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southern Brazil. The proposal was submitted to CIDA, and the five-year, \$650,000 STTP was born.

By the time the STTP received funding, the pilot project that was already underway in Santa Catarina was in danger of collapse. "The students and technicians, who earned almost nothing at that time, were passing around the hat to get enough money to buy nutrients to grow algae," says Patricia Summers, program manager for the STTP. The fledgling hatchery, established on a shoestring budget, was in danger of being closed.

The STTP helped with the design of a new oyster hatchery, and also provided specialized equipment and

advanced training to both lab personnel and faculty at the Brazilian University. The STTP also developed extension training for fishers, which enabled them to begin farming oysters.

At the beginning of the STTP, there was only one producer of oysters in the state of Santa Catarina. By the end of the project, five years later, there were 700 families and small co-operatives farming this shellfish.

Fishermen, however, are not the only ones who have benefited from the STTP. There are also a number of spin-off industries that developed as a result of the growth in shellfish farms. In addition to the firms which produce lanterns, nets, lines, and

## UVic Project in Brazil Wins CIDA Award of Excellence

A partnership between the University of Victoria and the Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina in Brazil that began in 1993 culminated in the receipt of a 2002 CIDA Award of Excellence on June 6, 2002.

The Shellfish Technology Transfer Program (STTP) was first conceived in 1989 when UVic's Dr. Jack Littlepage visited Brazil on another CIDA project. Dr. Carlos Poli, a faculty member at the University of Santa Catarina in Brazil, was attempting to establish a local shellfish industry, and had started by converting a fisherman's dwelling into a makeshift oyster hatchery. The possibilities inherent in this situation intrigued Dr. Littlepage. Upon returning to Canada he developed a proposal with Dr. Poli and Mr. Thomas Broadley, of IEC Collaborative Marine Research Ltd. to assist the shellfish industry in



**Susan Whelan, Minister for International Cooperation, presents the Award to the University of Victoria and its partner, Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina. From left to right: Minister Susan Whelan, Dr. Jack Littlepage, Program Director, University of Victoria, Dr. Carlos Poli, Program Director, Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, and Mr. Charles Bassett, Senior Vice President of CIDA. (Photo courtesy of CIDA)**

floats needed for the actual farming, there has been growth in processing, marketing and public health industries. Tourism has been positively affected as well. Aside from a number of new seafood restaurants, there is an innovative annual festival in Florianopolis.

"It's my favorite thing," says Dr. Littlepage. "When shellfish production started to be a major industry there, they created a four-day party, 'FenaOstra', literally 'the party of the oyster'. It brings in hundreds of thousands of people." All of these additions to the local economy return millions of dollars annually.

Dr. Littlepage suggested many reasons why the project was presented with this prestigious award, but one reason stands out. "Probably the most important reason was that it's sustainable. The program actually grew faster after we left than it did in the first five years, when we were getting it started," says Littlepage. "They were tangible results as well. The quantifiable nature of the results made it very easy to demonstrate the impacts of the program," adds Patricia Summers.



**Left to right: The "Oyster Prince", along with Dr. Carlos Poli, Patricia Summers, Dr. Jack Littlepage, and on the right the "Oyster Princess" at FenaOstra in Florianopolis, Brazil.**

UVic's work in Brazil did not end with the completion of the STTP in 1998. A more recent project, the Brazilian Mariculture Linkage Project, is now nearing completion in partnership with Memorial University, Malaspina University-College, and five federal universities in Brazil. This project is attempting to replicate the successes of the STTP in some of the poorer northern Brazilian states.

*The CIDA Awards of Excellence were established in collaboration with the Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC) and the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) in order to acknowledge the leadership, innovation and achievement of Canada's educational institutions and their developing country partners.*



## VISITORS

### BC/Yukon Summer Institute

The BC-Yukon Summer Research Institute took place in July 2002 in British Columbia and the Yukon. It was designed to mirror the successful Alberta Summer Research Institute of July 2001.

The Summer Research Institute is an initiative of the Canadian Consulate General in Seattle, operating under the acronym PNWCSC (Pacific

Northwest Canadian Studies Consortium). Polls and focus groups in the US consistently show that Americans know little about their neighbour to the North. The Institute promotes understanding of and knowledge about Canada by giving American academics from universities in Alaska, Washington, Oregon and Idaho an opportunity to learn more about Canada *in situ*. The academics chosen were those teaching courses with some Canadian content, or who have organized Canadian Studies Programs at their respective institutions.

A ten-day tour to BC and the Yukon was organized to familiarize this year's participants with everything from aquaculture to circumpolar issues to timber harvesting. The group's first stop at a post-secondary institution was the University of Victoria, where they had the chance to benefit from a morning of lectures on such diverse topics as BC Treaty Negotiations, Canadian Foreign Policy, Canadian and American Social Values, and Victoria as a British Columbia Cultural Landscape.

Led by the Consulate's Political,

Economic & Academic Officer, Mr. Kevin Cook, the academics then continued their tour with visits to the BC Government, the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Yukon College, University of the Arctic, and, finally, the Yukon Government.

