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China Related Activities

Dr. George Richardson, Dr. Lynette Schultz and second year Masters Student, **Shelane Jorgenson** from the Faculty of Education participated in the International Forum on Leadership Development for Administrators at Higher Education Institutions in Beijing. Ms. Jorgenson was chosen to attend by the Global Citizenship Curriculum Development Initiative (a partnership program between the Faculty of Education and University of Alberta International), and also received a scholarship from the China Institute to attend the forum. The UofA team presented their research and global citizenship education in post-secondary institutions.

Mactaggart Research Chair at the China Institute, **Dr. Wenran Jiang**, was invited to the Energy Council's Global Conference. In his capacity as the Council's Special Advisor on China, Dr. Jiang invited Mr. Victor Gao, former Senior Vice President of China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC Ltd.) to be the conference's opening keynote speaker. The Energy Council is a legislators' organization representing 11 US energy producing states and 5 Canadian energy producing provinces. Dr. Jiang briefed Council executives (including energy ministers from Alberta, BC and Saskatchewan) on the latest development of China's energy policy. He also facilitated a visit by Mr. Gao to the Asia Pacific Foundation for a special group discussion on Canada-China economic relations.

Dr. Ramair Löbenberg from the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences was co-organizer of a scientific workshop in Shanghai: "Current Performance Testing of Pharmaceutical and Traditional Dosage Forms". Over 120 participants attended the workshop from government, academia and industry. He and the world leading experts in the field from China, Hong Kong, the United States and South Africa discussed how pharmaceutical quality testing can be applied to traditional medicines. This will help to increase consumer confidence in natural products. Furthermore, many traditional medicines cannot be imported into other countries due to drug regulations. Better internationally accepted standards will help traditional medicines to gain market authorization in other countries. This will increase safe cross border trading of traditional medicines.

MA student in the Department of History and Classics, **Johnathan Henshaw** received a grant from the China Institute to attend full-time Chinese language studies at Taipei's Mandarin Training Centre from June-December. The Mandarin Training Centre is one of the world's most well-known centres for teaching Chinese as a second language and has a student body of nearly 1,200 students from around the world. Mr. Henshaw plans to undertake doctoral studies in a China-related field.

Art and Design Student, **Hui Yang**, was asked to compete for a graduate position at the prestigious Central Academy of Fine Art. She traveled to Beijing in January, on a grant from the China Institute to take her entrance examination. She is currently in her final year of the BFA program after finishing her BA at Zhongnan University of Economics and Law.

Points of Interest

The Association of Chinese Canadian Professors (ACCP) was established to provide an avenue for members to interact, collaborate and grow together, to advance interests of members within the university community, to provide assistance in needs, and to promote the cultural, scientific and technological exchange between the UofA (and Canada), the members of the Association in particular, and China. ACCP is primarily made up of professional appointees at the UofA that are interested in fulfilling the above mission, but is open to membership from qualified applicants from outside the UofA. ACCP is a non-political and non-profit organization of Chinese academics in Canada.

ACCP aims to:

- facilitate the interaction and collaboration among Chinese Canadian academics in institutions of higher learning; and
- promote and facilitate communication and cooperation in teaching, learning, knowledge creation and community service between the members of the Association and other related organizations in Canada and abroad.

For more information on ACCP contact Scott Chang, President, at scott.chang@ualberta.ca

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China Related Activities

Gordon Houlden, Director, and Wenran Jiang, Mactaggart Research Chair of the China Institute attended the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce 2009 Ball where The Northern Lights Award was presented to **Dr. Sandy Mactaggart** for his life long achievements in managing Maclab, a successful company he co-founded in Edmonton in the early 1950s. The award presentation also celebrated the Mactaggart family's many contributions to Edmonton community. A donation of more than \$37 million worth of Chinese art and textiles by the Mactaggart family to the University of Alberta in 2005 secured matching funding by the Alberta provincial government to establish the China Institute.

China Institute Director, **Gordon Houlden**, participated in a conference that celebrated the 100th Anniversary on Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT). Mr. Houlden spent 22 years working on Canada-China relations during his time with DFAIT prior to his appointment last year with the University of Alberta.

On a travel grant from the China Institute, **Margaret Law**, Associate Director of Learning Services visited Beijing to teach a short course in management to students in the Information Management Program at Beijing Normal University, and to explore opportunities for the University of Alberta Libraries to form partnerships with Chinese libraries in order to facilitate the sharing of collections and expertise. She was also able to visit the National Library of China and the Capital Library (Beijing Public Library) – the foremost public library in China.

Business School Professor Emeritus, **Rolf Mirus**, recently visited Xi'an Jiatong University to review the achievements of the School of Business' ongoing cooperation projects and to talk about future collaboration. He was also able to deliver a lecture to the students and faculty of the School of Management. The School of Business has worked with Xi'an Jiaotong University since 1989.

