workshops in creative writing with students in the English Department.



Trezza Azzopardi at a masterclass

'This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to share their own writing with a major British novelist,' said Professor Jo McDonagh, Head of English. 'There is huge enthusiasm among our students for creative writing. I understand that Trezza was impressed by the quality of their work and identified some promising talent among them.'

Sir Isaiah Berlin Prize for law professor

LORD RAYMOND PLANT FKC,

Professor of Jurisprudence and Political Philosophy at King's, has been awarded the Sir Isaiah Berlin Prize for Lifetime Contribution to Political Studies.

He was awarded the prize by the Political Studies Association, the learned society of political scientists in Britain, at its 60th anniversary dinner in November.

The citation from the PSA said: 'Raymond Plant has been exceedingly active outside academia. He led the Plant Commission into Labour's review of electoral systems in the UK in the early 1990s and was made

a Labour life peer in 1992. In the Lords, he was a member of the Joint Committee on Human Rights and has been a member of the Government and Law Sub Committee of the Committee on the European Communities.

'Above all, he is a distinguished contemporary political theorist having written extensively on such themes as community and ideology, political philosophy and social welfare, and citizenship and rights.'

In September, Lord Plant was given a Lifetime Achievement Award at the King's Awards.



Lord Raymond Plant FKC

Lifetime achievement

PROFESSOR SIR MICHAEL RUTTER, Institute of Psychiatry (IoP), was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award 2010 by the Royal College of Psychiatrists on 16 November.

The annual RCPsych Awards mark the highest level of achievement within psychiatry. Dinesh Bhugra, President of the Royal College of Psychiatrists and Professor of Mental Health and Cultural Diversity, IoP, said: 'Sir Michael is a giant in terms of his contribution to child and adolescent psychiatry, and psychiatry in general.'

Academic promotions correction

COLLEAGUES MAY HAVE NOTICED

errors in the Academic Promotions section on page 15 of the October issue of *Comment*. We would like to apologise for any embarrassment that this has caused. Below is the corrected list of promotions.

PROMOTION TO PROFESSOR

Maria Antognazza, Philosophy
Edward Baker, Evelina Children's Hospital
Alessandro De Vita, Physics
Justin Dillon, Education & Professional Studies
Philip Eaton, Cardiovascular
Anthony Edwards, Management
Britta Eickholt, Anatomy & Human Sciences
Paul Ellis, Medical Oncology
Michael Fenlon, Fixed & Removable Prosthodontics
Rosalie Ferner, Neurology
Alexandra Georgakopoulou-Nunes, Byzantine & Modern Greek Studies
Paul Gringras, Evelina Children's Hospital
Louise Howard, Section of Women's Mental Health, Health Service & Population Research
Ashley Jackson, Defence Studies
Paul Janz, Theology & Religious Studies

Neil Lambert, Mathematics
Maleiha Malik, Law
Samjid Mannan, Engineering
Paul Marsden, PET Imaging Centre
Robert Mason, General GI & Vascular Surgery
Brian Millar, Primary Dental Care
Silvina Milstein, Music
Mark Monaghan, Cardiology
Catherine Nelson-Piercy, Women's Services
Kevin O'Byrne, Anatomy & Human Sciences
Michael O'Doherty, PET Imaging Centre
Shakeel Qureshi, Imaging Sciences
Anthony Rudd, Stroke Unit
Simon Scott, Mathematics
David Spalton, Ophthalmology
Peter Taylor, Vascular Surgery
Alexander Turk, Law
Sean Whittaker, St John's Institute of Dermatology
Adrian Williams, Lane Fox Respiratory Unit & Sleep Disorders Centre

PROMOTION TO READER

Richard Beale, Adult Critical Care
Paul Dargan, Toxicology
Stephen Devereux, Haematological Medicine
Tiziana Di Matteo, Mathematics
David Goldsmith, Renal Medicine

Mark Green, Physics
Richard Harding, Palliative Care, Policy & Rehabilitation
Stephen Keevil, Medical Physics
Munther Khamashta, Lupus Unit (Rheumatology)
Diana Lipton, Theology & Religious Studies
Marzia Malcangio, Pharmacology & Therapeutics
Manuel Mayr, Cardiology
Ameet Patel, Surgery
William Philpott, War Studies
Barbara Prainsack, King's Institute for the Study of Public Policy
Julian Reid, War Studies
Richard Siegert, Palliative Care, Policy & Rehabilitation
Kathleen Steinhofel, Informatics
Neil Vickers, English Language & Literature
Anthony Wierzbicki, Chemical Pathology (Blood Studies)

PROMOTION TO SENIOR LECTURER

Kyriakoula Asimakopoulou, Oral Health Services Research
Sally Barrington, PET Imaging Centre
M Albert Basson, Craniofacial Development
Emily Butterworth, French
David Cousins, Asthma, Allergy & Respiratory Science

Robert Francis, Geography
Vasilis Friderikos, Engineering
Tracey German, Defence Studies
Robert Hindges, MRC Centre for Developmental Neurobiology
Ronald Jacob, Physiology
Stuart Jones, Pharmacy
Michael Kerr, Theology & Religious Studies
Finola Kerrigan, Management
Christopher Kinsey, Defence Studies
Jonathan Koffman, Palliative Care, Policy & Rehabilitation
Lucy Kostyanovsky, History
Iman Poernomo, Informatics
Patrick Porter, Defence Studies
Mohammad Shikh-Behaei, Engineering
Richard Siow, Cardiovascular
Andrew Stewart, Defence Studies
Victor Turcanu, Paediatric Allergy
Darren Williams, MRC Centre for Developmental Neurobiology
Qihe Xu, Renal Medicine

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King's Centre for Military Health Research

NEVER FAR FROM THE headlines since it was founded in the 1990s, the King's Centre for Military Health Research (KCMHR) has just published a 'Fifteen-year Report' on its role as the main source of independent, scientific information on the health and wellbeing of the UK Armed Forces.

Founded as the Gulf War Illness Research Unit by Simon Wessely, now Professor of Psychological Medicine, and Professor Tony David of the Institute of Psychiatry (IoP), the Unit's original brief was to study the health of veterans of 1991 Gulf War. Its scope was expanded with the start of the 2003 Iraq War, and at this point, Christopher Dandeker, Professor of Military Sociology in the Department of War Studies, joined as Co-Director with Professor Wessely.

