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Professor von Prondzynski cuts the first sod assisted by Brian McQuade, Managing Director Scotland of Miller Construction



Building Work Officially Commences on University's Masterplan

The official commencement of work on Robert Gordon University's estates masterplan was marked by a ceremony in which the principal cut the first sod.

Professor Ferdinand von Prondzynski said, "It is an exciting time to be part of the university and today marks an important point in our history. We're embarking on a programme of work which once complete will give our students an outstanding educational environment. In addition, staff and students from different disciplines will benefit from working more closely together than has previously been possible and we will be better placed to engage with our professional and industry partners."

The new development will see all of the university's academic activities located at the Garthdee Campus within state-of-the-art teaching and learning facilities including a new library, as well as formal and informal learning spaces for students. It will also allow staff

and students from different disciplines to benefit from working more closely together on interdisciplinary themes which are so important in today's society and economy.

The new facilities will complement the university's existing buildings at the east end of the campus in terms of their innovative design and style, while providing an outstanding educational environment for its students. The campus will retain its park-like ambience and provide a recreational setting for the benefit of staff, students and the local community.

Miller Construction has been appointed by the university to undertake phase 1 of the construction project with completion scheduled for May 2013.

University Performs Well in Guardian League Tables

Robert Gordon University continues to perform strongly in the national league tables. The latest to be published in May was The Guardian University Guide 2011 in which the university retained its long standing reputation for producing graduates that employers want. RGU was the top university in Scotland for graduate prospects and 7th in the UK with Imperial College, Oxford, Cambridge, LSE, UCL and Durham above us. In addition the university remains the top modern university in the UK.

RGU came 7th overall in Scotland behind St Andrews, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee, Heriot-Watt and Strathclyde.

WELCOME

Welcome to the June / July edition of Nexus online.

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Australian VIPs Visit University

Senior politicians from the Northern Territories Government in Australia and staff from Charles Darwin University (CDU), including the Vice-Chancellor, visited the university on 26 May as part of a fact finding trip aimed at establishing Darwin as a research and training hub for the oil and gas industry in Australia and south-east Asia. RGU was chosen by CDU due to RGU's strong links with the oil and gas industry, both in the UK and overseas.

The Hon. Paul Henderson, Chief Minister of the Northern Territories government and Professor Barney Glover, Vice-Chancellor of the Charles Darwin University heard at first-hand how Robert Gordon University works with businesses in the North Sea.

In addition, the two universities signed a memorandum of understanding under which they will work together in research and teaching to the benefit of both organisations.

Professor Ferdinand von Prondzynski, Principal of Robert Gordon University said, "RGU has a proven track record of working with business and we are delighted to be able to share our experience with our colleagues from CDU. Australia is an increasingly important country and region, and there are significant opportunities for us in developing partnership arrangements with CDU."

Energy Awareness Campaign launched

The university's new Energy Awareness Campaign has been launched across campus and aims to encourage staff, students and visitors to the university to consider the organisation's impact on the environment.

Bryan McAlpine, Carbon Energy Officer at Estates and Property Services said "The university is highlighting its commitment to energy reduction by producing visible regular energy data updates for staff, students and visitors in various buildings across the University. We aim to raise awareness of energy usage across the university and to set achievable energy reduction and cost saving targets."

For more information on the campaign click here.



Will Hutton at the launch of IMaGeS with Professor Dorothy Williams

Institute for Management, Governance and Society launches

National columnist, former BBC Newsnight economics correspondent and Executive Vice-Chair of The Work Foundation, Will Hutton, formally launched the university's Institute for Management, Governance and Society (IMaGeS) with a private lecture held at Aberdeen Business School (ABS) on Tuesday 3 May.

IMaGeS is a multidisciplinary research centre that is dedicated to addressing the challenges facing enterprise, business development, management and governance within societies across the globe.

The institute comprises 44 members of academic staff from across the university's three faculties plus 110 doctoral students within the IMaGeS graduate school. Research conducted within the institute falls into three primary themes: business and enterprise; governance and society; and information and communication.

Recent and current research includes work in areas such as energy policy, entrepreneurship and small businesses, green transport strategies, and political parties' use of web and social networking to communicate with the public. A number of these studies are being conducted in multidisciplinary teams within the institute, and also between IMaGeS and the university's two other research institutes – the Institute for Health and Welfare Research (IHWR) and the Institute for Innovation, Design and Sustainability Research (IDEAS).