Medical student **Eric Hui** traveled to China on a China Institute grant to take an elective at Shantou Medical University College where he was based for three weeks. He was able to observe the similarities and differences in health care systems, as well as being exposed to the Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) paradigm. He received one-on-one instruction both during clinic and in power point lectures, along with tours of a TCM pharmacy and Pediatric Rehabilitation Centre using acupuncture in their therapies. He hopes to continue his studies of TCM in the future.

The China Institute hosted a lecture by **Mr. Gerry Campbell**, former Consul General to Hong Kong. Mr. Campbell spoke on Hong Kong's deep connections with Canada and the current economic and political situation of Hong Kong with the PRC. Mr. Campbell had a total of three diplomatic postings in Hong Kong.

Points of Interest

- Each year, the Chinese Government provides a number of full and partial scholarships enabling Albertans to study in China. The eligibility is wide-ranging and includes: Alberta high school graduates, post-secondary students and scholars wishing to participate in academic study at the undergraduate or graduate level, scholarly research, or Chinese language studies. The language of instruction is primarily Chinese; however, the program may sponsor and recommend remedial Chinese language studies for applicants who are not applying for the Chinese language study program.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2009 Chinese Government Scholarship program with studies commencing in September 2009. The deadline to apply is March 20, 2009.

For more information on the scholarship program, please visit:

<http://advancededandtech.ualberta.ca/learners/chinese.asp>

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The China Institute held a special Roundtable discussion featuring **Chinese Ambassador LAN Lijun** and former Minister of International Trade, **Honourable David Emerson**. The Roundtable focused on the slowing Chinese economy and the implications of the global financial crisis for Canada-China trade. It was attended by senior government officials, as well as key business leaders in Alberta that have an interest in China trade. The Roundtable preceded a Symposium on Canada's China Policy which brought top sinologists from across Canada to the University of Alberta campus to examine Canada-China relations, the impact of the changed global economic crisis on Canada-China trade, as well as a stock-taking of the political relationship between Canada and China.

Director of the China Institute, **Gordon Houlden**, was invited by the Privy Council Office in Ottawa to brief Deputy Ministers on China on February 13th. Some 70 senior federal officials were present.

On Feb 4th, **U of A International** hosted a group of 85 from mostly grades 10 and 11 from Beijing Concord College of Sino Canada (BCCSC). This is the 3rd time for this school to bring its winter camp group to the UofA. The students met faculty representatives, followed by campus tours led by Campus Ambassadors. The UofA is the last university this group visited during their 2-week winter camp across Canada. Many students from BCCSC have chosen the UofA as the destination for further education. In the past five years, close to 300 students joined us, with about 230 students applying for admission into Fall 2009.

The **Department of East Asian Studies** is holding their Annual Chinese Speech Contest on Tuesday March 17, 2009 from 1:30 -4:00 pm in the Dentistry/Pharmacy (Building #72) DP 5074. 27 students have qualified to participate in the Speech Contest final event. For more information on the event, please contact Wendy Jiang at: e-mail: wenyang.jiang@ualberta.ca.

Chancellor Emeritus **Eric Newell** and **Michael Mahon**, Dean of the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation travelled to Harbin to take part in the festivities around the 2009 Winter Universiade Games. The delegation, led by Mayor Stephen Mandel, was there as part of an effort to gain support for the City of Edmonton as Canada's bid for the 2015 Universiade Games.

Professor Emeritus in the Department of East Asian Studies, **Laifong Leung** recently was invited to attend two international conferences "China and World Literature Today" at Beijing Normal University, and "Chinese Literature of the New Era" at Shandong University. She also was invited to give lectures at Beijing Language and Culture University and Beijing Capital University on English translation of Chinese fiction in North America, and the evolution of Chinese youth fiction, respectively.

Points of Interest

- Members of the University of Alberta Alumni Association in Hong Kong have volunteered to represent the UofA at a number of recruitment events in Hong Kong and mainland China.

Carrie Lam, Jason Leung, Hammon Luk, Leslie Yiu and Trevor Mak participated in a Post-Secondary Information Night hosted by the Canadian International School of Hong Kong. During the 2 hour event the UofA's information desk was one of the busiest among the 50 schools represented that evening.

They are also taking part the Canadian Education Centre Spring Forum in Hong Kong which will have participants from more than 25 government and educational institutions present, as well as an education seminar organized by the Alberta Government Office to showcase Alberta schools in Guangzhou.

