

UNITWIN UNESCO Chairs Programme

UNESCO Chair Annual Progress Report

UNESCO Chair:	Higher Education Management
Institution:	University of Bath Bath, BA2 7AY, United Kingdom www.bath.ac.uk
Date Chair Established: (mm, yyyy)	March 2000
Period of Activity Under Report: (mm, yyyy-mm, yyyy)	August 2008 - July 2009
Report Established By: (name, position)	Professor Richard Mawditt OBE; UNESCO Chairholder http://www.unesco.org.uk/Bath_Chair.htm

1. Executive Summary:

***Major outcomes, results and impact of the Chair in relation to its objectives as stated in Article 2 of the Chair Agreement (between the Institution and UNESCO)
(Not exceeding 500 words)***

As reported previously the Chair continues to give advice and provide education and training in Higher Education Management in developing countries particularly in Sub-Saharan Africa. The Chair holds Honorary Professorships at the National University of Lesotho and The University of Zambia where his advisory role in HE strategic policy coupled with leadership, performance and governance development and organisation continues. This extends across a number of nations in addition to Lesotho and Zambia with particular activity in South Africa at the Universities of Pretoria and Stellenbosch although increasingly less so at The University of South Africa (UNISA). However, the close relationship which has developed with The University of Namibia is of particular success and a valuable relationship has developed.

The Chairholder's role as an Executive Director of the Council for Education in the Commonwealth (CEC) has led to consequential visits and lectures from leading academics from many parts of the Commonwealth. The hugely successful "Commonwealth Educational Co-operation Oxford Conference – Looking Ahead at 50" attracted over 150 delegates from over half of the Commonwealth Countries with the Hon. Nahas Angula (Prime Minister of Namibia) accepting the Chairholder's invitation to be the Keynote Speaker at the Oxford Conference which he subsequently repeated at the UNESCO World Conference on HE and the Commonwealth Education Ministers' Conference in Malaysia.

The Chairholder's greatest achievement and pleasure has once again to see continuing numbers of international doctoral students graduate from the University of Bath. Since the concept of the Chair some thirteen doctorates have now been awarded. The present cohort enrolled for the Doctor of Business in Higher Education Management exceeds one hundred students all registered since the inception of the Chair as one of its prime objectives.

In parallel with the aims of the Chair, to establish and develop relationships in developing nations, the Chairholder has continued to provide advice to the establishment of a major university for the Gulf and neighbouring region for the United Arab Emirates, this year with programmes for women particularly in mind.

2) **Activities:**

Overview of activities undertaken by the Chair in the reporting period

a) Education/Training/Research

(key education programmes and training delivered and research undertaken by the Chair in the reporting period)

i) Education	The Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) in Higher Education Management degree for the School of Management at The University of Bath. A part-time research doctorate programme over approximately four years. In the year under review over one hundred international graduate research students (approx 50% female/male mix) are registered. Since the inception of the Chair, with this doctoral programme as one of the core objectives, some thirteen doctorates have been awarded including six in this year.
ii) Training	<p>The Chairholder has provided two training seminars for the legal profession on international opportunities and developments in Higher Education; see 2 b) below for detail.</p> <p>The Chairholder visited Namibia in January / February to arrange a future training programme for the University Council (Governing Body) and Executive Senior Management. This programme of Lecture / Seminar / Workshop was planned for June 2009 but was postponed until August 2009.</p>
iii) Research	<p>i) Ongoing consultative role for the establishment of a new university in the UAE. In the year under review it has been of special concern to research the needs of women e.g. Design and Fashion (policy oriented research; privately funded).</p> <p>ii) What pressures on the university of today? Research for the presentation under the same title for group of UK legal advisors (not policy oriented research, funded privately).</p> <p>iii) Chairholder's preparation for presentation at the UNESCO World Conference – research for session entitled "The Quality Imperatives in Higher Education" (not policy oriented research; funded by UNESCO).</p>

b) Conferences/Meeting

(key conferences and meetings organised by the Chair or to which its Chairholder contributed)

The Chairholder has made personal presentations and been involved in chairing or supporting the organisation of a number of conferences and meetings over the past year. The conference activity has been a major part of the Chair's role over the year.