The Centre was originally funded by the US Department of Defense. For the past 10 years, core funding has come from the UK Ministry of Defence (MoD), the Medical Research Council, the ESRC, the Leverhulme and Joseph Rowntree Trusts, the Royal British Legion and, latterly, the US Department of Defense again. Although it receives core funding from the Ministry of Defence, KCMHR remains totally independent of the MoD.

ADVISORY

The Centre's Advisory Board includes academics, representatives of the Service charities, senior personnel officers from the MoD and ex-Service personnel. It is chaired by General the Lord Guthrie, previously Chief of the Defence Staff, who has a long connection with King's.

'The core of our work is the King's Military Cohort: a random sample of 8,000 personnel, established in

2003, taking part in the original invasion of Iraq', Simon Wessely explains. 'To this are added 10,000 members of the Forces who had not deployed. In 2010, we published a major follow-up study of the same group, plus additional personnel who had deployed to Afghanistan and a random sample of new recruits.'

The Academic Centre for Defence Mental Health – a direct co-operation between King's and the MoD Medical Services, launched in 2005 – is looking specifically at the mental health of the Armed Forces. KCMHR has established a very good international reputation, working closely with similar units in Canada, Australia, and the USA.'

INTERDISCIPLINARY

KCMHR is a co-production between the IoP and the Department of War Studies, with the occasional involvement of various departments of the School of Medicine. Core member Professor Edgar Jones, a historian at the IoP, runs a unique MSc in War and Psychiatry, and the Centre also runs a special study module on military health for medical students that is always over-subscribed.

Professor Matthew Hotopf and Dr Nicola Fear are closely associated with KCMHR on the epidemiological side, as is Roberto Rona, Professor of Public Health. Lisa Hull is KCMHR's Project Manager. 'She's the person who runs the big studies and keeps the show on the road', Simon Wessely says. The Centre currently has four PhD students, funded by the MRC, the ESRC and the Royal British Legion.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Studies just starting include addressing how many veterans are in trouble with the law and/or in prison; studying the impact on children of having a father in the Forces who has suffered



A dismounted patrol in Afghanistan

mental health problems; and the first-ever randomised controlled trial of mental health screening in personnel returning from deployment.

A team led by Professor Dandeker has just been awarded a grant from the ESRC to study whether the Forces are understood and supported by the public (see www.kcl.ac.uk/newsevents for more details).

In early November, Professor Simon Wessely, Co-Director of the Centre, accompanied the Principal in hosting a series

of meetings in the USA with influential American experts in this field and King's alumni.

FUTURE PLANS

'We want to make increasing use of the possibilities of electronic data linkage', Professor Wessely says. 'We're also developing data-sharing links with colleagues in the USA, reflecting the fact that the UK and US have been fighting the same war, on the same terrain, against the same enemy and taking the same casualties, and yet there are many differences in the impact that deployment has had between our two countries, not least in the rate of mental health problems. We want to explore what might be the reasons for this.'

KCMHR's 'Fifteen-year report' is available to download at www.kcl.ac.uk/kcmhr



Australian infantry protect themselves against gas attack at Ypres in 1917

Brazilian Students visit King's

KING'S HOSTED A RECEPTION FOR 60 students and 10 professors from Brazil on 29 October to mark the end of a two-week visit to the UK.

The visiting group came from 10 Brazilian universities and were hosted by the University of Bath, University of Warwick, Durham

University, University of Edinburgh and King's.

On their visit to London, the students and academics attended lectures and tutorials, while the medical students had the chance to go to the Gordon Museum. At the reception, the students shared their experiences through a series

of presentations and speeches

The two-week trip was part of the TOP Brazil-UK, a cultural and academic exchange programme established by Banco Santander through its Santander Universities Global Division.

Luis Juste, Director of Santander Universities UK, said;

'This has been a once in a lifetime visit for all involved. It has allowed us to demonstrate our aim to help facilitate links between international universities and provide students with authentic knowledge of culture and educational system in this country.'

SANTANDER UNIVERSITIES GLOBAL DIVISION



Brazilian students and staff are welcomed to King's

King's academic recognised for India outreach work

DR SUBIR BANERJI FROM THE UNIT of Distance Learning in the Dental Institute has won the Annual Award of Achievement (Education) from the India International Foundation.

The Foundation promotes the science, art and culture of India worldwide and Dr Banerji was



Dr Subir Banerji (left) and HE Nalin Surie

presented with his award at a ceremony by His Excellency Nalin Surie, High Commissioner of India to the UK.

Dr Banerji is Deputy Director of the Unit's MSc in Aesthetic Dentistry and is a senior clinical teacher for the MClinDent in Fixed and Removable Prosthodontics and Department of Primary Dental Care.

Since 1990, he has been involved in setting up training facilities for both dental and medical practitioners in India. With Professor Brian Millar, Director of Distance Learning at King's, he has set up two master's programmes in India,

allowing Indian dental surgeons to study and train for a world-class master's degree from King's without having to leave India. These programmes have now been running for six consecutive years and are recognised by the Dental Council of India.

In 1998, he was involved in the opening of a charity dental hospital in Chitracoot, one of the poorest areas in India. It provides free oral surgery and dental treatment to villagers and training for local surgeons.

In 2008, with the help of William Sharpling, also of King's, a state-of-the-art laboratory was set up at this hospital.

UK-US Higher Education summit

The heads of more than 20 US and UK universities and other top higher education leaders met in New York in October for the first in a series of senior policy dialogues led by the British Council.

The Principal, Professor Rick Trainor, was a member of the delegation. He said: 'It is absolutely essential that both our governments keep higher education high up on the agenda. Internationalisation in all its forms offers many exciting opportunities for us to grow.'

New India Institute appoints Director

KING'S HAS APPOINTED PROFESSOR

Sunil Khilnani as Director of the King's India Institute.