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China Related Activities

The **China Institute** gave out 59 grants to University of Alberta applicants totaling more than \$540,000 last fiscal year. The China Institute accepts applications for a number of different areas, including grants for academic and student travel, as well as special initiatives by faculties. For more information, please visit our website.

Assistant Registrar, **Lihong Yang**, and Faculty of Arts International Advisor, **Melissa Casey** will be holding application workshops and pre-departure orientation sessions from key feeder schools in China. They will be visiting the cities of: Dalian, Beijing, Shanghai, Nanjing and Shenzhen. They estimate that they will meet with approximately 650 students, many who have already been conditionally accepted for admission to the UofA this Fall.

For the fourth consecutive year the **School of Business** is organizing its MBA International Study Tour to China. The group of 30 students will be visiting the cities of Beijing and Shanghai between May 5 and 16. In both cities, the students will experience China first-hand through lectures at partner universities, visits to companies such as GM, GE, RBC and Lenovo and cultural exposure to many historic sights. In addition to the MBA Tour, the School of Business is also organizing its second Undergraduate Study Tour to China, running May 16 to 26. It, too, will include stops in Beijing and Shanghai, where the 20 students participating will have lectures, company visits and site-seeing opportunities. The China Institute partially funded both tours.

On a grant from the China Institute, **Shahnawaz Mir**, MINT Coordinator with the Department of Computing Science traveled to Beijing to take part in the China International Education Exhibition, as well took the time to visit seven top ranking universities in Beijing. The MSc In Internetworking Program (MINT) educates students on current Internetworking fundamentals and provides the management and analytical skills required to develop evolving Internetworking infrastructures and lead project teams.

Professor **Jacques Després** in the Department of Music was invited to conduct a master class at the Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing and perform at a recital at the Beijing Concert Hall. Professor Després will be presenting his current research focusing on the piano works of Claude Debussy and Modest Mussorgsky. The Central Conservatory of Beijing is one of the most important music schools in China. The China Institute was pleased to help sponsor this visit.

Professor Emeritus in the Faculty of Agricultural Life and Environmental Sciences, **Mick Price**, and his wife, Monica, are spending a term (March to June) at the Inner Mongolia Agricultural University in Hohhot, the Capital of Inner Mongolia Province in China. Dr. Price is teaching an introductory course in Meat Science (in English) and Monica (with Mick as her assistant) is helping the students to improve their conversational English.

Points of Interest

- Edmonton currently has more primary and secondary students in the bilingual English and Mandarin program than any other North American city. Almost 2000 students are enrolled in Edmonton. The China Institute has sponsored scholarships for exemplary junior and senior high school students in this program. Scholarships will be given out at a ceremony at City Hall on May 16th.
- The Edmonton Public School Board, in partnership with the Office of Chinese Language Council International (HANBAN) of China, the Shandong Ministry of Education and the Communication University of China has set up a Confucius Institute in Edmonton.
- The Confucius Institute is a non-profit organization whose goal is to enhance the understanding and awareness of Chinese culture.

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A delegation from Shantou University Medical College, led by Vice President and Dean of the Medical College (SUMC), Jiang Gu recently visited the University of Alberta. They were here to sign an appendix to the agreement signed between the **Faculty of Medicine** by Dean Tom Marrie in November, 2007. The Faculty of Medicine, as well as the **Faculty of Extension** have a number of projects ongoing with SUMC, including student exchanges, and an on-line English medical language training program.

Colleen Skidmore, designated interim Dean of Arts Faculty, **Cen Huang**, UAI Acting Director of Asia and Assistant Vice President (International) and **Wenran Jiang**, Mactaggart Research Chair - China Institute recently visited China. The trip to China was the first for Dr. Skidmore, and the first for Dr. Huang since joining the UofA. The delegation's primary goal was to consolidate the Faculty of Arts International Partnership Program with China Foreign Affairs University (CFAU). Over 100 students from CFAU came to the UofA in September and another 160 are expected to come this Fall. Visits were also held with Beijing Normal University, People's University, Shangdong University, Wuhan University and Zhejiang University for potential collaboration for exchanges with students and scholars.

Wenran Jiang, Mactaggart Research Chair of the China Institute was invited to speak on Canada-China relations at the 25th anniversary of the foundation of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada. Participants included former prime minister and foreign minister Hon. Joe Clark, former minister and Senator Hon. Jack Austin, a number of former Canadian ambassadors to China and former Deputy Ministers and senior officials of DFAIT and other departments. International Trade Minister Hon. Stockwell Day delivered a keynote speech on China.

Faculty of Agricultural Life and Environmental Sciences professor, **Francis Yeh**, hosted a delegation of 11 from China, including senior staff members from the Chinese Ministry of Agriculture and seven professors from the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences. Dr. Yeh is the Canadian Lead of a CIDA project: "Avian Influenza Emergency: Government Prevention Mechanism and Public Policy". The delegation will spend time exploring how universities interact with governments to provide the science support for policy framework and to exchange experiences and knowledge in the area of disease preparedness and prevention, with an emphasis on avian influenza.