Led by Professor Dorothy Williams of ABS, the institute aims to play an integral role in the university's efforts to promote excellence in multidisciplinary research and knowledge exchange, and to contribute to the creation of high value knowledge-based solutions.

Titled 'Knowledge Matters', Will's lecture touched on the current challenges facing innovation and development within the public and private sectors. He said, "The last thirty years has seen a hollowing out of Britain's ability to produce not just goods but many services. The investment and innovation ecosystem in which firms can flourish has proved inadequate. Everyone can observe the consequences in squeezed living standards and underemployment. But the good news is that, as the pace of scientific and technological advance is accelerating, there is plenty of opportunity to put things right over the next thirty years.

"There is a growing consensus about what needs to be done, from better knowledge sharing to restructuring our approach to finance. It will require a determined effort to repair the ecosystem that has been found so wanting; initiatives like IMaGes are part of that necessary response."

Professor Williams commented: "I am delighted that Will helped us launch the institute with his thought-provoking presentation. Combined with the exhibition of research already being carried out under the IMaGeS banner, this event highlighted the university's role as a facilitator of knowledge-sharing plus our own role as researchers to stimulate conversation nationwide on increasingly relevant and important issues."



Major General Shaw with Peter Robertson

Army Chief delivers leadership lecture

Major General David Shaw, General Officer Commanding 2nd Division and Governor of Edinburgh Castle, delivered the latest in a series of leadership lectures hosted by Robert Gordon University.

Entitled, 'Contemporary Leadership - An Insight into Leadership across Different Sectors', Major General Shaw's lecture explored the differences and similarities in the application of contemporary leadership across a number of organisations.



Daniel Crozier and his stunning design

Student takes Tartan Designs to New York Fashion Show

A fashion design student at Gray's School of Art was invited by the organisers of the celebrated annual New York fashion event, 'Dressed to Kilt', to contribute a garment to their runway show.

Daniel Crozier (22) from Bridge of Don, Aberdeen, is in his fourth-year of the fashion design course, and travelled to the Big Apple to showcase his tartan coat.

The charity fashion show is the highlight of New York's Tartan Week festivities and has previously featured celebrity models including Sir Sean Connery, Mike Myers and Alan Cumming OBE. Daniel saw his work modelled on the catwalk alongside couture from prominent international fashion houses including Vivienne Westwood and Alexander McQueen.

The coat was created as part of a live university project with Sakura Scotland, an Edinburgh-based company run as a social business, and the Thomas Blake Glover Foundation, which funds projects to promote links with Scotland and Japan. The Aberdeen-based Glover Foundation funded Daniel's travel to New York to attend the glamorous celebrity bash.

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David Gray of Lloyds Banking Group presents the award to the students

Students take up Cameron challenge

Prime Minister David Cameron has issued an appeal to budding entrepreneurs who are thinking about starting their own business, saying "now is the time to do it".

Students recently took steps to do just that by competing for the Bank of Scotland Award, which encourages the entrepreneurs of tomorrow to come up with viable strategies for new business ventures.

The £500 prize was presented by David Gray, Business Development North of Scotland, Lloyds Banking Group Commercial on Thursday 28 April to this year's top students Jean-Baptiste Prezelin, Thomas Noel-Betrancourt, Roy Dik and Bart Hoogervorst.

For the full story click here.

Law Students Get their Message Across

Honours law students studying intellectual property (IP) law at Aberdeen Business School were encouraged to convey their individual message of the impact of digital technology on copyright law by creating posters on the subject.

Supported by staff from a variety of departments - Law, DELTA, The Gatehouse and the Library - the students enjoyed uncovering their imaginative capabilities, within a module that is all about creativity, developing a range of specific skills in the process. The exercise resulted in some excellent work produced by the students.

Click here for full story.

Students Get Creative at Union Square

Third year students studying for a degree in either Media or Communication and PR, were tasked with planning and implementing a programme of creative ideas which deliver on a 'live' brief for Union Square.