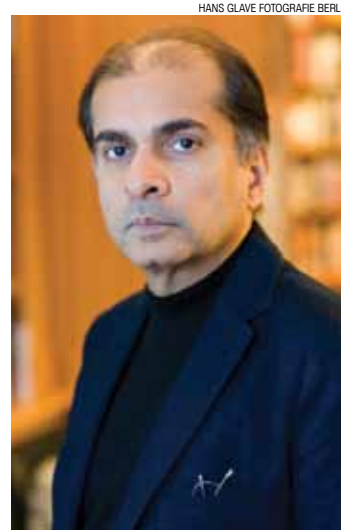
Born in New Delhi, Professor Khilnani is currently the Starr Foundation Professor and Director of the South Asia Studies Programme at the Johns Hopkins University

The Institute will aim to connect Indian questions and subjects to more general policy debates

Paul H Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington, DC – a programme which he founded. He is expected to take up his new position in July 2011.

The King's India Institute, founded in 2008, provides a focal point for India-related activities across a range of academic disciplines at the College. It coordinates and develops research capabilities and India-focused programmes of study, while also building links with Indian organisations in education, the cultural and creative sectors, business and government.

Through these activities, the



Professor Sunil Khilnani

Institute aims to contribute to a growing interdisciplinary interest in India among both students and academics at King's.

Commenting on his appointment, Sunil Khilnani said: 'Given the global scale and scope of many of India's current challenges and opportunities – whether concerning the economy, environment, security, or social and political issues – the Institute will aim to connect Indian questions and subjects to more general academic and policy debates.

'It will also encourage the involvement of specialists from diverse fields in its activities.'

An evening in Athens

THE NATIONAL BANK OF GREECE'S

headquarters in Athens was the setting for the Inaugural Koraeas Lecture.

More than 80 alumni and friends of the College came to hear the current Koraeas Chair of Modern Greek and Byzantine History, Professor Roddy Beaton, speak about Lord Byron's involvement in the Greek Revolution in a lecture entitled, 'The new Prometheus: why

Byron went to fight in the Greek Revolution'. The lecture was followed by a drinks reception.

King's has long excelled in teaching and research on Greece, from pre-history to the present day. The Koraeas Chair of Modern Greek and Byzantine History, Language and Literature was inaugurated in 1919.

Are you travelling overseas this year? The Alumni Office is keen to hear from members

The Koraeas Chair of Modern Greek and Byzantine History was inaugurated in 1919

of staff who might be interested in attending an international alumni event. If you'd like to get involved, please email alumoff@kcl.ac.uk or call 020 7848 3053.

STATHIS MAMALAKIS



Greek alumni pass a pleasant evening in Athens

New Marshall Scholarship

The Principal, Professor Rick Trainor and Dr Frances Dow, Chair of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission, recently signed an agreement that makes the College one of Marshall's University Partners.

As a result, King's will jointly fund one scholarship at master's or doctoral level each year, this will be in addition to the existing awards offered by the Commission, which will continue to be available.

Professor Vaughan Robinson, Director of the Graduate School, said: 'I am delighted we are strengthening and deepening the relationship we have with Marshall. The Marshall Scholarships have allowed us to attract some outstanding postgraduate students who have gone on to become leaders in their fields. This year, King's is hosting four Marshall Scholars, the most we have ever had.'

For more information on the Scholarships, visit www.marshallscholarship.org

'The Great Beast' at King's

Mystic and occultist Aleister Crowley (1875-1947) was an alumnus of King's, and there are important letters from him in the College Archives

DUBBED BY THE PRESS OF the day as 'the most evil man in Britain', in the 1930s Crowley conducted black magic rituals and orgies at his 'temple' on Fulham Road.

He is most widely remembered these days through references to him by a number of rock musicians: his image appears on the Peter Blake-designed cover for the Beatles' *Sgt. Pepper* album, and Ozzy Osbourne wrote a song about him. Led Zeppelin's Jimmy Page was so entranced with his teachings that he amassed the world's largest collection of manuscripts, books and robes connected with Crowley and even bought his former home, Boleskin House, on the shores of Loch Ness, calling him 'a misunderstood genius of the 20th century'.

Crowley's larger-than-life, charismatic and notorious

personality not only inspired rock stars but many characters in novels and films, ranging from Somerset Maugham's *The Magician* to Dennis Wheatley's *The Devil Rides Out* and Ira Levin's *Rosemary's Baby*.

Crowley came to King's for a year as an 'occasional student' in 1894-5, after leaving school and in preparation for going up to Trinity College, Cambridge. At King's, he took part-time classes in Preliminary Science and Analytical Chemistry under his given name, Edward Alexander Crowley. ('Aleister' was his own later choice; and his widowed mother, with whom he was living in Streatham at the time he was at King's, is said to have been the first to nickname him 'the Great Beast': a soubriquet which he later adopted himself in reference to the Biblical Book of Revelation).

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Aleister Crowley was one of the most influential occultists of all time

Credited with being one of the most influential occultists of all time, Crowley's magical writings and his foundation of the religious philosophy of Thelema influenced later 'alternative' religions such as neopaganism and Wicca. His *Book of the Law* (1904) is well-known for its central message (after Rabelais): 'Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the law.'

THE FULLER CONNECTION

The Liddell Hart Archive at King's holds 84 letters from Crowley and his circle from the collection of Major-General John Fuller (1878-1966). Fuller was a military historian and strategist, notable as the inventor of 'artificial moonlight' (ie illumination provided by searchlights). His ideas about future warfare in the 1920s inspired Captain Basil Liddell Hart, and they worked together on developing new ideas for the mechanisation of armies. Fuller also attempted to re-organise the army staff course along university lines and to create a college with a dynamic educational focus. His later disillusionment with the Army led, however, to him joining the British Union of Fascists and becoming one of Sir Oswald Mosley's closest allies, and he was an honoured guest at Adolf Hitler's 50th birthday parade in 1939.

THE EQUINOX

Like Crowley, Fuller had attended Malvern College, and his military service in India led to his interest in the occult. He became an early disciple of Crowley's and a member of his magical order the A∴A∴, and editor of its journal, *The Equinox*. The letters in the King's Archive relate mainly to the period from 1905 to 1911: on 5 December

LIDDELL HART ARCHIVE



Crowley's letter to Fuller of 19 November 1909 included five rough sketches for robes. 'Note that it is one robe - the Neophyte's with additions for each grade, & spread over a long period', Crowley wrote.