Congratulations to **Gabrielle Lam**, student of Materials Engineering for being selected as the first recipient of the **Julia KS Liu Undergraduate Scholarship**. Gabrielle will be working this summer on a research project between the University of Alberta and the Hong Kong Polytechnic University relating to the area of biomedical engineering. The Julia KS Liu Scholarship is awarded to students with superior academic achievement and supports student mobility between the UofA and formally recognized partner institutions in Hong Kong and China.

Points of Interest

- New guidelines and application forms for China Institute grants are available on our website - www.china.ualberta.ca. Applications will be accepted for the following categories:
 - Academic Travel Grants
 - Student Travel Grants
 - Visiting Scholars
 - Research Projects
 - Special Faculty Initiatives
- The University of Alberta is now a member of The Worldwide Universities Network (WUN) is a partnership of 16 research-led universities from Europe, North America, South East Asia and Australia.

The WUN alliance exists to make significant advances in knowledge and understanding in areas of current global concern. By fostering and encouraging collaboration between members, WUN brings together the experience, equipment and expertise necessary to tackle the big issues currently facing societies, governments, corporations and education.

Nanjing University and Zhejiang University are the only members from China.

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China Related Activities

In May, the Director of the China Institute, **Gordon Houlden** visited China studies centres at Harvard, the National Chengchi University in Taipei, and met with a number of University of Alberta partners in Shanghai and Beijing, including the China Foreign Affairs University. Mr. Houlden also visited the National Institute of China Studies at the University of Leeds, the London School of Asian and African Studies, and discussed the coordination of China Studies at a meeting of the World University Network in London.

Dr. Wenran Jiang, Mactaggart Research Chair gave keynote speeches on the issues of oil and food safety related to China at conferences in Canada and the US.

The East Asian Studies Graduate Student Group recently held a video lecture by Dr. Jerry Schmidt from the University of British Columbia on: "China's First Permanent Embassy to the West Visits Brighton: Guo Songtao, Li Shuchang, and James Lloyd Ashbury, a Historical and Literary Study". The China Institute was pleased to sponsor the event. Another colloquium will be held in the Fall.

School of Business student, **Mr. Peter Smith**, is currently in Beijing on an 8 month Co-op placement with the China National Petroleum Corporation – Alberta Petroleum Centre. He is assisting with the facilitation of trade and technology exchange between the biggest partners in energy transmission, as well as assisting in the organization of a Canadian delegation to attend the China International Petroleum & Petrochemical Technology and Equipment Exhibition 2009 – the biggest petroleum exhibition in China.

Dr. Lihong Yang, Assistant Registrar (International Admissions & Prospective Students Management) and **Ms. Melissa Casey**, International Advisor at the Faculty of Arts delivered Pre-Departure Orientation Sessions to high school graduates in China. They travelled to 5 cities and visited 7 schools, meeting about 600 students who have already been conditionally admitted to the University of Alberta this fall.

Recruitment Coordinator (Asia), **Mr. Jinjia Xu**, from University of Alberta International was in China recently promoting the University of Alberta. He visited 10 different cities, attended 3 public fairs and delivered presentation to 17 high schools.

On a grant from the China Institute, **Dr. Patricia Rempel**, Coumts Library, travelled to Beijing to present a paper on information seeking and sense making at the International Conference on the Development of Subject Librarianship and Personal Librarianship, and for staff of Beijing Normal University Library. Dr. Rempel also spent one week at Guangdong University of Foreign Studies where she explored collaborative research and teaching opportunities and presented a class on educational technology to senior education undergraduate students.

Points of Interest

- Congratulations to Professor **Mike Belosevic** from the Department of Biological Sciences who has just been appointed as Guest Professor at Zhejiang University for a 3 year term. Dr. Belosevic will spend 1 week per year at Zhejiang to present research lectures to their graduate students in the Faculty of Agriculture (Animal Science) as well as in the Faculty of Environmental Sciences.
- The China Institute sponsored 15 awards that were presented to students at the 1st Annual Scholarship Award Ceremony hosted by the **Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Education Association**. Junior and Senior High students who excelled in Mandarin, as well as achieving 80% in English, Math, Social Studies and Science were eligible for the awards
- **Mr. Simin Yu**, Research Associate with the China Institute will convocate this June from the Faculty of Law. Mr. Yu has worked with the China Institute since 2005 and has contributed greatly to the administration of the Institute. We would like to wish him the best as he begins his new career.