**Dr. Anthony Welch, Executive Director of the OIA, with the participants of the BC/Yukon Summer Institute.**



**Université de la Méditerranée**

On May 3, 2002, the OIA welcomed four representatives from the Université de la Méditerranée at UVic. This French University specializes in the medical sciences, and has campuses in Marseille, Aix-en-Provence, Gap and La Ciotat. Our visitors were looking for

collaborations with suitable academic programs at universities in Western Canada, especially in the areas of kinesiology, sport sciences, occupational medicine, development physiology, and biomedical sciences.

After a morning meeting with UVic representatives involved in Health Research Initiatives, Dr. Geri van Gyn from UVic's Department of Physical Education accompanied the delegation to the Queen Alexandra Centre for Children and Youth for a tour of the Human Movement Lab.

The Université de la Méditerranée already has extensive ties with institutions in Québec, as well as with two Ontario-based universities. The foreign institution is looking for partners to participate in the "European School of Movement" venture.

The Université de la Méditerranée has a strong research orientation, with over half of its 22,000 students studying at the graduate or postgraduate level. About 10 percent of the student population is currently comprised of international students, the majority of whom come from other European countries.



## CANADA PASSES NEW IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE PROTECTION ACT

Canada's new Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IRPA) and Regulations came into effect on 28 June 2002. There are several changes which will help to make Canada a more attractive destination for international students and place Canada on a more competitive footing vis-à-vis other countries.

### \* What has changed?

Under the old Act, students were allowed to come to Canada for up to three months without a student authorization if they were undertaking short-term ESL or FSL programs. Under the new Act, students can come to Canada for up to six months without having to attain a student permit (student authorizations are now called student permits). They may also pursue any study program they wish.

However, while students will not require a student permit for up to six months under the new Act, many will still be required to obtain a temporary resident visa (formerly called a visitor visa). This has not changed under the new Act. Students wishing to determine whether they need a temporary resident visa can find this information at:  
[www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.html](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.html).

Individuals coming to Canada for short-term study (for which a student permit is not required) may wish to apply for a student permit in any case, especially if they have any intention of undertaking further study after the six-month exemption period. The reason for this is that it is not possible to change from temporary resident status to student permit status from within Canada: instead, the application for change must be

made outside of Canada. This can be done in the student's home country or at the Canadian Consulate General in Seattle.

However, in the latter situation, there may be a need for an interview in the USA and the student may have to obtain a USA visa to visit the Consulate General for the interview. This can sometimes be complicated.

Citizenship and Immigration Canada

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More information on student permits is available on the Citizenship and Immigration website at:  
[www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/index.html](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/index.html).

### \* What else is being examined?

#### OFF-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT

A Working Group has been formed from the Advisory Committee on International Students and Immigration (ACISI) to examine the issue of off-campus employment for international students. The Working Group has completed its review and

its recommendations are now being assessed by Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

The main features of the Working Group's recommendations are that international students be allowed to take off-campus employment for up to 20 hours per week during the academic semester and full time during holiday periods, if they:

- are attending post-secondary institutions authorized by provincial governments to confer degrees, diplomas, certificates;
- have already completed one full academic year (two semesters); and
- are taking a full program and are in good academic standing.

It is not yet clear when this new provision might come into effect.

## CHANGE OF STATUS

Under the new IRPA, it is still not possible for someone entering Canada on a temporary resident visa to change their status from within Canada to obtain a student permit. However, CIC has advised that the Department is prepared to look at this situation in due course, and it will likely be on the November 2002 ACISI agenda.

## PROJECTS

### Building Capacity to Manage Aquaculture in Thailand

In the past three decades, Thailand has undergone rapid changes, with remarkable economic growth and transformation. This speedy development has included a massive shift in the ways aquaculture is practiced in the country.

Coastal inhabitants in Thailand have been practicing aquaculture on a subsistence basis for hundreds of years, but the continuing decline of wild stocks and a growing international demand for seafood has led to an explosive expansion in Thailand's coastal aquaculture.

The largely unchecked nature of this development means that currently there is no concrete way of managing the industry to limit negative environmental and social impacts.

"Building Capacity to Manage Aquaculture in Thailand", a project funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and



**Dr. Mark Flaherty and an oyster vendor in Ang Sila, Thailand.**

directed by Dr. Mark Flaherty of the Department of Geography at UVic, seeks to remedy this problem. The project received a \$750,000 Tier 2 grant from the University Partnerships in Cooperation and Development Program, which is administered by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) on behalf of CIDA.

Dr. Flaherty is undertaking the project in partnership with Dr. Kashane Chalermwert, the head of Aquatic Sciences at Burapha University in Thailand. A large part of the program consists of providing staff at Burapha University with the expertise and information needed to manage aquaculture. To this end, two faculty members in the department of Aquatic Sciences in Burapha are completing their PhDs in Geography at UVic. This will enhance their ability to teach in the new Master of Science (MSc) program in tropical aquaculture management that is being developed

at Burapha as part of the project. The MSc program will be designated as international, which means that the language of instruction will be English, and that registrants are expected from other countries in the region.

Managing the aquaculture industry in Thailand from a policy maker's point of view requires a wide variety of information. This includes the numbers, size, and types of operations that exist, site suitability, and the economic and social impacts of development. Once the relevant government agencies have obtained these data, they can begin to formulate policies surrounding the aquaculture industry.