Some of the innovative projects devised by the teams include running a 'Tweasure Hunt,' a treasure hunt around the centre only accessible through Twitter; producing a Stop Motion film of the centre using the retro, photography stills film production technique; and a Royal Wedding themed event, held on the day that Kate and Wills tie the knot, which includes free wedding treats for Union Square shoppers.

As well as getting on-the-job experience of the planning and implementation stages of communication, students learn competences such as leadership and team work and the account management skills required to work with a 'client'.

Penny Godfrey, marketing manager at Union Square, said: "The RGU students have been incredibly enthusiastic about the projects they are working on and have put a lot of thought into how they answer the brief we set them. We're looking forward to seeing these ideas come to life in the centre over the coming weeks – shoppers are in for some real treats!"



Kirsty and Craig with Julie Gregg of Paull & Williamson

Budding legal eagles win Granite City Moot!

Law students from Robert Gordon University and the University of Aberdeen recently locked horns at the annual Granite City Mooting Competition, sponsored by Paull & Williamsons, which saw a team from each university pit their wits against each other at Aberdeen Sheriff Court.

Third-year law students, Craig Donald (20) from Aberdeen and Kirsty MacCallum (21) from the Black Isle, won the title for Robert Gordon University for the first time.

For the full story click here.

ABS Students do their bit for Charity

Communication with PR and Media students have organised three separate events as part of their course to help local charities.

Aberdeen Ascot, a charity race night at the Douglas Hotel, raised £1,000 for Cash for Kids, the children's charity which provides grants to local disadvantaged, sick and disabled children. Michelle Herd, Cash for Kids charity manager said, "We are so grateful to the students who put so much work into organising such a fabulous event."

The event was sponsored by Bryant Personnel, Viking Moorings and 20/20 Business Insight.

Comedy was the theme of the second event which brought together the cancer charity CLAN and local football team Dyce ITC Hydraulics. Six Communication and Media students devoted themselves to planning and implementing the night as part of their third year course. The night was aimed at local businesses and individuals who wanted to support CLAN and the football club.

Duncan Charles, Fundraising Co-ordinator for CLAN said, "I was delighted when I heard



Students promoting their comedy evening

that the students had chosen CLAN to benefit from the Comedy Night. The money raised will help towards the new larger premises that will allow us to continue providing the much needed services and help even more people affected by cancer."



Students inspired by 1940s theme

For the third event a team of ABS students organised a night of 1940s inspired entertainment at The CLAN Blitz Ball. Guests were invited to dress in 1940s vintage or military attire and swing to The Aristocats, a ten-piece band from Aberdeen who play wartime classics.

The event was sponsored by REEL Group, a global company founded in Aberdeen. Managing Director Russell Ritchie said, "REEL Group is proud to sponsor the Blitz Ball. Supporting a local charity such as CLAN is vital to ensure they can continue to provide their services to people in the North East of Scotland."



Micheal Blease-Shepley of C-MAR presenting Cameron with his award.

Local engineer Wins Business Management Award

A recent graduate from Aberdeen Business School has been announced as winner of the annual C-MAR Group Business Award for 'Best Honours Year Student'.

Cameron Gauld (40), a married father-of-two from Seafield, Aberdeen, who graduated in December with First Class Honours from the BA (Hons) Business Management programme, achieved the best marks overall in his course to become the top student in his year and was presented with a trophy and cheque for £250.

Employed at Petrofac as a Project Engineer, providing maintenance support onshore and offshore to the oil and gas industry, Cameron has combined his full-time job, a busy family life as husband to Rhonda and dad to Murray (9) and Grace (5), with his part-time studies, attending two evening classes per week.

Micheal Blease-Shepley, Business Development Manager at C-MAR Group, said, "C-MAR Group is delighted to present the annual Business Award to Cameron to recognise his accomplishments. Education provides the foundation for continuous professional development which is core to our business, and we are pleased to continue to support the university's business management students."

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University Recognises Outstanding Students

The achievements of a select group of students were celebrated at the Student Representative Awards lunch.

Now in its third year, the awards recognise the significant contributions made by students university-wide to improving the learning experience at course, school, faculty and wider university levels.

This year's winners were selected by a panel comprising members of the University's senior management team, the academic registrar, the student president and an external member from NUS Scotland.

