

# IRO Newsletter

## Summer 2022

The latest updates from the University of Bath and its international activity



### Latest News

#### Kazakhstan Bolashaq International Visiting Scholars Research Programme 2022

The University of Bath has welcomed six visiting scholars from Kazakhstan participating in a 10-month programme tailor-made to develop their leadership and management skills. The programme was funded by the Government of Kazakhstan through the Centre for International Programmes. The Bolashaq International Scholarship was established to educate talented Kazakh students at the best universities in the world through Masters and PhD scholarships and internships.



The Leadership in Higher Education Management (LHEM) Programme is structured in response to the need to prepare successful leaders in higher education in Kazakhstan. It aims to increase the competitiveness of the Kazakhstan higher education system in the face of global challenges and labour market requirements, which could potentially contribute to the socio-economic and scientific-technical development of the country.

[Read more about our partnership with Kazakhstan](#)

#### University of Bath welcomes Global Chair Professor Alberto Minetti to campus this September

The university is excited to welcome visiting Global Chair Professor Alberto Minetti for his first in-person visit from 3rd to 9th September 2022. Professor Minetti was appointed as a Global Chair in 2020/2021. He is a Distinguished Professor of Physiology in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Milan, and an internationally renowned scholar in human locomotion.



Hosted by Dr Dario Caszola in the Department for Health, Professor Minetti's visit provides a unique opportunity to strengthen our institutional connection with a leading European university, including new mobility opportunities for our doctoral and postdoctoral researchers.

[Find out more about our Global Chair Scheme](#)

#### University of Bath twinned with Ukraine University

As part of the UK-Ukraine Twinning Initiative, led by the Cormack Consultancy Group with support from Universities UK International (UUKI), the University of Bath has been twinned with Luhansk State Shcherbinka National University, initially to respond to immediate humanitarian needs that will support the Ukrainian institution to continue with their research and education operations.

71 partnerships between UK and Ukrainian universities are now in place with eight more nearing formal agreement, facilitating the sharing of resources and support in a collective gesture of solidarity and reciprocity to help Ukrainian institutions, staff and students.



[Read more about UK and Ukrainian university partnerships](#)

#### Magnificent 33 medal haul for University of Bath associated athletes at the 2022 Commonwealth Games

History-making athletes who train, study or studied at the University of Bath finished the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games with a fantastic 33 medals between them—seven gold, 17 silver and nine bronze.



The medals came across three different sports – a first-ever athletics medal for Guernsey from Sports Performance alumnus Alastair Chalmers, two brilliant Judo medals for Team Bath's Rhys Thompson and Sports & Exercise Science alumna Gemma Howell, and an incredible 30-medal haul in the Sandwell Aquatics Centre, 25 of them for British Swimming Performance Centre Bath athletes coached by David McNulty.

[Read more about our students success at the Commonwealth Games](#)

### Events

#### British Council GREAT lecture: Energy harvesting and new sensors – what the future holds

Featuring Prof. Chris Rowan, Associate Dean (Research), Faculty of Engineering and Design, University of Bath

Thursday 25 August 2022 - 10:00 BST (17:00 SGT)

[Find out more and register for the GREAT lecture](#)

#### Human and Animal Locomotion, on Earth and Beyond

A talk by internationally renowned scholar in human locomotion, Professor Alberto Minetti, Distinguished Professor at the University of Milan and our visiting 2020/21 Global Chair this Autumn.

Wednesday 7th September 2022 - 18:30 BST

Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution,  
16-18 Queen Square, Bath, BA1 2HN

[Find out more and register for Prof. Minetti's lecture](#)

### More News

#### Covid vaccine pioneer Dame Professor Sarah Gilbert receives honorary degree

The University of Bath honoured the life-saving work of vaccinologist Professor Dame Sarah Gilbert, at a graduation ceremony at Bath Abbey on 15 July. Professor Gilbert co-developed the Oxford AstraZeneca covid vaccine which was one of the first vaccines available for use in the UK and around the world during the Covid pandemic, credited with saving a million lives. More than two billion doses have been distributed to at least 170 countries.



"Dame Sarah Gilbert gave us hope during one of the darkest winters, and her work on developing a Covid-19 vaccine is now saving millions of lives worldwide," said Dr Astel Sarbeeva, researcher in Chemistry at the University of Bath, who is herself carrying out ground-breaking work on vaccine technology and who gave the oration at the ceremony. "The story of the development of the vaccine is remarkable and Dame Sarah and her group at the University of Oxford worked round the clock to give hope to humanity. Being a successful scientist and mother of three, Professor Gilbert is also an inspiration to many girls and young women in Science."

[Read more about Dame Professor Sarah Gilbert](#)

#### Bath retains 1st place in England in NSS 2022 when comparing Guardian University Guide institutions

Overall student satisfaction is 10% above the national average, with Bath 1st in England & 3rd in the UK when comparing Guardian University Guide institutions. University of Bath students recorded overall satisfaction of 86.31%, well above the UK average of 76.29% from all UK HE institutions taking part in the 2022 National Student Survey (NSS) and a 0.25% increase on last year's score.