The project makes extensive use of geomatics (Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems, or GIS) for data collection and display. The Department of Aquatic Sciences at Burapha has been upgraded with a

new geomatics laboratory similar to the one at UVic. This will allow for future training of both MSc candidates and undergraduates, as well as make it possible for Burapha's faculty to do more related research. Radar satellite images (RADARSAT), which were procured with funding from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, are being used to support the training program.

There are other aspects to this large project besides geomatics. These include community outreach and extension training, including workshops on sustainable aquaculture practices for local producers. The project will also eventually look at the role of women in aquaculture, identifying their needs, and integrating gender concerns into environmental management. However, the

immediate project focus is on establishing the new tropical aquaculture program at Burapha University.

Dr. Flaherty is pleased with the progress the project has made to date, and with the relatively few setbacks that the team has encountered. The largest delay so far came in December of 2001, when AUCC told him that, due to budgetary restraints, they had to extend the

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**- Dr. Mark Flaherty**

program by a year. Thus, \$750,000 for a five-year project became \$750,000 for a six-year project. This meant that the project team had to revisit their entire budget and work

schedule, a frustrating process.

“What’s the most rewarding part of the work? I think it’s working with the graduate students,” says Flaherty. “I have been quite lucky: I’m involved with students from Thailand, Brazil, and India, and also a number of Canadian students. It’s been a really wonderful learning experience for me.”

This project is expected to have a long-lasting impact on Thailand’s ability to regulate the environmental and social impacts of coastal aquaculture. The management nature of the project, as well as the international designation of the Tropical Aquaculture Management MSc program that will be one of the project’s results, means that the work done in Thailand could be applied in other countries. This is crucial because the transformative and often wasteful nature of commercial aquaculture is having a profound effect on coastlines all over the world. This program is helping to ensure that the negative impacts of these transformations are limited.



## UVic Helps to Promote Regional Sustainable Development in Ukraine

The EastWest Institute of Canada (EWIC), which is located at UVic's Centre for Global Studies, is a partner in a major development project that is slated to take place in Ukraine.

Ukraine has long been a country of centralized governance and decision-making. In the post-Communist era, these tendencies have been one of the major obstacles to the nation's development. However, there has been a growing acceptance of the need to work towards modern regional policies for sustainable development.

Regional Development Agencies (RDAs) began appearing in Ukraine in the mid-1990s, mostly initiated by groups of local small business owners and community organizations. The founders of these groups realized that they needed to organize themselves to effectively promote community-led sustainable development through a wider participation in regional policy development and implementation.

Since May 2001, when a Presidential Decree named these RDAs as potential partners, regional governments have been encouraged to consult RDAs on the design of regional development strategies. However, these regional governments will only work with those RDAs that have the requisite level of organizational capacity. Many RDAs are currently lacking this capacity.

In April of 2001, some of the leading Ukrainian RDAs formed the National Association of Regional Development Agencies (NARDA). RDAs from seventeen Oblasts (Ukrainian

Kristen Jordan of SALASAN (front left), Project Manager, and Derek Fraser (front right), Project Director, meet with counterparts from the East West Institute Kyiv.



regions) are currently members of NARDA. The purpose of the NARDA Project is to strengthen the current capacities of NARDA and its member organizations in order to promote sustainable regional development in Ukraine. The project is expected to promote good governance through consultative regional development policy formulation and transparent policy execution. It also aims to promote regional development through economically diversified, resilient, and environmentally healthy regions and communities throughout Ukraine.

EWIC was established in the summer of 2001 as an independent Canadian branch of the EastWest Institute, an international non-governmental organization with offices in New York, Prague, Brussels, Moscow, and Kyiv. Derek Fraser, the Director of the EWIC, is also an Adjunct Professor with the Political Science Department at UVic. He has had extensive experience in Eastern Europe, both before and after the fall of

Communism. As a previous ambassador in three different Eastern European countries (Hungary, Greece, and Ukraine), Fraser has extensive experience in organizational development and strategic planning, as well as an extensive network of contacts both abroad and at home in Canada. He has recently returned from three years in Ukraine, and his knowledge of the country's situation makes him indispensable to the project. Dr. Gordon Smith, Director of the Centre for Global Studies, is the technical advisor on the project.

EWIC's Canadian partner for the NARDA Project is SALASAN, the Victoria division of the consulting firm GeoSpatial International Inc. Ukrainian project partners include the EastWest Institute Kyiv Center (EWIK) as the local executing organization and NARDA, along with its member organizations (particularly in Eastern Ukraine) as the target beneficiaries.

## Lemurs: Our Distant Cousins

The urge to study lemurs first hit Dr. Lisa Gould in the early 1980s, while she was travelling in Madagascar. Twenty years later, she is one of only a small number of primatologists in Canada, an assistant professor in the Department of Anthropology at UVic, and has made ringtailed lemurs the focus of her studies. Lemurs are among the many species of both plants and animals that are endemic to Madagascar, and can not be found in the wild anywhere else in the world. There are approximately 40 species of lemurs on Madagascar. The limited range of lemurs has led to all remaining species being classified as either threatened or endangered, mostly due to destruction of their habitat.