1909, for example, Crowley wrote to Fuller from the Sahara with what seems to be a typical mixture of the mystical and satirical:

'Care Frater ... We leave on Tuesday next for Biskra, by the path of Gimel that is called Oout [?]. I cannot write or speak of the rapture and wonder of all that hath been revealed in the Aethyrs ... or of the Experience, or of the Attainment. But if I can preserve the MSS from prowling Jim, you will be able to judge of the first of these. In the sublime and soul-searching words of Fra. Theodore Roosevelt, we have the Apocalypse beaten to a frazzle.'

In late 1910, he and Fuller fell out over whether *The Looking Glass* magazine should be prosecuted for writing about Crowley's bisexuality, and thereafter Fuller refused to see him again.

Crowley has remained an influential figure in esoteric circles right up till this day, and in 2002 a BBC poll claimed that he had been voted the 73rd greatest Briton of all time.

The Bethlem Tapestry: the benefits of art therapies

THE BETHLEM TAPESTRY, FEATURING the work of patients at the Bethlem Royal Hospital's Psychosis Unit, is now permanently installed on the ward, following its display in an exhibition to mark World Mental Health Day 2010 in October.

The tapestry is the culmination of a six-month collaborative project initiated by Dr Sukhi Shergill, Consultant Psychiatrist to the Bethlem's Psychosis Unit, which is part of the South London & Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust. Led by

artist Mark McGowan, the project involved patients, staff, volunteers and carers.

According to Dr Shergill, the tapestry project was in tune with recent National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) guidelines on treating psychosis,

which highlight the benefits of art therapies for patients, not only in enhancing creative expression, but also in initiating dialogue and helping build confidence

The tapestry is roughly 10m-long and consists of four panels of printed silk.



Artist Mark McGowan produced the tapestry along with patients, carers, staff and outside volunteers and artists

Ecovert FM & King's celebrate 10 years

THE PRINCIPAL RECENTLY UNVEILED a permanent DNA window display at the Franklin-Wilkins Building. The street-level frieze celebrates Rosalind Franklin and Maurice Wilkins' work in establishing the structure of DNA and was sponsored by Ecovert FM to mark the 10th anniversary of its Public Private Partnership (PPP) contract with King's.

The company delivers total facilities management to King's, following the signing of the 25-year PPP contract in 1999 and the renovation of two of the College's medical research and teaching buildings by sister construction company, Bouygues UK. Services delivered by Ecovert FM to the New Hunt's House and Franklin-Wilkins Buildings include building fabric maintenance, mechanical and electrical engineering, helpdesk, catering, cleaning, security, waste management, project and lifecycle fund management.

The official unveiling was attended by Maurice Wilkins'



The Principal and Bruno Bodin

son George and daughter Sarah, as well as Jenifer Glynn, sister of Rosalind Franklin, and CEO of Ecovert Group Bruno Bodin.

The project is an extension of earlier work completed last year on the frontage of the Strand Campus.

Derek Neeve, general manager at Ecovert FM, said: 'We are proud of our partnership with King's over the past 11 years and of this gift to the College. It's rewarding to be part of an initiative that will give a better understanding of DNA to all those who come across it.'

Drug Control Centre recognised as Centre of Innovation

Waters Corporation, the major US manufacturer of scientific analytical instrumentation, welcomed the Drug Control Centre at King's into its 'Centers of Innovation Program' at a symposium and ceremony at the College on 10 November.

Waters recognised researchers Professor David Cowan, Director of the Drug Control Centre, and Dr Norman Smith, Analytical Sciences, for their ongoing work in the area of sports medicine and separation

science. The company has funded PhD students in Dr Smith's lab and donated a range of instrumentation for research and teaching.

Waters' 'Centers of Innovation Program' is a new, corporate initiative that recognises and supports the efforts of scientists facilitating breakthroughs in health and life science research, environmental protection, sports medicine and many other areas. Currently King's is one of only five 'Centers of Innovation' globally.



Dr Mike Harrington, Dr Norman Smith, Professor David Cowan and Dr Tim Riley

Honorary Degree Ceremony

AT THE CEREMONY IN THE STRAND

Chapel on 2 November, the Chairman of Council, the Marquess of Douro, and the Principal, Professor Rick Trainor, conferred Honorary Degrees on eight highly-distinguished recipients.

THE NEW HONORARY GRADUATES ARE:

The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dr Richard Chartres Bishop of London and Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal and Prelate of the Order of the British Empire. [Presentation and citation delivered by the Revd Professor Richard Burridge, Dean of the College.]

Professor Antoine Compagnon Professor of Modern French Literature at the Collège de France and also the Blanche W Knopf chair at Columbia University. [Presentation and citation delivered by Professor Nicholas Harrison, Head of the Department of French.]

Professor Victor J Dzau Chancellor for Health Affairs at Duke University; Chief Executive Officer of the Duke University Health System and James B Duke Professor of

Medicine. [Presentation and citation delivered by Professor Shitij Kapur, Dean of the Institute of Psychiatry.]

Professor Renée Claire Fox Annenberg Professor Emerita of the Social Sciences and an Emerita Senior Fellow at the Center for Bioethics, University of Pennsylvania. [Presentation and citation delivered by Professor Clare Williams, Director of the Centre for Biomedicine & Society.]

Professor Sir Keith Peters Regius Professor of Physic at Cambridge and Head of the University's School of Clinical Medicine until 2005. [Presentation and citation delivered by Professor Robert Lechler, Vice-Principal (Health) and Executive Director of King's Health Partners Academic Health Sciences Centre.]

Professor Sir Adam Roberts Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for International Studies in the Oxford University Department of Politics and International Relations, and an Emeritus Fellow of Balliol College. He became President of the British Academy in July

2009. [Presentation and citation delivered by Professor Sir Lawrence Freedman, Vice Principal (Strategy & Development).]

Professor Sir Alan Wilson Professor of Urban and Regional Systems in the UCL Centre for Advanced Spatial Analysis (CASA) and Chairman of the Arts and Humanities Research Council. [Presentation and citation delivered by Professor Denise Lievesley, Head of the School of Social Science & Public Policy.]

Professor Michael Zander Emeritus Professor of Law at the London School of Economics. [Presentation and citation delivered by Professor Jeremy Horder, Edmund-Davies Professor of Criminal Law.]

In his closing speech, Professor Rick Trainor, said: 'Here at King's, we prize the so-called "STEM" subjects of science, technology and biomedicine, while also cherishing other types of disciplines. And we also prize the connections among and between these apparently diverse parts of the academic spectrum.'