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The Faculty of Arts, as part of an exchange agreement signed last year with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), and from a 3-year grant from the China Institute, will be sending the following for research studies at CASS during this summer and fall on various research topics:

- **Professor Jean DeBernardi**, Department of Anthropology, "One the Fujian Tea Trade: An Ethnographic Study of Commerce and Culture"
- **Assistant Professor Daniel Fried**, Department of East Asian Studies, "Way Beyond Critique: Zhuangi, Paratactic Reading, and the Dao of Theory"
- **Graduate Student, Jonathan Henshaw**, History and Classics, "Captor and Captive: A Study of the Weihsien Internment Camp (1943-1945)"
- **Associate Professor, Yingfeng Xu**, Economics, "Towards a Developing Country's Perspective on Reforming International Financial Order"

Professor Guowen Song, Assistant Professor with the Department of Human Ecology and 4 graduate students traveled to Shanghai on grants from the China institute to attend the "Fiber Society's International Spring 2009" conference. The oral presentations by the students promoted the work of the Department of Human Ecology in the area of fibers and textiles.

An International Symposium jointly organized by the **Faculty of Education** and the School of Education Science, East China Normal University will be held on the UofA campus August 17-19, 2009. This symposium will bring together scholars from the UofA, and more than 20 Chinese academics from key post-secondary institutions in an exchange of ideas on current issues and developments in contemporary educational research.

Student **Shengxi Jin** in the **Faculty of Engineering** recently returned from a China Institute supported trip to Shanghai to attend the SNEC Photovoltaic Expo in Shanghai to gain insight into solar technology that is used extensively in China, and how that can be incorporated into the Alberta market.

The **Faculty of Agriculture, Life and Environmental Sciences** has initiated the International (China) Student Preparedness Program", with support from the China Institute, for students at Inner Mongolia Agricultural University that will be coming to the University of Alberta on the Joint 2+2 program. **Jocelyn Howery** traveled to Hohhut to teach a course in communications to help the students with their analytical, writing and research skills.

Graduate student in **Educational Policy Studies, Jie Zheng** traveled on a China Institute grant to Beijing to attend the 7th International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities. Her research area is globalization and education, cultural studies in Education.

Points of Interest

- Congratulations to the **Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Education Association** for being inducted into the City of Edmonton's Salute to Excellence Hall of Fame with an Award of Distinction. ECBEA started the Chinese (Mandarin) Bilingual Program in Edmonton 27 years ago and is now offered at 12 Edmonton Public Schools with an enrollment of nearly 2000 students from kindergarten to grade 12.
- Chinese Ambassador to Canada, **His Excellency LAN Lijun** recently traveled to Alberta on his first official visit to Edmonton since being appointed Ambassador to Canada in 2008.
- Medical Students **Jennifer Shi, Rene Lee and Roberta Crossman** are spending time this summer at Shantou University Medical College (SUMC) as part of the exchange program between the University of Alberta and SUMC. Two student electives are now offered at SUMC for students to learn about traditional Chinese medicine, as well as participating in treating patients in rural healthcare clinics in various locations in rural China.

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More than 100 students from the China Foreign Affairs University (CFAU) will arrive at the University of Alberta in late August. These students will begin studying for their undergraduate degrees in the **Faculty of Arts**. The Faculty of Arts has had an International Partnership Program with CFAU since 2006 and has welcomed more than 200 students for studies at the University of Alberta since that time.

Professor Chris Le, Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology, recently hosted at the University of Alberta, Professor Wenping Liang, Executive Deputy Director, Department of Chemical Sciences with the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC). The NSFC supports discovery research, major initiatives and international collaborations. During the 2008 grant panel meeting, the NSFC Department of Chemical Sciences awarded grants to 1600 projects for a total of \$520 million RMB.

In cooperation with the University of Calgary, and a grant from the China Institute, Human Ecology student **Jennifer Rutherford** travelled to Shantou University to take part in the 2009 Global Leadership and Innovation Program. The program fosters intercultural communication and leadership skills in an experiential and in-situ environment in China. The course this year focused on the media developments in China and the impacts on culture, economics and society.

Professor Zonghua Wang, the incoming Vice President International at Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University (FAFU) recently visit the **Faculty of Agriculture, Life and Environmental Sciences**. FAFU is very keen to collaborate with ALES in the areas of graduate mobility, joint research, and student programs. There are approximately FAFU 10 graduate students already studying in ALES. FAFU is a comprehensive university with around 40,000 students and more than 62 undergraduate programs and 42 PhD programs.

Department of Anthropology **Professor Jean DeBernardi** recently attended the Fifth International Daoist Studies Conference in Wudangshan, Hubei, on a grant from the China Institute. She presented a paper on the theme of "Wudang Mountain and the Modernization of Daoism", and the panel explored ways in which modern Daoism contributes to cosmopolitan, civilizational and diasporic cultural projects.