The broad category to which Dr. Gould's research belongs is *socio-ecology*. *Socio-ecology* is the study of how the environment and adaptation to it has shaped social behaviour, in this case the behaviour patterns of ringtailed lemurs. Dr. Gould began her research career studying infant development among ringtailed lemurs (*Lemur catta*) for her Master's thesis in 1987. In 1992, she conducted Ph.D dissertation research on male sociality at the Beza-Mahalafy Reserve in

Southwestern Madagascar. She is still working among the lemurs at Beza-Mahalafy, a one-square-kilometre reserve which was designated as a protected area in 1987.



**Dr. Gould watching some of the subjects of her research.**

Ringtailed lemurs are one of the few primate species where females show a marked dominance over males. This trait is widely found among most

of the various species of lemurs, although there are a few species of monkeys which also exhibit some forms of female dominance. Many thousands or even millions of years of environmental pressures on

ringtailed lemurs have led to female dominance being the best way to ensure the viability of the species. One such pressure is posed by food availability: the dry nature of much of the ringtailed lemurs' habitat in southern and southwestern Madagascar means that food is a limited and precious commodity throughout much of the year. The driest season, when food is at its scarcest, is also the time when females have just given birth to their young, and are in need of specific types of food in order to produce enough milk for their offspring while staying alive themselves. Female dominance, and first choice of available foods, allows new mothers to get enough nutrition during this difficult time.

How female dominance affects the lives and life history of ringtailed lemurs is one of the recurring themes in Dr. Gould's research. Her current project relates to physiological stress in male ringtailed lemurs, and how such stress affects their behaviour. In order to assess physiological stress in the lemurs, Dr. Gould is using techniques that measure the levels of the adrenal hormone cortisol.

Cortisol is a good measure of stress. The levels of this adrenal hormone will rise or fall, depending on the level of long-term stress on an individual,

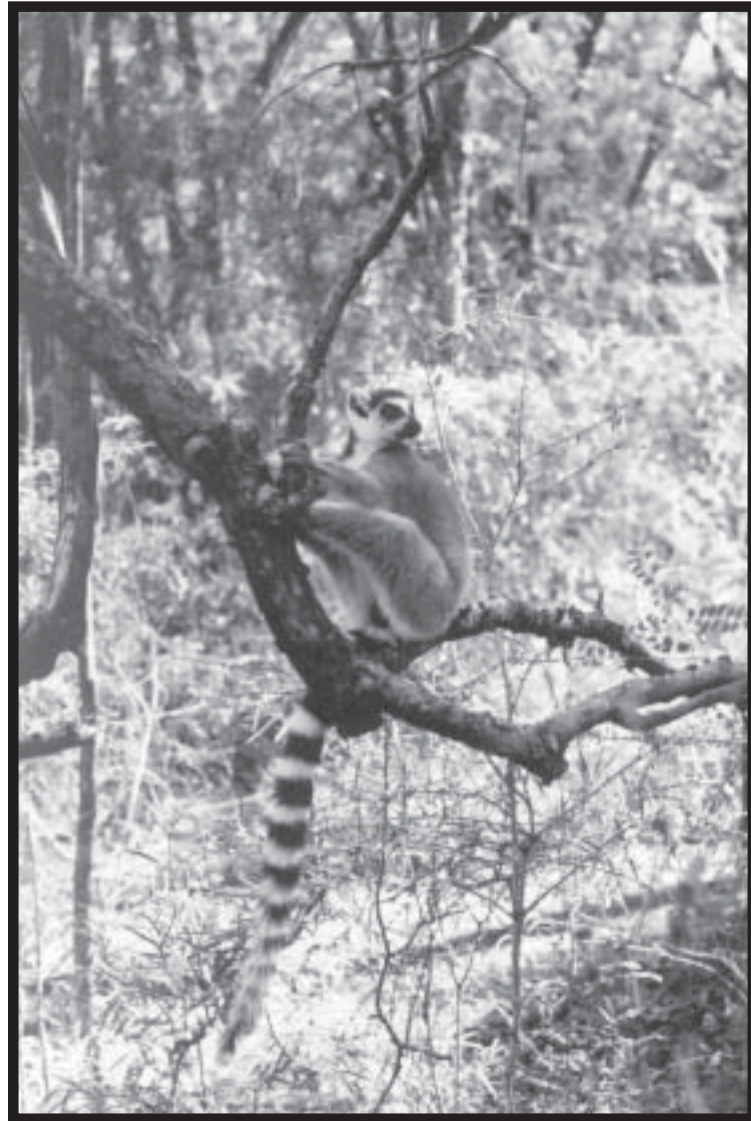
with high cortisol levels indicating similarly high levels of stress. Dr. Gould is currently looking at factors such as how much time males spend with females, the males' rank within their own hierarchy, age, and the frequency of aggressive interactions with either females or other males. Dr. Gould gauges cortisol levels in relation to these variables, and also examines levels of testosterone in adult males. She then correlates these results with variables such as age, rank of male, and interactions with females. She is investigating whether or not there is any relationship between testosterone and cortisol levels as well.