This year's winners are:

- Paul Dobra - 1st year BA (Hons) Management with Human Resource Management
- Abigail Riva - 3rd year BSc (Hons) Media Studies
- Aileen Stewart - 4th year BSc (Hons) Occupational Therapy
- Kirsty Maclean - 4th year BSc (Hons) Nutrition and Dietetics
- Edith Dinkpa - MSc Financial Management
- Ashraf Gouda - MBA Oil and Gas Management
- Supriya Vasudevan - MSc International Business
- Sini Tumba - MSc Project Management

This year the Panel also conferred a new award for 'Outstanding Contribution and Involvement' to Ross Murchison (Diploma Legal Practice) in recognition of, among other factors, his leadership of the student association between 2008 and 2010 and membership of the University's Board of Governors as a Postgraduate Student Governor.

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Alasdair Craigie, CHAP Chief Executive, and Professor Deveci examine the plans

CHAP group to fund sustainable housing studentship

The university is set to launch a summer studentship position to support research into low carbon affordable housing thanks to a funding grant from The CHAP Group.

CHAP, one of Scotland's leading privately owned construction groups, will be funding the three month studentship over the course of the next five years. Each student who is offered the position will be supervised by Professor Gokay Deveci of the university's Scott Sutherland School.

Professor Deveci, who is also a senior member of the University's Institute for Innovation, Design and Sustainability (IDEAS), is an internationally renowned expert in the field of sustainable housing, and has a wide range of experience from both private practice and academia. His main contribution to research has been in the field of innovative housing design, especially relating to low cost solutions that use appropriate technology and building materials.

Professor Deveci said: "The scope of the funding is particularly relevant to contemporary governmental concerns regarding the future provision at a national level of an energy efficient, sustainable, high quality housing stock. Arguably, two of the biggest medium-to-long-term challenges are housing and energy."

CHAP Chief Executive and Chair, Alasdair Craigie said, "CHAP are pushing hard into the sustainable housing market with our involvement in the Donside Urban Village now under construction and our proposed Park Village between Aberdeen and Banchory. We are therefore delighted to provide this support to RGU and in particular Professor Deveci. **More..**

New research offers software solutions to deep water extraction issues

A PhD research student at Robert Gordon University's School of Computing in Aberdeen, has published research exploring new software systems which could help provide solutions for the oil and gas industry.

Nuka Nwiabu (42), who is in the third-year of his PhD in Software Engineering, recently compiled a paper exploring the problem of hydrate formation in deep water operations and addressed the use of new computing technology to predict such formations.

Hydrate, an ice-like compound, is formed in subsea reservoirs and pipelines due to the high pressure and low temperatures. When hydrate forms, it blocks the flow of oil, often

leading to the loss of vital resources. The emphasis of Nuka's research is to anticipate the formation of the compound in advance so that operators can apply a solution before it becomes a more costly issue.

Nuka was recently recognised for his work at 'CogSIMA 2011' in Miami, held by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) from 22-24 February, where he won the 'Best Paper' accolade.

SPE Aims to attract New Student Members

In Scotland, international voluntary organisation The Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) offers student membership through its Aberdeen Section and its four student chapters operating at Scottish universities. The aim of these is to enhance a student's knowledge, understanding, networking ability and create professional contacts, preparing them in the best possible way for their future careers.

One of the SPE Aberdeen student chapters is at Robert Gordon University. Deji Adebeshin, SPE student chapter president for the Robert Gordon University, said: "To put it simply, the ultimate goal for students is to be in the best possible position to get a good job when they graduate, and it has been proven that being an SPE member significantly improves your chances of doing so. We are aiming to change the perception amongst undergraduates that SPE is just for engineering students as this is not the case. There is a fantastic opportunity for other students in subjects like law, management or IT to benefit from SPE membership. I got involved with SPE as I knew there were great benefits to joining and I wanted to help other students benefit too. The skills, contacts and wealth of knowledge available would benefit anyone aiming to enter any professional job."

For more details about SPE and the student chapters **click here**



Deji Adebeshin, SPE student chapter president at RGU

Gerry Budda of the Scott Sutherland School with Sarah Budge of Energetica



Study to examine how low carbon housing can become a reality in the North-east

A team of academics at the Scott Sutherland School of Architecture and Built Environment (SSS) has been commissioned to identify how to bridge the gap between cutting-edge green construction techniques around the world and the current methods used in mainstream house-building in the North-east of Scotland.