Theoretical physics prize for King's lecturer

Dr Dario Martelli has won the 2010 SIGRAV Prize from the Italian Society of General Relativity and Gravitational Physics for his work in string theory.

The prize is one of the most prestigious Italian prizes in theoretical physics and is awarded biannually to an Italian physicist under the age of 40 who has distinguished himself for theoretical work related to gravity.

Dr Martelli was presented with the prize by the President of SIGRAV, Professor Mauro Francaviglia, during a ceremony held at the SIGRAV 2010 conference at the Scuola Normale Superiore of Pisa on 1 October.

Professor Alberto Zaffaroni said of Dr Martelli: 'Despite his young age, his research has given important contributions, in particular in understanding string theory vacua. His results have opened up new research directions and are now standard references in the literature.' Dr Martelli also delivered a special lecture at the conference.

As one of four newly appointed Lecturers in the Theoretical Physics group of the Department of Mathematics at King's, Dr Martelli has previously held research positions at CERN in Geneva and the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, among others. Members of the Theoretical Physics group, led by Professor Peter West FRS, have made a number of key discoveries in supersymmetry and string theory.



Front row: **Professor Sir Adam Roberts**, **Professor Renée Claire Fox**, **Lord Douro**, **the Principal**, **Professor Sir Alan Wilson**, **the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dr Richard Chartres** Back row: **Professor Michael Zander**, **Professor Antoine Compagnon**, **Professor Victor J Dzau** and **Professor Sir Keith Peters**

Funding the best translational research

SIR MARK WALPORT, DIRECTOR OF the Wellcome Trust, spoke at King's Biomedical Forum in November, where he discussed the vision and strategy of the Wellcome Trust in supporting translational research.

Sir Mark highlighted the importance of researchers being able to demonstrate that taxpayers' money is funding research that is attempting to answer important questions.

He discussed the aims and objectives of the Wellcome Trust, and what it is trying to achieve through funding translational research. Sir Mark then talked about the major challenges and discussed specific

translational projects that the Trust has funded.

Sir Mark concluded: 'This is a wonderful time to be doing research – there are such fantastic facilities available today. My challenge to you is to demonstrate the importance of translating science into patient benefit.'

Professor Graham Lord, Chair of the Biomedical Forum, said: 'I was delighted to welcome Sir Mark to the forum. He gave an inspiring presentation and made some interesting points that are of great relevance to the work currently being undertaken in the Comprehensive Biomedical Research Centre.'



Sir Mark Walport addresses the King's Biomedical Forum

Investors in People presentation

THE ESTATES AND FACILITIES

Directorate was presented with the prestigious Investors in People (IIP) standard at a reception in the Weston Room, Maughan Library on 5 October.

The Investors in People Standard provides a practical framework for improving business performance and competitiveness through good practice in people management.

In his opening speech at the event, IIP Managing Director John Telfer hailed the

director's success as a 'remarkable achievement' and cited the sporting example of the gold medal-winning Great Britain coxless fours

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Olympic rowing team to urge staff to push on to further success.

He was followed by the Principal, Professor Rick Trainor, who congratulated the Estates and Facilities staff in the audience for becoming the first of the Professional Services directorates to receive the IIP standard.

He also quoted directly from the assessor report, which praised Estates for delivering services 'as competitively as the private sector' – something which, he said, stood the College in good stead following a recent call from Universities Minister David Willetts for greater efficiency in HE professional services.

Director of Estates & Facilities Ian Caldwell paid tribute to the Estates staff and the efforts of Development and Training Officer Barry Wright, in particular, in achieving the IIP standard.

While recognising the standard as a significant milestone, he added that it provided strong foundations for further success.



IIP Managing Director **John Telfer**, **Ian Caldwell** and the Principal, **Professor Rick Trainor**

Iris Project recognised by Mayor of London

The work of the Iris Project, run in conjunction with the Classics Department, was recently recognised by London Mayor Boris Johnson at the launch of his publication 'Widening Horizons', which features ten outstanding charities working with schools in London.

The Iris Project is an educational charity that exists to promote access to Latin, ancient Greek and Classical Civilisation in UK state schools. It focuses particularly on schools in deprived urban areas and one of its largest projects in London – the Latin-through-literacy teaching project in primary schools – involves King's students visiting a primary school each week to deliver an hour of Latin.

This scheme has been running for several years.

World Championship Gold for King's rower

ZOE LEE, A PHD STUDENT IN THE Department of Geography, recently represented Great Britain at the World University Rowing Championships where she won gold as part of the women's four.

Great Britain won two gold and three silver medals in the finals at the championships in Szeged, Hungary. The four comprised Emily Taylor, Leonora Kennedy, Monica Relph and Zoe Lee. The crew

maintained their lead to win by four seconds over Romania.

Zoe said: 'The race was really intense, although we led the field from the first stroke. Our heat had gone very differently as we had to row through a strong Dutch crew who had taken three-quarters of a length lead on us by the halfway point, but we kept our heads and rowed through them.'

'We knew it would be a tougher race in the final so we went out of the blocks as hard as possible and the fast first 500m paid off giving us a good lead to defend for the rest of the race.'

Zoe is supported in her training by KCLSU through the Kinetic Elite programme. Anthony Currie, Sports Development Manager at KCLSU, commented: 'It's fantastic to be

able to help talented athletes like Zoe in their training through the Elites programme.

'By offering additional support and advice in nutrition, strength, conditioning, training and sports massage, we hope to ensure Zoe and others in the programme continue to compete at such high levels. Congratulations to Zoe and the team.'



Geography PhD student **Zoe Lee** proudly shows off her gold medal

We knew it would be a tougher race in the final so we went out of the blocks as hard as possible

History student wins book deal

Chibundu Onuzo, a second year History student at Kings, has signed a two-book deal with Faber and Faber.

Nigerian-born Chibundu is Faber's youngest-ever female author – and was interviewed by CNN as a result.

Her debut novel, *The Spider King's Daughter*, is set in Nigeria, and tells the story of a romance between a 17 year-old poverty-stricken hawker and the cosseted daughter of a wealthy businessman. It will be published in summer 2011.