There are very severe environmental problems all over Madagascar, the most important being slash-and-burn subsistence agriculture. The reserve in which Dr. Gould works is very small and fairly well protected. However, there are still habitat destruction problems in the surrounding area, and the forest surrounding the reserve is severely degraded. Fortunately, the local culture in the area of the reserve includes a taboo against the hunting of lemurs, and lemur population density within the reserve is much higher than in the surrounding area, due to a lack of acceptable habitat outside the reserve.

The work that Dr. Gould is doing right now could benefit efforts to enhance the conservation of lemur habitat in Madagascar. Because the lemurs that Dr. Gould is studying are not environmentally stressed in terms of

habitat destruction, there is a possibility that their cortisol levels could be used for comparison with those of lemur populations that are residing in more degraded areas. The change in habitat quality and availability of food may lead to a rise

**Below: a ringtailed lemur enjoys the shade.**



in cortisol levels.

Dr. Gould says that she enjoys working with lemurs, and plans to continue doing so. "Do I plan to work with them forever? Yes, they're really fascinating," says Gould. Currently, her research is funded through

a four-year operating grant (2001-2004) from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), as well as through grants from the National Geographic Society and the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research.

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# STUDENTS

## International Affairs Award

Each year, the Office of International Affairs provides an International Affairs Award to a student enrolled in Education, Fine Arts, Humanities, or Social Sciences at UVic. Eligible recipients are those who will enroll as exchange students in an institution with which UVic has a formal exchange agreement, in Africa, Asia (including Turkey, the Near East, and Oceania with the exception of Australia and New Zealand), Central or South America, Mexico, or the Caribbean. Due to surplus funds from the 2001 year, two awards were available for 2002.

Amy Penner, a Pacific and Asian Studies Student, is looking forward to spending two terms at Mahidol University in Thailand. She is familiar with the country, having traveled there already four years ago. Amy plans to take courses in the Thai language to improve the rudimentary vocabulary she learned while there. She is currently upgrading her language skills with a UVic course in Indonesian-Malay. One of the reasons Amy picked Mahidol University is the international nature of the school: courses there are taught in English. She also heard good reviews from a student who was on exchange at Mahidol last year. After her two terms in Thailand are

Allison Patterson is heading to Hong Kong with her award.

Amy Penner points out where she will study this year.



over, Amy plans to travel around the country, before returning to UVic to finish her degree.

Allison Patterson, the second recipient of the International Affairs Award for 2002, will be attending the University of Hong Kong.

## UVic Students Awarded International Study Grants

The Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE) awarded 20 grants at \$2500 each to Canadian students to study abroad this year, and two UVic Commerce students are among the recipients. In the fall term, Erika Lange will head to the Universidad de las Americas in Puebla, Mexico, and Grant Ackerman will be off to Oslo, Norway, to attend the Norwegian School of



Management. The application process for these grants is quite thorough. Each applicant had to submit academic transcripts, one academic and one personal or work reference, proof of acceptance into an academic exchange program, and an essay outlining their background, benefits of the exchange, and their financial position. Volunteer work and leadership activities were also taken into consideration.

Grant Ackerman has been involved with Rotary fundraisers in the Comox Valley, and has worked as an auto shop assistant while attending Highlands Senior Secondary School in Comox.

Erika Lange believes it was her previous travel experience and interest in other cultures that secured her the grant. It was a specific interest in Latin-American culture, which she developed while backpacking through Mexico two years ago, that was behind her decision to go on exchange there. Aside from experiencing Mexican culture first-hand, Erika also hopes to become comfortable with the Spanish language, bringing her collection of languages up to three. Her aspiration is to use her knowledge of different languages to secure employment that will allow her to travel.

## Burkard Baschek - PhD Student from Germany

The mixing of fresh water flowing out of the Fraser River and the Pacific Ocean's salty water may play an important part in providing oxygen to the estuaries of the Fraser. Just ask Burkard Baschek. He is a German national who travelled to UVic to study these processes for his PhD in physical oceanography.

Burkard grew up in Heidelberg, a medium-sized city in southern Germany with about one half the population of Greater Victoria. He first went to University in his hometown, studying physics at the University of Heidelberg. From there he went on to get his "Diplom" (German degree, after normally four years at University) in physical oceanography at the University of Kiel. After a few years working as a scientist in Kiel, Burkard wanted to do his doctorate overseas, and began looking for possibilities. Eventually, he contacted Dr. David Farmer and Dr. Chris Garrett at UVic's School of Earth and Ocean Sciences. The possibility of working with them and being able to live on Canada's West Coast excited him, and he decided to come to UVic in the fall of 1999.

Canada was not an entirely new experience for Burkard. He had been here on vacation three times prior to coming as a student. He also has some very good friends in Abbotsford who had given him a good idea about what living in British Columbia would be like. Integrating into life here was not difficult, says Burkard. "Everyone was extremely helpful and friendly, which definitely helped a lot." Going on the first research cruise to gather data for his thesis only three weeks after arriving helped too, as he was thrown into scientific work right away. There were not many things about Canadian culture that surprised Burkard, except for the lack of

UVic has different requirements for acceptance into both undergraduate and graduate programs for nearly every country around the world. For example, to be admitted as an undergraduate, one might only need the equivalent of a high school diploma from most countries. Applicants from several nations, such as the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Costa Rica, need further credentials, with first-year standing in a recognized university as a requirement. The requirements for graduate students are often more confusing, as many countries have different systems of post-secondary education from Canada's standard four-year undergraduate and two-year Master's degrees.



