



UNIVERSITY UPDATE : 15 July 2005

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<http://www.bath.ac.uk/news/uniupdates/>

NEWS: <http://www.bath.ac.uk/news>

Graduations next week:

Dame Kiri Te Kanawa, the acclaimed opera star, is amongst the eight people to be given honorary doctorates by the University at the Awards Ceremonies at Bath Abbey next week.

<http://www.bath.ac.uk/news/articles/releases/graduations140705.html>

New course helps to kick start careers in caring profession:

Local people are finding it easier to start a career in caring, thanks to a course that began at the University last year.

<http://www.bath.ac.uk/news/articles/releases/mentalhealth130705.html>

New Professor of Politics appointed:

Professor Richard Whitman will join the Department of European Studies and Modern Languages in the next academic year as Professor of Politics. Professor Whitman is currently Head of the European Programme at Chatham House (formerly the Royal Institute of International Affairs). Previously, he was Professor of European Studies at the University of Westminster, where he also served as Director of the Centre for the Study of Democracy between 2001-2003.

<http://www.bath.ac.uk/esml/main/profile.htm>

Syntacta wins London bid:

Syntacta, the University's translation business based at the Oakfield campus, has been awarded the contract to carry out all of Visit London's European translation for the forthcoming year.

<http://www.bath.ac.uk/news/articles/releases/swin-syntacta120705.html>

Catholic-Shi'a dialogue:

Dr Scott Thomas (Economics and International Development) presented a paper entitled "Morality and praxis in the Catholic tradition" at a unique three-day Catholic-Shi'a Conference at Ampleforth Abbey in North Yorkshire. Many of the Shi'a Muslims present had flown in especially from Iran.

Chem eng graduand wins national award:

Kristoff Beanlands, a final year Chemical Engineering graduate who will receive a first class honours in the ceremonies next week, was one of only five chemical engineering graduates in the UK to be awarded a prestigious Graduate Prize by the Salter's Institute. The prize is worth £1,000 and is awarded to students who demonstrate commitment and leadership potential with respect to the Chemical Engineering profession.

<http://www.bath.ac.uk/chem-eng/news/beanlands.shtml>

Student racing car is fastest in world:

BURT5, the racing vehicle built by final year Bath Mechanical Engineering students, has proved to be the fastest student car in the world in a recent competition.

<http://www.bath.ac.uk/news/articles/releases/student-racing150705.html>

MBA sailing regatta:

This year's annual Business Schools' Sailing Regatta saw the Bath MBA team take a creditable fourth place. This year there were eighteen crews competing from leading business schools across the UK and Europe.

http://www.bath.ac.uk/management/news_events/news/2005/15-7.html

IN THE MEDIA

- Allister McGregor (WeD) did a Question and Answer feature in the Bath Chronicle following the outcome of the G8 summit:
<http://tinyurl.co.uk/ds2n>
- Victoria McMaster (Medical Centre) recently gave a radio interview for Bath FM concerning hay fever in adults.
- Tony Trueman (Press Office) talked on BBC Radio Bristol about next week's Awards Ceremonies taking place at the Abbey.
- Bath FM highlighted the course for carers mentioned in the News section above.
- Badminton and judo at the University of Bath featured in reports on Sky Sports News last weekend. The reports included interviews with coaches and with young athletes who might compete at the London 2012 Olympic Games.
- Julian Vincent (Mechanical Engineering) was mentioned in an article about biomimetics, technology that mimics nature, on Mongabay.com, which aims to raise interest in and appreciation of wildlands and wildlife:
http://news.mongabay.com/2005/0711-rhett_butler.html
- Richard French-Constant's research into caterpillars was referred to on the German website, Innovations Report:
http://www.innovations-report.com/html/reports/life_sciences/report-46468.html

INFORMATION

Executive decisions:

- The latest Executive Summary from the meeting held on 15 June 2005 is now online:
<http://internal.bath.ac.uk/executive/summary/execnotes150605.html>
- There are three new Executive Policies that have recently been agreed:
 - Policy in relation to the admission and support for students entering the University under the age of 18:
<http://internal.bath.ac.uk/executive/policy/ep19.htm>
 - Policy Statement on the Secure Storage, Handling, Use, Retention and Disposal of Disclosure and Disclosure Information:
<http://internal.bath.ac.uk/executive/policy/ep18.htm>
 - Environmental Management:
<http://internal.bath.ac.uk/executive/policy/ep17.htm>

Ede & Ravenscroft prize-winner 2005:

Karen Coopman (Pharmacy & Pharmacology) has been presented with the Ede and Ravenscroft Prize for her research - Exploring a Role for Cannabis Products in Inflammation.

<http://www.bath.ac.uk/awards/winners/er.html>

Continuing professional development for technicians:

Find out more about a new Continuing Professional Development Award, formally recognised by the IST, for Technical Staff working in HE. For the first time, HE Technical Staff will have the opportunity to work towards a qualification that recognises the unique skills they bring to the sector.

Monday 12 September | University of Bristol. Further information:

<http://www.lfhe.ac.uk/evt-crs-prog/istcpdtechbriefworksep2005.html>

Queries: Angie Allcock, Staff Development Unit, ext 6369

Jobs:

Vacant posts: <http://www.bath.ac.uk/jobs/>

WHAT'S ON

Awards ceremonies:

Tuesday 19 - Thursday 21 July

~ Full details of ceremonies:

<http://www.bath.ac.uk/news/articles/official/award-summer100505.html>

~ Information about transport to the Abbey for staff and VIPs:

<http://www.bath.ac.uk/news/articles/campus/award-summer-transport230605.html>

Summer playscheme:

There are still places available on the University's summer playscheme which runs from 25 July to 19 August at St Martin's Garden Primary School.

<http://internal.bath.ac.uk/nursery/playscheme/index.html>

MBA open house:

Open Day - 22 July 2005

<http://www.bath.ac.uk/management/courses/mba/admissions/opensdays/>

Holburne exhibition:

The World of Quentin Blake

A celebration of the work of one of the world's most popular living illustrators. Over fifty original drawings including new illustrations and old favourites from the stories of Roald Dahl such as the Twits and the BFG.

Admission £4. All concessions £3. Children FREE. Admission to University of Bath Staff & Students FREE.

Open Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 5pm and Sunday 11am to 5pm. Open every Monday in August.

SPORT: <http://www.teambath.com/news/>

Bath Bullet shoots his way to Commonwealths:

Bath Bullet Jason Gardener has been named in the England track & field team for the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games. The sprinter, who trains at the University of Bath, secured his place by winning the 100m at the AAA Championships in Manchester on Saturday.

Okoro picked for World University Games:

University of Bath athlete Marilyn Okoro has been selected for the World University Games, which take place in Turkey next month. Marilyn, studying for a Business and French degree at the University, will run the 800m for the British Universities team.

Us judo players train at University:

The USA junior judo team spent two days training at the University of Bath after taking part in the Junior British Open Championships.

Dale and Mariana in the medals:

TeamBath athletes Dale Garland and Mariana Agathangelou were in the medals at the Island Games in Shetland. Dale, a University Sport and Exercise Science graduate, won the long jump representing Guernsey, while 16-year-old Mariana, who trains at the University's high performance badminton centre, won a team gold with Jersey in the badminton competition.

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Deception is not as creative as truth. We do best in life if we look at it with clear eyes, and I think that applies to coming up to death as well."

- Dame Cicely Saunders, founder of St Christopher's Hospice, London, 1916-2005. The University awarded an honorary degree to Dame Cicely last month; sadly she died yesterday - Thursday 14 July 2005.

Obituary: <http://news.independent.co.uk/people/obituaries/article299205.ece>

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