JONATHAN RING



History student **Chibundu Onuzo**

Students support Kenyan school

IN SEPTEMBER, 18 KING'S STUDENTS

visited the Oasis of Hope secondary school in Kisumu, Western Kenya through the Kenyan Orphan Project (KOP).

KOP is a national charity represented by more than 12 different universities all over the country, and it aims to improve the lives of orphans and vulnerable children by providing financial aid to a range of organisations in Kisumu.

From 2009-10, King's raised more money for KOP than any other participating university – more than £22,000 – and the visit was part of a two-week trip to witness how this money was put to use.

Shobhit Saxena was part of the King's group. He said: 'On our visit, we watched with pride as the shy students of the school debated the motion, "Kenya's new constitution: a blessing or a curse?"'

'Remarkably, the pupils of this institution are all from two

slum areas and yet they stood in front of us engaging in a complex debate in fluent English.

'Our fundraised money has enabled the school to move to a new and improved building, as well providing them with

essential textbooks. Thanks to the hard work of King's students and the low cost of education provided by the school, some of the brightest pupils in the city now have a hope for a promising future.'



Pupils debating at the Oasis of Hope secondary school in Kisumu, Kenya

Npower Future Leaders Challenge

A TEAM OF STUDENTS FROM

King's have made it into the final of the npower Future Leaders Challenge – a national competition that challenges undergraduates to devise green projects and inspire people in their universities to live more sustainably.

The top eight teams from across the UK who reached the final stage had to produce a film describing their plans for a green project in and around their university and wider community. The finalists will now spend the next two months bringing their ideas to life, in the hope of winning a place on an expedition of a lifetime to the Arctic Circle in northern Norway.

Only the two teams judged to have made the most impact in their universities will make the trip. Dog sledding over 200km from a base camp into the wilds of Europe's most northern country, the teams will have the opportunity to experience effects of global warming first hand.

Over the weekend of 16–17 October, all finalists spent three days in the Lake District on a gruelling outdoor activity course. The weekend's

programme was specifically designed to help develop team building and leadership skills and environmental knowledge that will enable them to deliver their green projects and take them one step closer to winning the ultimate prize.

Leading the 'Green Socks'

team, Kathryn-Ann Stamm, an undergraduate in Anglo French Law at King's, said: 'We were delighted to be shortlisted for the npower Future Leaders Challenge. The weekend was an exhilarating experience, combining challenging physical tasks (walking 24km through

rough terrain isn't easy) as well as demanding mental activities. It's also made me realise how small actions and projects can add up to make a real impact on the environment.'

As *Comment* went to print, the two winning teams had not yet been announced.



The King's 'Green Socks' team (left to right): Kathryn-Ann Stamm, Iavor Bojinov, Gary Smadja and Cheran Nathan

Digital journalism prize for King's graduate

WIL BENTON, WHO GRADUATED IN Pharmacology this summer, won 'Digital Journalist of the Year' at the 2010 *Guardian* Student Media Awards on 24 November.

He was awarded the prize for **FatKidOnFire.com**, a fashion, lifestyle and culture website, which he started in March of his final year. Since its launch, the site has had 7,000 hits from 70 different countries and has amassed 12,000 page views.

The Digital Journalist category is the newest category within the SMAs and Wil was one of five

shortlisted entrants selected from more than 600 students.

It was judged by *NME* editor Krissi Murison and *Panorama* journalist Paul Kenyon. Wil said: 'They both told me how impressed they were with my work and how my entry was by far the strongest. Praise indeed!

'It also looks like this is something I'll be able to do full time and earn money, which is a dream come true.'

His prize is one month's work at *The Guardian* on a news desk of his choice.

The sport of King's

On Saturday 9 October, the annual KCLA Games, a good-natured battle between current King's students and alumni, took place at Berrylands Sports Ground.

More than 100 sports fans watched current King's students take on the might of the alumni teams in rugby, football, netball and hockey.

Much fun was had by all, with the matches closely fought, particularly the five-a-side football, which saw a 9-9 draw, with the students finally winning on penalties.

Alumni were victorious in

the mixed hockey, but were just pipped at the post in netball and rugby.

Following the games, there was a very animated prize-giving ceremony. The students, being the victors of the day, took home the coveted Profumo Cup.

This was a bitter blow for alumni who have held the honour of winning for the past two years.

For further information about alumni events and activities, please visit www.alumni.kcl.ac.uk, or email alumoff@kcl.ac.uk

Donor kidneys

BBC1's *Breakfast* programme had a feature on the MRC Centre for Transplantation's research on extending the life of donor kidneys.

Dr Richard Smith, Director of the Protein Therapeutics Laboratory, discussed the protein Mirococept, which he has engineered to combat organ damage during transit outside the human body and immediately after transplantation. **Martin Drage**, a transplant surgeon at Guy's and St Thomas', was interviewed in the studio. **Professor Steven Sacks**, Director, MRC Centre for Transplantation, discussed research to extend the life of a kidney transplant on BBC Radio 4's *Six O'Clock News*.

Security & Defence

Dr John Gearson, Director of the Centre for Defence Studies, Department of War Studies, was interviewed on a number of terrorism, security and defence-related issues on programmes including Sky News, BBC News Channel, Channel 4 News, BBC Radio 4's *PM*, BBC Radio Five Live *Weekend Breakfast*, BBC Radio Wales's *Good Evening Wales*, BBC Radio Scotland's *Newsdrive* and Australian Broadcasting Corporation.

GM crops

The BBC World Service *One Planet* programme on GM food was recorded at King's. **Dr Michael Antoniou**, Nuclear Biology Group, School of Medicine, was interviewed and explained that he uses the same methods for genetic engineering as those who produce GM crops, however, he focuses on producing GM bacteria to tackle viruses. He argues the methods used for genetic engineering are too crude when it comes to altering the DNA sequence of plants.

Kibworth story

Professor David Carpenter, Department of History, took part in BBC Four's *Michael Wood's Story of England – The Great Famine and the Black Death* about the village of Kibworth in Leicestershire. Professor Carpenter discussed the poll tax of 1327, medieval money and social divisions in the town.

Chilean Miners

Dr Jennifer Wild of the Institute of Psychiatry spoke about the psychological wellbeing of the trapped miners in Chile before and after their release on Sky News, BBC1 *Breakfast*, BBC Radio 5 *Live*, BBC Radio Wales and a number of local BBC programmes.