**Burkard hard at work during a research cruise in Haro Strait.**

discussion about and seeming unimportance of politics to many Canadians. Assimilation to the Canadian lifestyle was similarly easy, aside from getting back into the routine of attending classes. Burkard soon made several close friends in Victoria, and joined a kayak polo team in Vancouver, which went on to win the Canadian Championships in 2001.

Burkard found that the level of support available for him at UVic was fair. "At a new University, the biggest hurdles can be imposed by the necessary administrative stuff...this is really well done at UVic..." says Baschek. He was especially impressed with the hassle-free nature of WEBREG, UVic's on-line course registration system. The only real

criticism Burkard has of the University is what he considers the inadequate acceptance of foreign degrees. He says that it was a real struggle to be accepted into a PhD program at UVic with his Diplom, which the University views as being somewhere between an undergraduate and a Master's degree.

Burkard and his supervisors were able to convince the University to allow him into a PhD program, and he is happy with the results. When he completes his studies here in the fall of 2002, he will move on, but he says he will always remember the good experiences he has had while in Victoria. He even says he could imagine coming back to live here again some time.

## UVic Students Awarded Scholarships to Study in Japan

Three UVic undergraduate students who will be studying in Japan for the next year can focus on learning in a new environment, thanks to the Association of International Education Japan (AIEJ). Nicole Fast, Shelley Chang, and Cameron Bertram have all been awarded scholarships by AIEJ for their studies in Japan. These scholarships, which include round-trip airfare to Japan, consist of a 25,000 yen settling-in allowance and 80,000 yen per month for up to 12 months. In Canadian dollars that is approximately \$350 and \$1,100 respectively, for a total scholarship value of about \$13,500.

AIEJ has operated the Sponsor-Crowned International Student Scholarship Program since 1998. With the help of corporations and individuals, the program aims to secure scholarships for international students prior to their arrival in Japan,



Shelley Chang sees the UVic exchange programs as a great opportunity for students to enhance their language skills and learn to understand a foreign culture. She recognizes that the total cultural immersion offered by an exchange is very different from studying a second language and respective culture in the Canadian classroom. Shelley has chosen to attend Konan University in Kobe, Japan because of its unique Year-in-Japan program. She enthuses "The most attractive part of this program is that I can gain a great and unforgettable experience by living with a host family." Shelley is very happy to have been awarded an AIEJ scholarship and has vowed to make every effort to excel in her work and enjoy her time in Japan.

allowing them to plan their studies more effectively. This program is part of the Japanese Government's goal to increase the number of international students within Japan to 100,000.

All nominees for the scholarships must be registered for exchange with specific Japanese universities at the time of nomination since the Japanese institutions themselves nominate candidates. Nicole Fast will be attending Doshisha Women's College, while Shelley Chang and Cameron Bertram will both be at Konan University.



Ever since he was in grade seven, it has been Cameron Bertram's dream to participate in an exchange program with a Japanese institution. Now his patience has been rewarded with a

scholarship. "When I found out I had been selected for the AIEJ scholarship I was simply amazed," says Cameron. "I didn't expect this in the least, and am overjoyed with the news." Cameron chose Konan University largely because of the institution's excellent reputation, as well as its leadership in international student exchanges. He hopes to improve his Japanese language skills while learning more about Japanese culture through observing it first hand.

## EVENTS

### Making the Connection: Sexually Exploited Youth, the Challenges & Opportunities

An international conference on sexual exploitation organized by the Capital Region Action Team on Sexually Exploited Youth (CRAT) was held May 26-30, 2002 at the University of Victoria.

The conference was a sequel to the United Nations "Out of the Shadows

Summit" which was also held in Victoria in 1998. Stephen Lewis, UN Special Advisor on AIDS in Africa, was the keynote speaker for the 2002 conference. Lewis gave an impassioned speech about the complex nature of the sexual exploitation of children and youth worldwide. Conference delegates included youth, youth leaders, community activists, politicians and academics who came together to communicate about what has happened since 1998, both in regard to research as well as

**Stephen Lewis, UN Special Advisor on AIDS in Africa.**



community action. At a pre-conference event, entitled *Finding Our Voice*, youth delegates participated in drama, dance, native arts and video, discovering ways to not only express themselves but also to actively take part in the main conference.

Under the sponsorship of Save the Children Canada and the Canadian Red Cross, the conference also brought together for the first time a national working coalition on the commercial exploitation of youth.

## TRAVEL

### Hong Kong, Brunei, and Singapore

In mid-May Dr. Anthony Welch was invited as Guest of Honour to the convocation of the Po Leung Kuk Vicwood K.T. Chong Sixth Form College in Hong Kong.

He met with faculty and staff at the College and gave the convocation address in which he discussed the successful collaborative program in which UVic has participated at the College since 1997: selected UVic courses are offered to College students, who, if successful, may then transfer to the University of Victoria. Recently the Hong Kong Council of Academic Accreditation gave permission for UVic to offer additional first- and second-year courses, leading to an associate degree of social sciences and an associate degree of science awarded by the college.

