

Weekly Newsletter
Monday 21 May – Friday 25 May 2007
(Week 5, Term 3/Week 25, Semester 2)

UNDERGRADUATE EVENTS

Main examinations period Monday 21 May to Friday 15 June 2007

There will be students sitting exams in-house and therefore the rooms in the basement are out of bounds for the whole period, as are one or two offices which currently stand empty. Appropriate signage will be posted.

Undergraduate dissertations mentioned in 'Celsius'

Celsius (Centre for Longitudinal Study Information and User Support, based at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine) Newsletter Issue 9, May 2007, mentioned some of our undergraduate dissertations:

Until very recently few undergraduates had ever made use of the LS for a dissertation. But in the last year, 5 undergraduates have undertaken projects utilising data from the LS: two from Bristol, and one each from Warwick, Exeter and the London School of Economics. Simple crosstabulations and regression analysis have predominated in these projects and the students have generally been pleased with the output from the LS and the support received from CeLSIUS staff. These projects have proved that the LS can be a useful data source for even young and inexperienced researchers. Projects undertaken have included *'Exploration of the relationship between Gentrification and Resident Health'*, *'In-migration and Cornish Nationalism since 1960'*, and *'Is there a geography to female breast cancer mortality and morbidity rates in England and Wales, once socio-economic factors are taken into account?'* [This one was a University of Bristol project, undertaken by Will Dear.] It is hoped that participation in these projects will give the students concerned a taste for the LS and that they will come back with a project for a PhD, or later with a grant supported project. It is also hoped that these projects raise the profile of the LS within the University Departments involved such that their own researchers may come forward with proposals to use the LS.

Chris Marshall
CeLSIUS, Research & Computing Support Officer
Claimant Count Cohort (CCC) Data

The full newsletter is available at:

<http://www.celsius.lshtm.ac.uk/documents/newsletter009.pdf>

Geography students strongly represented in Duke of Edinburgh society

Geography students currently make up a large proportion of the active members of the Duke of Edinburgh society at the University. Five first year students are due to complete their Gold expeditions next month. In addition, **Lizzy Treglown**, Year 1, has been voted the new President of the Society. Here are some photographs to give some flavour of the sorts of activities undertaken. For general information about the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, see <http://www.theaward.org/>



1 Lizzy Treglown (left) and Charlotte Felton



2 A superfluous sign for the Geographically-aware



3 Well-equipped for the hike

HUMAN GEOGRAPHY RESEARCH GROUP NEWS

Wendy Larner writes:

C Stream Away Day, Tuesday 15 May

A productive day at the Watershed was had by the Human Geographers this week. A lot of constructive ideas emerged which will greatly assist in the planning of the C Stream. Thank you to all participants who made this such a success.

Department of Management Seminar:

Terminal Organization: Future Lives Inside the Airport

Thursday 24 May at 4 pm in Seminar Room 2, 2 Priory Road

Dr Damien O'Doherty
University of Manchester

<http://www.mbs.ac.uk/research/academicdirectory/index.aspx?id=2181&action=ShowProfile>

PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY RESEARCH GROUP NEWS

Sandy Harrison writes:

BRIDGE - QUEST

In October last year, the Bristol QUEST-Deglaciation team were involved in a highly successful workshop on palaeofire regimes at Dartington Hall. The workshop mobilised the international community of palaeofire researchers and resulted in the creation of a global charcoal database which will be used to evaluate model simulations being carried out within the QUEST-Deglaciation project. The International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme has now recognised this workshop as one of the science highlights of 2006 and will be showcasing the work in its Annual Report. The success of the workshop was in large part due to the excellent practical organisation by **Katie Pellicci** and behind-the-scenes work on the database by **Natalie Ortiz**, both supporting the work of the QUEST-Deglaciation postdoc based in Edinburgh, **Mitch Power**. I think we can all be proud that BRIDGE is continuing to promote first-class international science – so thanks to all involved.

WUN Earth Systems Video Seminar:

Past Climate Variations – What is their policy relevance?

Wednesday 23 May at 5.00 pm in the Hawaii Suite, Institute for Learning Research Technology (ILRT), 8-10 Berkeley Square.

Eystein Jansen
University of Bergen

<http://www.bjerknes.uib.no/pages.asp?pid=47&kat=5&lang=1>

<http://www.wun.ac.uk/horizons/earthsystems/>

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Ed Thomas writes:

Common Room Fund

If you haven't yet paid your next 'sub' for the Common Room Fund, don't forget! The three categories are:

£30 – full user

£15 – half user

£0 is for those who come and use the common room but don't make any use of the tea, coffee, milk, sugar, chilled water.

The sub lasts for 6 months and works out at £1/week for full users, so you will appreciate that this is excellent value! Please give your money either to Ed Thomas or to Richard Davis. Cheques should be made payable to Geography Tea Fund; cash should be presented in an envelope with your own name on.

FACULTY COMMITTEES

Upcoming meetings:

Faculty Progression Panel (SSL)

Tuesday 22 May at 1 pm in the Seminar Room, BIPA, 2 Priory Road

FPARC (SSL)

Thursday 24 May at 11 am in Seminar Room 1, 2 Priory Road. **Rep: Wendy Larner**

FPARD (Sci)

Friday 25 May at 2 pm in the Drawing Room, RFH. **Rep: Kelvyn Jones**

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

Upcoming meetings:

Budget Committee

Monday 21 May at 9.30 am

Education Committee

Tuesday 22 May at 10 am

Research Committee

Wednesday 23 May at 2 pm

NUCLEUS Board

Thursday 24 May at 11 am

Health and Safety Committee

Thursday 24 May at 2 pm

ADVANCED WARNINGS

Please note that the next Bank Holiday will be on **Monday 28 May**.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

When	Where	What
Monday 21 May at 9.30 am		<i>Budget Committee</i>
Tuesday 22 May at 10 am		<i>Education Committee</i>
Tuesday 22 May at 1 pm	Seminar Room, BIPA, 2 Priory Road	<i>Faculty Progression Panel (SSL)</i>
Wednesday 23 May at 2 pm		<i>Research Committee</i>
Wednesday 23 May at 5 pm		<i>Eystein Jansen Past Climate Variations – What is their policy relevance?</i>
Thursday 24 May at 11 am		<i>NUCLEUS Board</i>
Thursday 24 May at 11 am	Seminar Room 1, 2 Priory Road	<i>FPARC (SSL)</i>
Thursday 24 May at 2 pm		<i>Health and Safety Committee</i>
Thursday 24 May at 4 pm	Seminar Room 2, 2 Priory Road	<i>Dr Damien O’Doherty Terminal Organization: Future Lives Inside the Airport</i>
Friday 25 May at 2 pm	Drawing Room, Royal Fort House	<i>FPARC (Sci)</i>

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