Big Bang

God did not create the universe according to Professor Stephen Hawking. The scientist, who has previously failed to rule out the role of a creator, says the laws of physics were behind the Big Bang. **Alister E McGrath**, Professor of Theology, Department of Education & Professional Studies, was interviewed on the subject on the Channel 4 News and ITV1's *News At Ten*.

Dilma Rousseff

Professor Anthony Pereira, Director of the King's Brazil Institute, discussed the Brazilian Presidential elections on BBC 1's *Breakfast*, BBC Radio 4's *Woman's Hour* and BBC Radio Scotland *Good Morning Scotland*.

Civil partnerships

Robert Wintemute, Professor of Human Rights Law in the School of Law, explained the campaign by eight gay and straight couples to challenge the bans preventing gay couples from marrying and heterosexual couples from seeking a civil partnership on BBC Radio 4's *Woman's Hour* and BBC London 94.9 FM *Drivetime*.

Dementia costs

Professor Martin Prince, Institute of Psychiatry, co-author of the World Alzheimer Report 2010, discussed the global costs of dementia on BBC Radio 4's *Today*, BBC Radio Scotland, BBC Radio Regional, BBC Radio Five Live, LBC 97.3, BBC London 94.9 FM, and ITV1.

Composer in residence

John Browne, composer in residence at the Florence Nightingale School of Nursing & Midwifery, was interviewed by the *Times Higher Education* about his work with the School.

Myopia gene

Scientists have discovered variations in DNA that make people more susceptible to myopia. **Dr Christopher Hammond**, senior author from the Department of Twin Research Unit, was interviewed on BBC Radio 4's *PM*, BBC Radio Scotland's *Newsdrive* and *Scotland Live*.

Hitler

Professor Matt Uttley, Dean of Academic Studies, Defence Studies Department, was interviewed on the National Geographic Channel's *Hitler: Rise and Fall*.

Organised religion

Dr Luke Bretherton, Senior Lecturer in Theology & Politics, Department of Education & Professional Studies, discussed religion in the UK and said that people don't tend to join institutions anymore, religious or otherwise, on BBC2's *Newsnight*.

G20 case

Sebastian Lucas, Professor of Pathology, was interviewed on BBC Radio 4's *The Report* on the investigation into the death of Ian Tomlinson at last year's G20 protest.

Geopolitics

Dr Bob Bradnock, Visiting Senior Research Fellow in the Department of Geography, was interviewed on Afghanistan and the floods in Pakistan on BBC Radio Wales and BBC2's *Newsnight*.

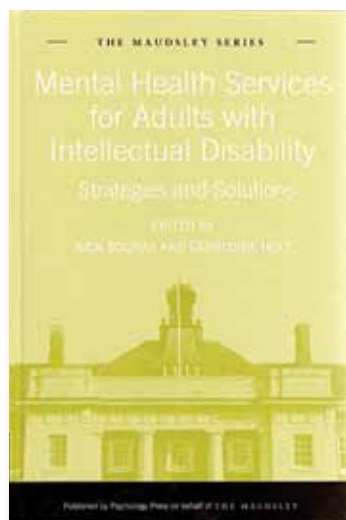
Degrees of murder

Jeremy Horder, Edmund-Davies Professor of Criminal Law, School of Law, was interviewed about calls for different degrees of murder charges on BBC World Service, BBC News Channel and BBC1's *One O'clock News*.

Royal succession

The Times mentioned **Robert Blackburn**, Professor of Constitutional Law, and his work on the law governing succession to the Throne. He was also on BBC Radio 4's *Today in Parliament* and quoted in the *Daily Express*.

See www.kcl.ac.uk/media/press-cuttings for the latest media coverage. Email pr@kcl.ac.uk if you have featured in the media.



Mental Health Services for Adults with Intellectual Disability

Professor Nick Bouras and Geraldine Holt, Institute of Psychiatry

This book of the Maudsley Series considers how mental health services have evolved over the past three decades to meet the needs of people with intellectual disability, focusing on the ways that theories and policies have been applied to clinical practice.

Nick Bouras and Geraldine Holt, both having extensive experience in developing and running mental health services, bring together international contributors all with long-standing expertise in the fields of mental health and intellectual disability.

It provides an overview of the many improvements that have been made in services for people with intellectual disability, as well as examining the shortcomings of the services provided. It offers strategies and solutions for the wide array of interdisciplinary professionals aiming to develop their range of resources for people with intellectual disability.
Psychology Press



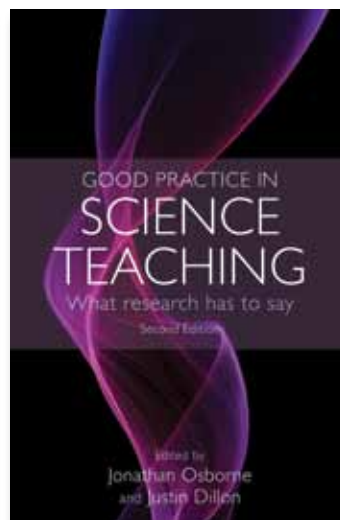
Article 81 EC and Public Policy

Dr Christopher Townley, School of Law

This book discusses the role of public policy in Article 81 of the EC Treaty. The Commission, and recently the Court of First Instance have said that the sole objective of Article 81 EC is consumer welfare. Many competition lawyers and economists support this view. Townley demonstrates that public policy considerations are still relevant in that provision. He also examines how and where they are currently considered and then suggests why, how and where this might be changed.

The book explains how some of the most complex competition law cases can be understood and offers a framework for those fighting or deciding such cases in the future. As such, it will be of interest to European competition lawyers, both academics and practitioners (furnishing them with a framework for hard cases), as well as students.

Hart Publishing



Good Practice in Science Teaching

Edited by Professors Jonathan Osborne and Justin Dillon with contributions from many staff in the Department of Education & Professional Studies.