Five professors from the University of Alberta, **Zhenghe Xu**, and, **Hasan Uludag**, both from the Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering, **Stephane Evoy**, from the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, **Lingyun Chen**, from the Department of Agricultural Food and Nutritional Science, and **James Xing** from the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology, will participate in the Alberta-Shanghai Collaboration Nanotechnology workshop in Shanghai next month. The workshop is being hosted by Alberta Advanced Education and Technology and the Shanghai Nanotechnology Promotion Center.

Points of Interest

- **President Indira Samarasekera** will travel to Dalian to attend the World Economic Forum this September. This forum will be attended by policy-makers from G20 economies and major emerging markets.
- A big thank you to **Joe So**, Managing Director at the Alberta Government Office in Hong Kong. Mr. So has been of tremendous help to many members of the University of Alberta team, as well as to the University of Alberta Hong Kong Alumni Association during his five years in Hong Kong. We wish him every success in the future.
- **The University of Alberta Hong Kong Alumni Association** will be celebrating their 30th Anniversary this year. A dinner to recognize this milestone will take place in Hong Kong on November 7th.
- The China Institute welcomes PhD student, **Bao Yu** to Edmonton. Mr. Bao will also work part-time with the China Institute while he completes his studies in Political Science. Mr. Bao has worked with the China National School of Administration in Beijing, a partner institution of the University of Alberta.

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Dr. Wenran Jiang, Mactaggart Research Chair of the China Institute, has been awarded a Public Policy Scholar award by the Woodrow Wilson International Centre for Scholars (WWC) in Washington D.C. The WWC is one of the most prestigious public policy research institutions in the United States. Dr. Jiang will be affiliated with WWC's Canada Institute and the China Environment Forum while taking residence in the US capital city this fall. He will undertake research on Canada-China-US relations, give a number of lectures and complete the book manuscript on Energy Security and Chinese Foreign Policy.

On a visiting scholar grant from the China Institute, **Ms. Jing (Joyce) Zhang** will be the first **Writer-in-Residence with the Department of East Asian Studies**. Ms. Zhang, writing under the pen name Xiao Yi, is one of China's most prominent young novelists, and has generated critical acclaim, and controversy, for the treatment of such topics as female sexuality and domestic violence in her novels. While here she will be collecting materials for translation and working on her own writing, as well as working with the department's graduate students, and delivering two public lectures.

Professor Gordon Walker, Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation, was invited to teach two courses—Culture and Leisure Behaviour and Culture and Leisure Education—by Shanghai University of Sport (SUS) this Spring. While in China he also made a presentation entitled "*A Canadian Professor's Perspective of Chinese People's Leisure*" to faculty and students at SUS and at Zhejiang University. Finally, Dr. Walker, with assistance from his doctoral student, Haidong Liang, collected information on Chinese people's leisure as part of his 2008-2009 McCalla Professorship.

The Spoken Discourse Research Studio at the University of Alberta, with **Professor Yoshi Ono** as Director, hosted a cross-linguistic workshop at the University of Alberta, inviting presenters from Asia, Europe, and North America. The event was funded by SSHRC, the University of Alberta, the Faculty of Arts, the China Institute, the Department of East Asian Studies, and the Spoken Discourse Research Studio and brought together key figures in the study of the dynamics of conversation, incorporating insights from a wide variety of languages.

On a travel grant from the China Institute, Masters' student, **Ryan Holroyd**, participated in the UofA-Nanjing Summer Exchange program with 10 other UofA students. They were immersed in Chinese language and culture for a six-week period at Nanjing University.

Professor of Oncology with the Cross Cancer Institute, **Naresh Jha**, hosted visiting scholar, **Dr. Xue Kue Liu** from the Guangzhou Cancer Center on a grant from the China Institute. Dr. Liu spent time learning new surgical procedures and discussed various research collaboration projects.

Points of Interest

- The China Institute, in partnership with LitFest, Edmonton's Literary Festival will be presenting readings by 2 authors, **Sheng Xue** and **Denise Chong**, on Thursday October 8th at 7:00 p.m. For more information, visit our website or contact: Monica Barclay at 780-492-3131.
- A new graduate scholarship will be awarded this year. **The China Institute-China Scholarship Council – University of Alberta Doctoral Research Prize** of \$10,000 each will be awarded to up to 6 graduate students that are recommended to the University of Alberta under either the CSC-UofA MoU, or by one of the Chinese partner universities under a formal MoU with the UofA.
- Did you know that the **University of Alberta Alumni Association** offers education and travel tours to China? For more information about upcoming trips, please see their website at: <http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/alumnieducation>
- The National Day of the PRC is celebrated every year on October 1st. The PRC was founded on October 1, 1949 with a ceremony in Tiananmen Square, 60 years ago.