After the ceremony Dr. Welch travelled to the Sultanate of



Dr. Welch, Dr. Chan (principal of Vicwood College, third from left), and directors of the Hong Kong charity, Po Leung Kuk.

Brunei to meet with Canada's High Commissioner and to see whether a program modelled on Vicwood College might be suitable for Bruneian students. He visited seven schools and met with officials in the Ministry of Education. Dr. Welch subsequently stopped in Singapore to meet with officials at Canada's High Commission and to visit UVic's two partner institutions, the National University of Singapore and Nanyang Technological University.

### France-Canada Research Foundation

In late May Dr. Welch travelled to Ottawa for the meeting of the Executive of the France-Canada Research Foundation. UVic is one of the founding members of the Foundation which recently concluded its second competition for funding.

The program, supported by the Foundation's endowment, is intended to provide seed money grants to collaborative projects of French and Canadian academics. The third

competition will be announced in September, 2002.

### Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute

In June Dr. Welch travelled to Ottawa for the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute.

Founded in 1968 by the Governments of Canada and India, the Institute provides research funding, promotes institutional contacts, and organizes seminars and conferences of Canadian and Indian scholars. It also supports research by Canadian scholars in India and by Indian scholars in Canada and promotes Canadian Studies in India. The Institute's library program brings Indian books and journals to member institutions in Canada. The library in its Delhi Office is one of the richest Indian collections of publications on Canada and by Canadians.

20 Canadian universities and the Canadian Museum of Civilization

belong to the Shastri Institute whose range of activity has grown to include the arts, education, law, and management. Summer study programs for Canadians in India and for Indians in Canada have been initiated, and the Institute also sponsors a project for microfilming historical documents in India.

By any measure it has been a substantial success in promoting understanding and cooperation between the two countries.

## Australia

In July 2002, the OIA's Associate Director, Dr. Cecilia Benoit visited two of UVic's Australian partner institutions. Deakin University (DU) is located in the country's second largest city, Melbourne, in the southern state of Victoria. DU has been exchanging students and faculty with UVic since 1997, and student parity between the two institutions has been maintained over time.

Dr. Benoit visited with a number of DU academic and administrative staff to discuss their views about how the exchange has worked to date, about any changes that are planned and how the UVic students currently on exchange at DU were doing. The DU staff gave a very positive report on the institutional relationship and expressed a strong desire to increase the exchange of students and staff



One of the many beautiful beaches in the Newcastle Area.

between DU and UVic in the near future, especially within the Faculties of Social Sciences, Humanities, Fine Arts and Education. Dr. Benoit later took a tour of some of the DU facilities (many new buildings are under construction at the moment) and the institution's new student housing complex.

The second institution that Dr. Benoit visited during her travels was the University of Newcastle, located on the East Coast of Australia in the state of New South Wales. Newcastle is within easy reach by train or car to Australia's largest city, Sydney. The exchange between the University of

Newcastle and UVic also began in 1997 and, as with DU, parity between the two institutions has been maintained over the five-year period. The University of Newcastle is located on a large area of land with easy access to the city's downtown, as well as to a long stretch of sandy coastline.

Reports for both Australian partner institutions indicate that the UVic students currently on exchange, as well as those who went on exchange in previous years, have been excellent ambassadors of our University and country.



## OIA NEWS

### Development Project Seed Money Grants (DPSMG)

The DPSMG fund was launched in September 2001 with the intent to

provide seed money for faculty members applying to agencies and institutions that fund international development projects. This first year has been very successful: four grants at \$5,000 each were provided to faculty in four different Faculties, and one of the recipients has already submitted a major project proposal to the Canadian International

Development Agency. We expect the remaining three proposals to be submitted within the next few months.

Due to its success, the academic year 2002/03 will see another round of DPSMG competitions. As in the previous year, a total of \$25,000 will be available for five recipients up to a maximum of \$5,000 each. The

2002/03 deadlines are as follows:  
18 November 2002, 17 March 2003,  
and 16 June 2003.

Please contact Sabine at 472-4028  
([world@oia.uvic.ca](mailto:world@oia.uvic.ca)) for further  
information or to obtain the  
application form and guidelines.

## OIA Web Update

The OIA is currently completing a  
web server redesign project that will  
result in a website which is easier to  
navigate and will contain some  
additional features that have not been  
included to date. Over the next  
several months, we will change our  
features to topical issues, rather than  
simply showcasing Faculties,  
Departments and Interdisciplinary  
Centres, as we have done in the past.

We encourage you to visit our  
revamped website frequently over the  
coming months ([www.oia.uvic.ca](http://www.oia.uvic.ca)). If  
you have any comments or  
suggestions for improvements,  
please contact Sabine at 472-4028  
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## NEWS FROM

### .....BCCIE

At a BCCIE membership meeting on  
June 7 in Vancouver, BCCIE  
members had the opportunity to  
discuss the  
organization's  
transition plan,  
which will guide  
BCCIE's future  
directions during  
and after the  
provincial  
government  
funding is phased  
out. The plan introduces a hybrid



model with membership services and  
programs forming the core of  
BCCIE's activities, supplemented by  
business development activities.  
These activities are envisaged to  
represent about 65% of the budget in  
the new organizational model.