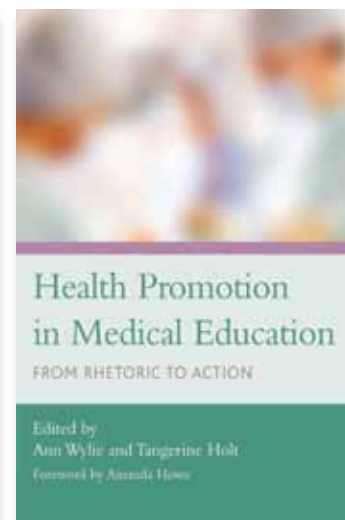
This new edition of *Good Practice in Science Teaching* offers a comprehensive overview of the major areas of research and scholarship in science education.

Thoroughly revised throughout, the new edition includes three new chapters covering: the learning of science in informal contexts; teacher professional development; and technology-mediated learning.

Each chapter has been written by science education researchers with national or international reputations. Each topic is approached in a straightforward manner and is written in a concise and readable style.

This invaluable guide is ideal for science teachers of children of all ages, and others who work in teaching and related fields.

Open University Press



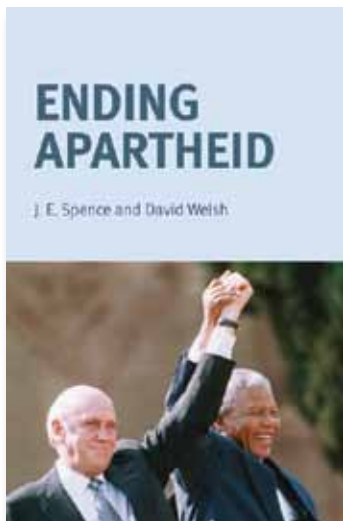
Health Promotion in Medical Education

Dr Ann Wylie, Department of Primary Care and Public Health Sciences

Health promotion has been a relatively overlooked area in modern medical and health professional vocational curricula. This practical and informative book aims to redress the balance towards health promotion being a visible, integrated curricular component, with agreed principles on quality in health promotion teaching across various faculties.

This is not another dry discussion of how to stop patients smoking. *Health Promotion in Medical Education* takes a stimulatingly lateral view of the scope of the subject, goes a very long way to showing why it is essential to medical education and gives good advice on how to support and develop both the subject and its tutors in today's medical schools.

Radcliffe Publishing

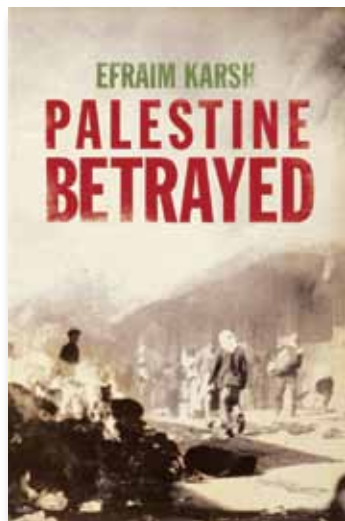


Ending Apartheid

Professor Jack Spence OBE,
Department of War Studies

When we think of the twilight of the 20th century we think of the spectacular collapse of communism, the famines in Africa, civil wars and genocides across the globe and inexorable dismantling of South Africa's segregated world. Apartheid was reduced to rubble through the courage of many martyrs and the pressure of world disapproval. This is the history of the final years of one of the worst contemporary regimes, showing the violent conflict between black and white and the clashes of personality between Botha, de Klerk and Mandela.

Professor Jack Spence looks at the most controversial issues associated with apartheid – the ambiguous figure of Nelson Mandela; the disastrous attempts at democracy in the 1990s and continuing persistent problems now; the issue of segregation itself versus apartheid; and the episodes thrown up by the commissions. **Longman**

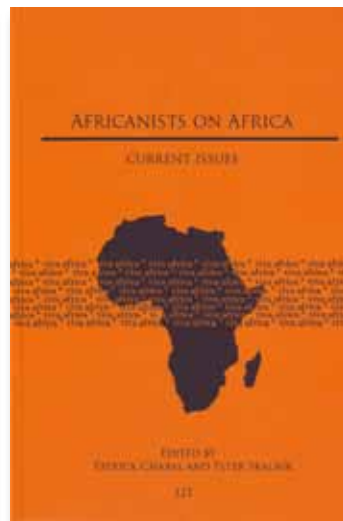


Palestine Betrayed

Professor Efraim Karsh,
Head of Middle East and
Mediterranean Studies

The 1947 UN resolution to partition Palestine irrevocably changed the political landscape of the Middle East, giving rise to six full-fledged wars between Arabs and Jews, as well as a profound shattering of Palestinian Arab society. But the isolated occasions of violence during the British Mandate era (1920–48) suggest that the majority of Palestinian Arabs yearned to live and thrive under peaceful coexistence with the evolving Jewish national enterprise. So what was the real cause of the breakdown in relations between the two communities?

Professor Karsh argues that from the early 1920s onward, a corrupt and extremist leadership worked towards eliminating the Jewish national revival and protecting its own interests. Karsh has mined many declassified Western, Soviet, UN and Israeli documents, as well as unfamiliar Arab sources, to reveal what happened behind the scenes on both the Palestinian and Jewish sides. **Yale University Press**



Africanists on Africa

Professor Patrick Chabal,
Department of History/ Spanish,
Portuguese & Latin American
Studies, and Peter Skalnik

The role of Africanists is to deploy their skills to study, analyse and compare different settings. This volume reflects the attempt by students of Africa hailing from different countries to discuss and contrast various approaches to similar questions.

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Strandlines Stories

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Remnants of Epstein's 'Maternity'

Above Zimbabwe House is a strange set of figures. The building used to house the British Medical Association, which, in 1905, commissioned the sculptor Jacob Epstein to adorn its windows with 18 allegorical figures in various stages of nudity. Prudish objectors made sure offending bits were hacked off, mutilating a great modernist work.

Twinings, 216 Strand

Twinings is one of London's oldest coffee houses. Opened in the early 18th century, it was originally called the 'Golden Lyon' – hence the statue above the door. There were once hundreds of these establishments where business and politics were discussed. Sipping coffee in here is the nearest thing to stepping back into the 18th-century Strand.

Panoramas, Circles and Tubes

In 1787, Robert Barker put a patent on a way of seeing: 'panorama'. He reconstructed 360° views in a Leicester Square rotunda; its rival, the Strand panorama, built by Barker's son, later became an unpatented theatre – patronising local shops gained admittance. From circles to tubes: Aldwych underground station is the site's successor.

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