Conferences and meetings organised:

- "What are the Pressures on Universities Today?" Personal presentation to group of UK legal advisors (Cambridge December 6th 2008).
- "Education in Sri Lanka since independence". Address to Council for Education in the Commonwealth by Dr Harsha Aturupane, Senior Economist at the World Bank. (London 17th November 2008 – 30% female attendance).
- "Education and Culture in International Relations". Address given to Council for Education in the Commonwealth by Lord Kinnock, President of the British Council. (London 3 December 2008 – 50% female attendance).
- "International Opportunities for Higher Education in the Middle East". Personal presentation by the Chairholder (Birmingham 4th December 2008).
- "Commonwealth Education Co-operation: Looking Ahead at 50" Two day conference co-organised by the Council for Education in the Commonwealth, the Commonwealth Secretariat and the University of Oxford (Oxford 31 March / 1st April 2009 – 55% female attendance from 50 Commonwealth nations).
- "Academics and Public Policy: a New Alignment?" Lecture given by Dame Janet Finch (27th May 2009 at The University of Bath – 50% female attendance).

- “The Quality Imperatives in Higher Education – the Key Determinants”. Personal presentation by the Chairholder. (UNESCO World Conference on Higher Education, Paris 7th July 2009 – c50% female attendance).

c) Interuniversity Exchanges/Partnerships
(principal exchanges/partnerships between the Chair and other institutions)

c60 international DBA students received throughout the year to University of Bath.

d) Publications/Multimedia Materials
(major publications and teaching/learning materials)

tick relevant fields of output and indicate volume of output:

	[tick]	[no.]
Books	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Books (edited)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Books (chapters)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Monographs	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Research Reports	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2
Journal Articles (refereed)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Conference Proceedings & Occasional Papers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Teaching/Learning Materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Multimedia Materials (CD-Rom)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Multimedia Materials (Video)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Multimedia Materials (Other)	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Give details of major publications and materials including full citations.

Quality Imperatives in Higher Education : the Key Determinants. UNESCO WCHE July 2009.

e) Other
(any other activities to report)

Lecture to the Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution – “Universities of the Future – Whatever Next?”
 (The second part of a two-part presentation)

3. Available Resources

Overview of resources placed at the disposal of the Chair in the reporting period

a) Human Resources

The Chair has been established on the clear understanding from the University of Bath and the associated universities in South Africa and Lesotho that there are no subsidies or financial resources directly provided from exchequer resources.

b) Other Resources

tick sources of financial contribution

	[tick]
Host Institution	<input type="checkbox"/>
Partner Institution	<input type="checkbox"/>
Government Body	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other Public Institution/Body (incl. Research Councils)	<input type="checkbox"/>
UNESCO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (reimbursement of expenses only)
Other UN Agency	<input type="checkbox"/>
IGO	<input type="checkbox"/>
NGO	<input type="checkbox"/>
Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Give details of financial contributions, material resources and space.

The Chairholder receives no direct or other funding from the Institutions and raises revenue and expenses for travel from private and other sources besides making a personal contribution particularly towards expenditures in southern Africa,

In this past year the National University of Lesotho has received awards from the Commonwealth Secretariat for expenses of the Chairholder to visit and advise in the country.

4. Future Plans and Development Prospects:

Outline of action plan for the next biennium. And short/medium and long term development prospects. Please feel free to refer to difficulties that the Chair has experienced (Not exceeding 500 words)

At the time of preparing this report the Chairholder has been active in southern Africa following up on key issues raised at the WCHE particularly in making a presentation in Namibia in August 2009.

The aims and objectives of the Chair continue to be as pertinent and necessary in the immediate future as they were when established almost a decade ago and the success of establishing the Chair especially to train senior university leaders (both Executive and lay Governors) and managers from developing countries has been outstanding and beneficial to many nations beyond those to whom it was originally intended. With a number of Vice-Chancellors and Ministers across the globe having experienced the training initiatives of the University of Bath it bodes well for an equally fruitful future.