BCCIE members will have to pay a  
membership fee according to a  
membership formula based on the  
number of international students on  
campus.

Over the summer, BCCIE is looking  
for institutional feedback and is doing  
advocacy work with regard to the  
proposed membership fees. The new  
by-laws and Society Act Constitution  
will be presented for adoption at the  
BCCIE Annual General Meeting on  
September 27, 2002.

## BCCIE Fall Institute

The BCCIE Fall Institute 2002 will  
take place at the Hilton Vancouver  
Airport from October 20-22, 2002.  
The theme of this year's Fall Institute  
is "Internationalization at a  
Crossroads: Changes, Challenges &  
Opportunities". More information  
about the Institute, as well as  
registration forms can be found at  
[http://www.bccie.bc.ca/FI2002/  
overview.asp](http://www.bccie.bc.ca/FI2002/overview.asp).



### .....CBIE

## J. Armand Bombardier Internationalist Fellowships

In June 2002, the J. Armand  
Bombardier Foundation and the

Canadian Bureau for International  
Education (CBIE) announced the  
fellowships awarded in the 2002  
competition of the J. Armand  
Bombardier Internationalist  
Fellowships (JABIF). Out of a total of  
658 applicants, a committee of  
external examiners selected 25  
laureates, who will each receive a  
\$10,000 fellowship.

The press release and fellows list are  
available on CBIE's website:  
[http://www.cbie.ca/download/  
bombardier/pdf/press-e-june02.pdf](http://www.cbie.ca/download/bombardier/pdf/press-e-june02.pdf)

Two UVic graduates are among the  
winners: Karen Bhangoo completed  
her BA in Political Science in 1998,  
and a MA in Dispute Resolution/  
Sociology in 2001. She heads to  
George Mason University in the  
United States to work on a PhD  
in Conflict Analysis and Resolution.  
Adrienne Leah Kish completed a BSc  
in Biology at UVic in 2001. She will  
pursue a Master of Space Science at  
the International Space University in  
France.

Inaugurated in September 2001 by  
the Foundation and administered by  
CBIE, the JABIF Program offers  
fellowships to highly talented  
Canadian students so that they can  
increase their international  
competence through graduate studies  
or a combination of courses, research  
and work. It is a large-scale  
program encompassing virtually all  
subject fields in the social sciences,  
humanities, fine and performing arts,  
commerce, law, and pure and applied  
science.

Applicants are required to develop  
their program of international  
activities on the basis of the JABIF  
mission, which is to offer fellowships  
"for Canadians to study, research and  
work abroad in order to increase their  
international competence and  
enhance Canada's participation in the  
world economy of the third  
millennium."

## CBIE 2002 Annual Conference

CBIE's Annual Conference will take place at the Westin Ottawa from November 1-4, 2002, under the motto: "Building Human Security Through Celebrating the International Decade for a Culture of Peace". More information about this conference, together with registration forms can be found at:

[http://www.cbie.ca/annc\\_2002.html](http://www.cbie.ca/annc_2002.html).

## Canadians studying part-time in the US

CBIE has issued a media release in an attempt to raise awareness regarding closure of the border to Canadians studying part-time in the US. The new US policy has been in force since July 1, 2002.

Up until recently, hundreds of students in border communities moved freely across the boundary to attend courses on a part-time basis in the other country as evening students or as exchange students within full-time, regular programs. Some 1,500 Canadians study part-time in Michigan alone. These activities will no longer be possible under the new policy which makes those students ineligible for student visas or visitor status.

Jim Fox, President of CBIE, calls the policy "inappropriate and hardly an amicable signal among friends."

For a full version of the media release, please contact Sabine at 472-4028 ([world@oia.uvic.ca](mailto:world@oia.uvic.ca)).



Canadian International  
Development Agency

### .....CIDA

In April 2002, CIDA launched the latest competition under the University Partnerships in Cooperation and Development (UPCD) Program. The Program has two tiers: Tier 1 funds large, multi-disciplinary projects, to which CIDA contributes up to \$3 million over six years; Tier 2 funds smaller and more narrowly focussed projects, to which CIDA contributes up to \$1 million over six years. CIDA provides funding to both tiers and manages the Tier 1 program. The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) manages the Tier 2 program and the selection process for both tiers.

The first round under the Tier 1 competition closed with a July 8 deadline for Letters of Intent. UVic submitted one Letter of Intent for a project in Indonesia.

The deadline for Tier 2 Letters of Intent is January 20, 2003 at AUCC.

As per the program guidelines, submissions are coordinated by UVic's Office of International Affairs. Since each university is only allowed to submit two Letters of Intent per Tier 2 competition in a lead capacity, there is an internal deadline of January 10, 2003, 4 pm, at the OIA Office, BEC 434.

The UPCDP guidelines and application forms can be found on AUCC's website at <http://www.aucc.ca/en/internatindex.html> (click on "UPCD Program Guidelines"). For further information, please contact Sabine at 472-4028 ([world@oia.uvic.ca](mailto:world@oia.uvic.ca)).



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