

1851 Royal Commission Alumni

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Dear Royal Commission Alumnus,

Now that the new Alumni website is up and running – and we have sorted out some of the minor launch wrinkles – we hope you like it and find it more accessible than the old one. Please visit it and make sure your details are up to date – and that you have imposed the access limitations you prefer. If you have not yet responded to the e-mail announcing the new site and asking you to change your password, may I urge you to do so please? Do let us know what you think.

The Commission's new administrator, Jenifer Parkyn, has now been with us for six months and she will be managing the web site and its underpinning database. It's difficult to believe it is still only just over two years since we launched the original alumni website, as it already seems very much part of our day-to-day business.

I have received charming letters from a number of alumni some of whom, despite advancing years limiting their use of the web, have been very supportive. These letters have included some wonderful stories of the lives and careers of our fellows, and we welcome these. Please post them on your web page for other alumni to read.

2005 Royal Commission Awards

Here at the Commission we have just completed our 2005 round of fellowship and studentship awards - always a stimulating and satisfying process. This year we have had record numbers of Research Fellowship applications and an impressive range of talent across all our award programmes. The full list of new 1851 award holders, whose programmes start in the autumn (about to be announced in the press) is as follows:

Research Fellows

Applied Science or Engineering

Mr Nicholas Holmes	Psychology	INSERM, France
Mr David Surry	Organic Chemistry	Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA

Other Science Projects

Mr James Adams	Theoretical Physics	Cambridge University
Mr Nicholas Jones	Mathematics	Oxford University
Dr Scott Powell	Biology	Universidade Federal de Uberlândia
Dr Helen Sneddon	Organic Chemistry	University of California, Irvine
Dr Razeesh Sainudiin	Statistics	Oxford University

Industrial Fellows

Mr William Addison	QinetiQ / Robotics Research Group Oxford Optimal Signal Separation
Mr Richard Forster	Biocompatibles UK Ltd / University of Brighton Analysis of the factors that affect the success of long-term implants in order to inform the development of new generation products
Mr Jonathan Otter	Bioquell UK Limited / King's College London The molecular epidemiology of MRSA in a London teaching hospital
Mr Adam Parker	QinetiQ / Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge Laser initiation of high explosives
Mr Jonathan Scott	QinetiQ / Liverpool University Hospital The pathogenesis of stress fractures in basic military training
Mr Malcolm Ward	Proteome Sciences plc / Institute of Psychiatry Applied proteomics in the Neurosciences
Mr James Wilkinson	Sygen International plc / University of Cambridge Genomic approaches to prevention and control of respiratory diseases in pigs

Industrial Design Studentships

Mr Graeme Davies	Royal College of Art (2 nd year only)
Mr Duncan Fitzsimons	RCA
Mr Michael Korn	RCA
Mr Adam Sant	Stanford University
Mr Adam Sutcliffe	RCA (2 nd year only)
Miss Rachel Tomlinson	RCA
Mr Adrian Westaway	RCA

Alumni Events

As well as our now regular Alumni Science Evenings in February (full details were in my last newsletter) we are hoping to have a major reception next year to mark HRH Prince Philip's 40th year as our President. The other aim of such an event is to bring together as many 1851 Alumni as possible from across the world so please start saving!

Exhibition Road Development

While the plans for the development of Exhibition road move forward, the Cultural Group (of 1851 legacy institutions and others adjoining the Road) is organising events to reinforce the areas position of a uniquely diverse cultural estate. On 21 June, led by the Goethe-Institut and supported by the V&A Museum, Royal College of Music and others, the Cultural Group staged Exhibition Road Music Day, a full day of musical events along the length of the road. More than 70 separate musical performances were held, demonstrating that such joint festivals can (and will) become part of a wide range of activities around the Road as its transformation develops.

With every good wish,

Malcolm Shirley
Secretary to the Commission