

## UNITWIN UNESCO Chairs Programme

### UNESCO Chair Annual Progress Report

UNESCO Chair:	<b>Sustainable Mountain Development</b>
Institution:	<b>UHI Millennium Institute</b> Centre for Mountain Studies, Perth College UHI, Crieff Road, Perth PH1 2NX, United Kingdom www.uhi.ac.uk
Date Chair Established: (mm, yyyy)	February 2009
Period of Activity Under Report: (mm, yyyy - mm, yyyy)	February 2009 – July 2009
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#### **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)*

Primary emphases are on research (development and meetings) and teaching:

- 1) Facilitate further development and implementation of the Global Change and Mountain Regions (GLOCHAMORE) Research Strategy and Mountain Research Initiative (MRI); and
- 2) Organize and contribute to international meetings that facilitate understanding of, and action towards, sustainable mountain development, taking into account the effects of global change; and to publish the outcomes:
  - ➔ An international conference on 'Global Change and the World's Mountains' is planned for 26-30 September 2010. This is being planned jointly with the MRI; a special session will consider implementation of the GLOCHAMORE Research Strategy, and keynote speakers will be asked to address progress with research since 2005, when this strategy was prepared.
- 3) Foster and support the development and delivery of Masters-level courses that support sustainable mountain development
  - ➔ Delivery of the MSc Managing Sustainable Mountain Development has continued at the UHI Millennium Institute
  - ➔ The UHI Millennium Institute has become an Associate member of the Himalayan University Consortium, which brings together higher education institutions in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, China, India, Nepal, and Pakistan. The Chairholder attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Consortium, in India, and has become involved in a working group charged with curriculum development.

## 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	<p>1) Within the MSc Sustainable Mountain Development at the UHI Millennium Institute, 1 student (male, from Spain) will graduate with an MSc, one with a PGDip (male, UK), and one with a PGCert (female, UK). There are 10 new students - 5 female (UK), 1 female (France), 4 male (UK) - for academic year 2009-10. Continuing students: 9 female (UK), 1 female (Bulgaria), 12 male (UK), 1 male (France).</p> <p>2) The Chairholder attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting of the Himalayan University Consortium (HUC) in Dehra Dun, India, 26-27 February 2009. At this meeting, Prof. Price presented the activities of the Chair, particularly with regard to Masters-level courses on sustainable mountain development. As a result, Prof. Price was included in a small working group to take this forward. Also, the UHI Millennium Institute was invited to, and has, become an associate member of the HUC.</p>
ii) Training	N/A
iii) Research	<p>Planning is well underway for an international conference on 'Global Change and the World's Mountains', to be held in Perth on 26-30 September 2010 (see <a href="http://www.perth.uhi.ac.uk/mountainstudies/2010">www.perth.uhi.ac.uk/mountainstudies/2010</a>). Experts from around the world have agreed to organise a total of 32 sessions, on a wide range of themes from the natural and social sciences. Two major sources of funding have been confirmed: Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (UD\$25k) and Perth and Kinross Council (£10k). More funding is required for secretariat, keynote speakers, and participants from developing countries.</p>

### **b) Conferences/Meeting**

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

- 3<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting of the Himalayan University Consortium (HUC) in Dehra Dun, India, 26-27 February 2009.
- International seminar contributing to Inquiry into the future for England's upland communities, organised by the Commission for Rural Communities, London, 24 June 2009.

### **c) Interuniversity Exchanges/Partnerships**

*(principal exchanges/partnerships between the Chair and other institutions)*

Partnership: Himalayan University Consortium: members of working group on Masters-level courses are Tata Institute of Social Sciences (Mumbai, India), HNB Garhwal University (Srinagar, India), Centre for Geoinformatics (Z\_GIS), Salzburg University (Austria)

No exchanges.

**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 type="checkbox"/>	
Journal Articles (refereed)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Conference Proceedings & Occasional Papers	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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.*

N/A

**e) Other***(any other activities to report)*

N/A

**3. Available Resources***Overview of resources placed at the disposal of the Chair in the reporting period***a) Human Resources**

Prof. Martin Price, Chairholder, Director of the Centre for Mountain Studies (CMS), Perth College UHI

Angela Paterson: Part-time administrator at the CMS

Robert McMorran, Jin Park: CMS Research fellows delivering modules on the MSc Managing Sustainable Mountain Development

Jim Chalmers, Donna Clark, Roddy Murray, Melanie Smith, Michael Smith: other full-time UHI staff delivering modules on the MSc Managing Sustainable Mountain Development

**b) Other Resources***tick sources of financial contribution*

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

*Give details of financial contributions, material resources and space.*

- Salaries of Chairholder and administrator
- Office space, IT equipment and support, etc.
- Travel and subsistence for meeting in India
- Printing of new course brochures

#### **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)**

- 1) MSc Managing Sustainable Mountain Development at UHI Millennium Institute: now that new course brochures with the UNESCO Chair logo have been printed, these will be disseminated at appropriate conferences and through other channels in Europe to increase enrolment from outside the UK.
- 2) A meeting is planned to take forward curriculum development on Masters-level courses on sustainable mountain development and to develop and deliver one short course during 2010.
- 3) International conference on 'Global Change and the World's Mountains': this will take place on 26-30 September 2010 in Perth, UK. A call for abstracts will be issued in September 2009, with a deadline for submission of 1 March 2010. Keynote speakers will be identified and invited. The key challenge is fund-raising; the global recession means that private purses are tighter, and other expected sources (e.g., the regional development agency) have not been willing to provide funds. However, the conference will definitely take place.