The study, commissioned by ACSEF for its flagship project Energetica, aims to create the world's greatest concentration of energy technology companies, housing and leisure facilities along a 30-mile coastal strip between Peterhead and Aberdeen based on low carbon principles.

The remit of the study is to provide a diagnostic review of the developments and technologies used in the UK and Northern Europe to maximise energy efficiency while simultaneously lowering carbon levels. The Energetica team hopes to use the study to encourage local developers to adopt high performance standards in the development and construction of both commercial and residential buildings in the North-east of Scotland.

The contract win follows a formal tendering process that was opened to three Scottish higher educational establishments in March. The contract was awarded to a selection of academics from SSS due to the quality of the response and the School's history of research and practical work in the area of energy efficient construction.

The team comprises members of the School's Building Performance Group, namely Professor Gokay Deveci, award winning designer of low energy and Passivhaus construction, Bruce Taylor (Project Lead) and Gerard Buda (Project Manager), all of whom regularly engage with research in low carbon housing and environmental performance.

Sara Budge, Energetica Project Director said: "We are excited to be working with SSS on this important project. Energetica aims to secure Aberdeen's position as a global energy hub by offering a unique business environment founded on the principles of low carbon dependency." **More..**

University is first to join entrepreneurship challenge that makes money grow

Robert Gordon University has joined an innovative entrepreneurship challenge that encourages students and business professionals to multiply money for charity.

Micro-Tyco inspires the spirit of enterprise in its purest form and rewards participants with the knowledge that in business, if they can succeed at Micro-Tyco, they can succeed at anything.

Students at the university's Aberdeen Business School pit their entrepreneurial skills against primary school pupils and professionals from leading corporations to take part in the Micro-Tyco challenge. The university is the nation's first to put students forward for the challenge as a compulsory element of its curriculum.

Like their professional and 10-year-old counterparts, the team of business students need to make the best use of an initial £1 loan provided by CEO of Micro-Tyco and dynamic Scottish charity, Wildhearts, Mick Jackson. Once the challenge begins they will have one month to turn it into as much money as possible. In a pilot held in September last year, competing teams successfully transformed collective seed capital of just £64 into over £13,000 representing an invest return of 20,000%.

The money created from Micro-Tyco will be invested by WildHearts in micro-loans to help the world's poorest people work their own way out of poverty with dignity and self respect. As a result, participants in the challenge will go from becoming dynamic wealth creators to global ethical investors.



Mike Jackson, Dr John Park and Shona Cormack launch the new initiative

Expert speaker reveals the secrets of good service design

'How to improve service provision in economically challenging times' was the focus of a guest lecture hosted by the university on 11 May.

Ben Reason, co-founder and Director of London-based service design consultancy, livework, delivered a design masterclass at the Norwood Hall Hotel, Aberdeen.

It explored the ways in which organisations – both private and public sector - can use design to make their business more competitive, effective and user-friendly by focusing on the customer experience.

The masterclass, which was free to attend for all professionals across both sectors, was the second in a three-part series coordinated by the Centre for Design and Innovation (c4di) and sponsored by the Design Council. **More..**



Emma Jasinski and Staff Nurse Lynsey Davidson

Outstanding nursing practice recognised by university awards

The university's School of Nursing and Midwifery has recognised the work of an exceptional nurse from the North-east at a prizegiving.

The Mentor of the Year accolade acknowledges Staff Nurse Lynsey Davidson (30), from Baillies Drive in Elgin, who has worked in Ward 5 (General Surgery and Gynaecology) at Dr Gray's Hospital for over nine years. Lynsey was nominated by third-year Adult Nursing student, Emma Jasinski (21) from Forres, who was mentored by Lyndsay during her placement in Ward 5.

Emma explains: "During my placement at Dr Gray's Hospital, Lynsey made me feel very welcome and helped put me at ease in a busy ward whilst encouraging me to expand my knowledge and nursing practice." Earlier this year, the School also awarded its inaugural Jennie Parry Prize, which recognises a student who has demonstrated actual or potential leadership and clinical excellence during their studies. The prize, comprising a cheque for £100, was donated by Jennie Parry, previously Head of the School of Nursing and Midwifery who retired in August 2009 after a decade in charge.