Professor Ian White, Vice-Chancellor and President, said: "For Bath to be ranked so highly on the basis of feedback from our students is very humbling indeed. Our community is deeply proud of the high quality of the education and experience we provide for our students, and the excellent employability outcomes of our graduates."

[Read more about our NSS results](#)

### Student & Staff Stories



Naomi Farrington, International Relations Coordinator for the School of Management, writes about her staff mobility experience in Valladolid, Spain.

[Read Naomi's blog here](#)

#### Go Abroad Bursary Scheme student feedback

Our Go Abroad Bursary Scheme provides financial support for students who may ordinarily have barriers to studying abroad to attend a summer school at a partner university internationally. Here's what two of our students had to say following their time abroad this summer.

##### Summer programme at the University of Strasbourg

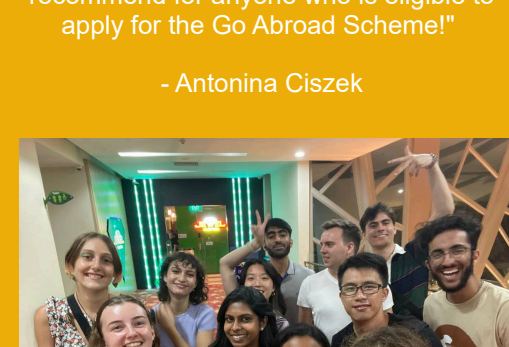
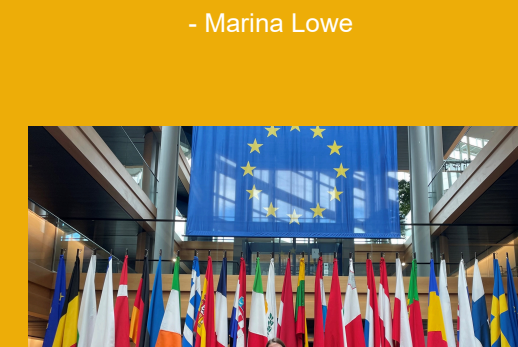
"Being able to attend the Business in Europe summer school at EM Strasbourg was an incredible experience I will never forget. Attending lectures on the history of the region and the EU, as well as business logistics and marketing, which were taught by lecturers from all over the globe, as well as spending five weeks with other open-minded students from all over the world, was so interesting and has given me a new understanding to working in multi-cultural teams, and simply communicating with others, and has given me different perspectives and knowledge I will forever use and cherish. It was an amazing time which I'm so grateful to have had, and hope others will also be able to make the most of similar experiences."

- Marina Lowe

##### Summer programme at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

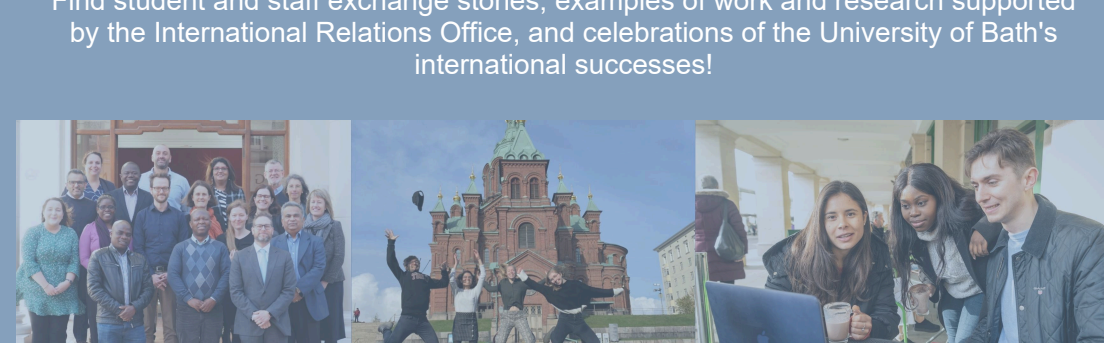
"Spending a summer in Singapore was something that I never expected to be able to do, but it turned out to be an opportunity of a lifetime! The vast number of courses available within the Summer Programme meant that I was able to study Social Marketing, which not only is an area that I have an interest in but is also currently not taught within the UK. In addition to this, I have been able to make connections with students from all around the world. This has been a highlight of the experience as everyone has been incredibly friendly, and I have learnt a lot about cultures that I have not been exposed to previously. Getting the opportunity to explore Singapore in depth with my new friends is something that I will always remember. I would highly recommend for anyone who is eligible to apply for the Go Abroad Scheme!"

- Antonina Cizek



#### The International Relations Office Blog

Find student and staff exchange stories, examples of work and research supported by the International Relations Office, and celebrations of the University of Bath's international successes!



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#### Want to visit us?

If you are an international delegate and would like to visit the University of Bath, please fill out our request form below. The International Relations Office will attempt to accommodate all visit requests from international partners, Higher Education institutions, and other organisations in the public, private or third sector.

[International Delegation Visit Request form](#)

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