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The Faculty of Arts, in cooperation with Peking University, will host the Colloquium: East Reads West Reads East: Cross Cultural Literary Studies in the 21st Century in Beijing October 23-25, 2009. This colloquium brings together members of two of the leading Comparative Literature programs in North America and Asia respectively, and serves as a rare opportunity for Comparative Literature doctoral students to participate in a high caliber international research event. Presenters from the Uof A include: **Professors Jonathan Hart, Jerry Varsava, Massimo Verdicchio, Assistant Professor Daniel Fried, PhD Students Yang Min and Zheng Cai, and PhD Candidate Uzma Qazi.**

A delegation from the **China Foreign Affairs University (CFAU)**, including the President, Ambassador ZHAO Jinjun will visit the University of Alberta on October 13th. They will be exploring the possibility of future cooperation with University of Alberta, especially with China Institute, the Faculty of Arts, as well as the Faculty of Extension. They will also meet some of the International Partnership Program students. The University of Alberta has had an agreement in place with CFAU since 2003, which includes a Summer Study Abroad Program.

Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology, **Takahiko Masuda** was invited by Beijing Normal University to talk to graduate students on Social Psychology of Cultural Comparison. Dr. Masuda traveled to Beijing on a grant from the China Institute.

Professor David Zhu in the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering traveled to Zhejiang University and Shanghai Jiao Tong University on a China Institute grant to collaborate on research projects, as well as promote the University of Alberta to a number of graduate students

The Centre for International Business in the School of Business is hosting a cohort of 11 senior PRC Ministry of Finance officials for a 5 month "English and Business Essentials" program. As well, training programs for 15 government officials from Hunan, 11 from Yunnan and 25 officials from Chongqing will run in September and October. The School of Business will also host a delegation of senior civil servants with the China National School of Administration (CNSA) this October. **Dean Michael Percy** recently renewed the partnership between CNSA and the University of Alberta for another 3 years. The School of Business has provided a training program for CNSA since 2002.

Two visiting scholars from the **Chinese Academy of Social Sciences** are at the University of Alberta on a grant from the China Institute and a Memorandum of Agreement with the **Faculty of Arts**. **Qingyong Zhang** is a doctoral student of Economics at CASS in the Institute of Finance and Banking. **Dr. Guo Jinglong** is a CASS professor in the Institute of Finance and Banking. Both visitors are being hosted by the Department of Economics and Professor Yingfeng Xu.

Points of Interest

- Welcome to **Jingjing Zheng** who is the new Administrative Assistant with the China Institute. Jingjing is completing her Master of Arts, in History of Art, Design and Visual Culture at the University of Alberta.
- **The University of Alberta Hong Kong Alumni Association** will hold a special dinner on November 7th to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the branch. They are expecting more than 120+ to attend the event. There are more than 1200+ University of Alberta alumni living in Hong Kong and they are one of the most active international branches.
- Congratulations to **PhD student in Art History and Sociology, Marie Leduc** who won a Canada-China Scholars' Exchange scholarship to study and conduct research at the China Art Academy in Hangzhou.
- The China Institute will be hosting a "**China Blitz Week**" from November 23-27. These noon hour sessions will interest students and faculty about China related programs and opportunities. More information will be posted on our website soon.

Do you have any interesting news items or stories to share related to your activities in China?

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China Related Activities

On his second mission to China, **the Provost and Vice-President Academic, Carl Amrhein**, visited Hong Kong, Shantou, Hangzhou and Shanghai. He was able to meet senior alumni in Hong Kong, as well as strengthen the relationship between the University of Alberta and Shantou University, especially with the Medical College where we have had an agreement since 2007. It was also an opportunity to celebrate our 10th anniversary of collaboration with Zhejiang University. **Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, Phil Baker, and Vice Dean (Education), Fraser Brenneis**, along with **Dean of Graduate Studies, Mazi Shirvani**, also joined in on the mission and highlighted the strengths and opportunities within each of their faculties.

The Second Canada-China Symposium on Analytical Chemistry for Life Sciences was held in Beijing from October 14-17. **Professor Chris Le** from the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology organized this bilateral conference, with the first one being held at the University of Alberta in 2007. On a grant from the China Institute, 15 faculty members, graduate students and staff attended the conference which was also supported by the National Natural Science Foundation of China, Beijing University and the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology.

On grants from the China Institute, **Assistant Professor Guowen Song**, Department of Human Ecology, and four students attended the Fiber Society's 2009 Conference hosted by Donghua University in China. Each of the students presented their research in the textile fields in different conference sessions and helped raise the awareness of the University of Alberta and the Faculty of Agricultural Life and Environmental Sciences.