The first recipient of the prize, awarded on 21 January at the Faculty of Health and Social Care, was Caroline Logan (48), from Birse near Aboyne, who graduated from the university last year with a Bachelor of Nursing (Mental Health). Caroline now works as a Community Psychiatric Nurse in Old Age Psychiatry as part of the city central team at Royal Cornhill Hospital in Aberdeen.

Suited and Booted

The Mens rugby team are coming to the close of their first season in their newly-sponsored kits. The team received sponsorship this year from integrated workplace solutions company, ASM. The funds, which were provided by ASM Owner and Director Isobel Maughan, allowed the team to purchase a full set of kits from Kukri – a premier sports apparel company.

Isobel Maughan and Nicola Scott with Logan Reave and Geoffrey Dunn of the mens rugby team.



Erasmus round up

The Erasmus Programme has always been a vital driver of the university's interaction with the European education community. It encourages student mobility for study and work and staff mobility for teaching and training, among universities across 31 participating countries.

From 10-15 April the university played host to a delegation of ten international affairs officers and departmental support workers. Hailing from a broad cross-section of European locations - including Finland, The Netherlands, France, Switzerland, Sweden and Germany - the delegation were able to engage with their counterparts at the university and share examples of best practice relating to the Erasmus Programme. In addition to work, their visit incorporated a tour of the university and Aberdeen's attractions, including an official welcome to Aberdeen by the Lord Provost, Peter Stephen.

Across the city at the Garthdee campus, an annual exchange took place at the Scott Sutherland School of Architecture and Built Environment in April. First, second and third stage architecture students benefitted from the insights of four visiting lectures who critiqued their end of year projects. In return, seven members of the Scott Sutherland School recently made a series of visits to European partner architecture schools. The staff members who took part in the exchange in the first two weeks of May were: Silvia Bassenese, Tahar Kouider, Richard Laing, David Vila Domini, Amar Bennadji, Penny Lewis and Conrad Weidermann.

Most recently, two students have been recognised by the university for their entries into the British Council's "ERASMUS" Student and Staff Competition. Natalie Hindle and Rachel Gillies were put forward as the university's shortlisted entries into the photography and essay competitions respectively. While neither won at the national awards ceremony in November, each received a £50 Amazon voucher from the university to recognise their achievements.



ERASMUS students with Julia Kennedy

Nursery Accolade

Bright Horizons in Scotland, who run RGU's nursery, has been listed as one of Scotland's Best Workplaces by the Great Place to Work Institute. They came fourth out of 25 companies and were the only childcare organisation to be listed.

From the Gulf of Mexico to NASA Houston

School pupils from across the country took part in the Scottish regional final of an annual international ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle) design challenge at the RGU: SPORT swimming pool in April. This year's challenge was themed around the technology and methods that were utilised to seal the oil leak on the Deepwater Horizon platform in the Gulf of Mexico in April 2010.

The regional competition is the only one of its type in Europe and is co-ordinated each year by Robert Gordon University in conjunction with the Marine Advanced Technology Education (MATE) Centre in California, USA.

The MATE Centre co-ordinates the international competition, which sees a network of 20 regional ROV contests taking place across the US, Canada, Japan and Hong Kong. Student teams from primary and secondary schools, colleges, universities and community organisations participate in the events, which consist of two different classes according to the sophistication of the ROVs – Ranger and Explorer class.

New to the competition were Bannockburn High and Brechin High School. They were joined by regular competitors Mearns Academy, Inverurie Academy, Menzieshill High School, Bucksburn Academy and Robert Gordon's College.

On the day, it was Menzieshill who stormed to first place. They will now join the university's team in travelling to the NASA Johnson Space Centre in Houston to battle it out for the world title from the 16-18 June. In second and third places were Bucksburn Academy and Robert Gordons College respectively.

Grant Maxwell, Associate Head of the School of Engineering at the University said, "We are very pleased that the ROV competition has grown year on year. We are always very impressed by the enthusiasm of the school pupils and their teachers. The competition has had a positive effect on the teaching of technology in the area and has encouraged more pupils to study technology. Some of our graduates have gone on to work in the ROV industry as a direct result of this competition."

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1-23	Information: Interactions and Impact (i3) conference ABS
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