Congratulations to **Professor David Geoffrey Smith** from the Faculty of Education who has been appointed as a Guest Professor of the Southwest University of Finance and Economics (SUFE), in Chengdu, Sichuan Province. He will serve as an ongoing advisor to the Centre for Globalization and Translations Studies at that institution.

Student recruiter, **Jinjia Xu**, with University of Alberta International will have 2 trips to China this fall focused on student recruitment. Last year the University of Alberta received 1183 undergraduate and graduate students from China.

Director of International Programs in the Faculty of Agricultural Life and Environmental Science, **Renny Khan**, visited Beijing, Tianjin, Hohhot, Lin'an and Fuzhou to meet with partners on their joint student programs, and to identify new opportunities for international undergraduate recruitment. The meeting with China Agricultural University was of particular interest as this is China's leading higher education institution in the fields of agricultural, life, and environmental sciences.

Points of Interest

- The China Institute will support the **5th Annual Canada-China Energy & Environment Forum** in Calgary on November 20th. This year's conference will address the new developments in bilateral energy relations in the past year by gathering a small group of senior business executives, government officials and academics from both countries.
- **Professor Chris Le** was invited by the Chinese Academy of Sciences as an overseas scientist to participate in the 60th National Day celebration in China – a great honor for him to represent the University of Alberta, and Canada at this special event.
- **Joyce Zhang**, Visiting Writer in the Department of East Asian Studies will give a public lecture on November 18th at 3:30 p.m. in Room 358 Pembina Hall. Her topic is: "Sunshine: The Story of a Chinese Foster Home".

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Director of the China Institute, **Gordon Houlden**, was an invited panelist at a conference in Ottawa hosted by the Canadian Intelligence Service titled "China and it's New Place in the World". He also participated in the Canada-China Education Partnership Forum in Toronto that was hosted by the Canadian Bureau of International Education. The Forum was attended by His Excellency Lan Lijun Chinese Ambassador to Canada, as well as Peter Harder, President of the Canada-China Business Council.

After much success working with Anhui Medical University, **Dr. Nicola Cherry**, Professor in Public Health Sciences, recently received another 3 year grant from the Lupina Foundation, as well as a grant from the China Institute for her research on the impact of a pilot cooperative medical scheme on the use of health care by young girls and older women in rural China. The next phase of her project will use diabetes as the focus for an evaluation of the functioning of the chronic disease provision of the new cooperative medical system and to identify barriers to the uptake of this provision.

Diana Mager, Assistant Professor in Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Science was invited by You Ann Hospital, Beijing Children's Hospital and Capital Medical University to give a series of lectures on clinical nutrition in liver disease, intentional failure and clinical nutrition.

The Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine will welcome a delegation of 14 people from China who are interested in designs and assistive technologies for people with disabilities. Their visit is being funded by CIDA.

A delegation from the **Harbin Institute of Technology**, led by Vice President REN Nanqi will visit the University of Alberta in December. The University of Alberta and Harbin Institute of Technology are looking at potential areas of collaboration between the two institutions. Harbin is also twinned with the City of Edmonton.

The Office of the Registrar, represented by **Dr. Lihong Yang**, and the Faculty of Science, represented by **Dr. Hao Wang** will participate in the PhD Workshop China 2009 this December in Beijing organized by the Canadian Embassy. They will do presentations and have one-on-one sessions with potential students. As of December 1, 2009, the University of Alberta has 332 Doctoral students from China that registered for Fall 2009.

Professor Catherine Chan in the Department of Physiology recently traveled to Hangzhou on a China Institute grant. Dr. Chan met with colleagues in Zhejiang at the 2nd Affiliated Hospital and Zhejiang University City College. They are working on a Chinese-funded collaborative project to finalize the protocols of a clinical trial involving a specific rice cultivar in the diet of Chinese diabetic patients.

Points of Interest

- The China Institute, the Alberta Institute for American Studies, and the School of Energy and Environment will host a conference on: **Trade and Investment in Energy and the Environment – Canada-China-US** on April 20-21, 2010. Watch our website for more information and for registration.
- The China Institute has a limited number of free copies of "**China Beckons – An Insight to the Culture and National Language**", and the sequel "What if China Beckons" by Clifford H. Phillips and published by the University of Alberta Press. The books are designed to instruct business travelers, tourists and professionals who wish to associate socially or in a business situation with Chinese they meet during their trips. Please contact Jingjing Zheng (phone: 492-1263, or by e-mail at: jingjing.zheng@ualberta.ca for your copy.
- From all of the staff at the China Institute – we wish you the best for this holiday season!

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