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ACC Alumni and Friends Networking Function, 3 August 2010



ACC Scholarship Alumni: (left to right) Nik Fritchley, Sarah Close, Nikolas Simic, Brooke Hartigan and Brendan McMullan.

Held in Sydney this year, the ACC Alumni and Friends Networking function provided an opportunity for Alumni from the China Experience, Year in China and Young Business and Professional Scholars programs from 1998-2008 to share experiences of their time in China and what

they have been doing since. Father Jeremy Clarke, one of the first ACC Young Scholars in China, gave an entertaining speech on his experience, highlighting how much China has changed since 1988.

The event was attended by a number of Australia-China VIPs including: former ACC Chairs and Board members, Dr John Yu AM, Mr John Allen and Professor Jocelyn Chey; The Consul, Mr Fu Aimin and Deputy Consul, Mr Ji Ningfeng from the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China; as well as a number of other China specialists including Professors Stephen Fitzgerald and David Goodman.

Current and past ACC grant recipients also attended from a variety of organisations including Opera Australia, Sydney Writers Festival, Ausheritage and Ecotraining Australia.

The guests were entertained by a jazz duo from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. The ACC holds this function annually.

triple j Online Media Exchange, March—May 2010

The ACC supported exchange partners Janine Googan, Online Media Team Leader from triple j Sydney, and her counterpart Xin Xin from Easy FM, China Radio International Beijing, to host each other in their respective workplaces.

Xin Xin's visit coincided with triple j's annual 'One Night Stand' event in Alice Springs, providing a unique experience for her to see more remote areas of Australia.



Xin Xin, Easy FM, China Radio International (middle front) on exchange with Janine Googan (back left) and the triple j online media team.

Janine spent time in Beijing observing live programs at Easy FM and interacting on their very popular forums.

Janine commented, "The exchange was undoubtedly a success. Both Xin Xin and I got to experience working in a different media environment and it was fascinating to be able to see the different priorities and processes for ways which we work. Often it was surprising how similar things were!".

Janine's blog on the exchange can be found at: www.googan.com/beijing2010/

'Next Step Initiative', 3-7 May 2010 Australia-China Research Collaboration



ACC Deputy Chair, Mr Kevin Hobgood-Brown addresses the Chinese and Australian research partners at an ACC function for the "Next Step Initiative".

The Australian Academy of Science (AAS) and the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (ATSE) invited Australian and Chinese participants from their 2009 China-Australia symposium, 'Towards Sustainable Coastal and Deltaic Systems under Climate Change', to put forward proposals for collaboration on bilateral research projects. The proposals were ranked in order of merit and seven Australian and seven Chinese researchers were selected to participate in the "Next Step Initiative",

supported by the ACC, to progress their joint research initiatives.

The program consisted of:

- Technical visits to Australian host institutions.
- Development of joint research proposals.
- Function with the ACC Board.
- Roundtable discussions at CSIRO Discovery Centre.

This initiative is expected to lead to PhD student exchanges, information exchange and reciprocal visits between Australia and China.

"Australia's broad ranging expertise in renewable technologies, low carbon technologies, urban development, construction and planning were profiled extensively at both the Sydney and Shanghai events".

Sustaining Sino-Australian Cities in the Green Century

The Australia-China Business Council's (ACBC) Low Carbon Buildings and Communities Forum was hosted by the Australian Pavilion, Shanghai World Expo on June 14 2010 and supported by an ACC grant. The ACBC followed-up the forum with an



Delegates at the ACBC Low Carbon Buildings and Communities Forum at the Australian pavilion, Shanghai World Expo; June 14 2010. Photographer: Anna Willett.

event in Sydney titled 'Green Cities Mission 2010' on June 24 2010.

The events combined the goals of reducing carbon emissions and increasing bilateral exchange to deliver long-term, sustainable economic growth.

'Shanghai Lady Killer'



Rehearsal of 'Shanghai Lady killer'.

With support from the ACC, Stalker Theatre Company undertook the rehearsal stage of a multi media performance project co-directed by Stalker's Artistic Director Rachael Swain and Chinese-Australian Filmmaker, Tony Ayres. Stalker completed a six week rehearsal with Australian, Chinese and Chinese-Australian cast. Inspired by the Wuxia genre of Hong Kong sword fighting films revived in Western Cinema through films such as 'Kill Bill' and 'House of Flying Daggers', 'Shanghai Lady Killer' is a contemporary re-interpretation of this genre for a live and screen based performance work which will show at the Brisbane and Melbourne Festivals in 2010. Negotiations are underway to take 'Shanghai Lady Killer' to Shanghai and Beijing in 2011.

Inaugural Australia-China Youth Dialogue, 4—6 October 2010

In just two weeks time, thirty of the best and brightest youth leaders from China and Australia together with internationally revered experts from Sino-Australian related industry and academia will convene in Beijing for the inaugural Australia-China Youth Dialogue (ACYD).

The dialogue comes at a pivotal time in the history of the Sino-Australian bilateral relationship, as global, economic, political and strategic influence shifts to our region of the world, giving rise to what many commentators have coined "the Asian century". Such commentators include Professor Hugh White of the Australian National University, whose recent quarterly essay, *"Power Shift: Australia's Future Between Washington and Beijing"* sparked vigorous public debate about the changing dynamics of the Asia Pacific region, and indeed Australia's place in it. In times such as these, a productive relationship between China and Australia based on open dialogue, mutual interest, mutual respect and mutual understanding is unambiguously in the national interest of both nations and the Asia Pacific region at large.

The Dialogue seeks to not only deepen the friendship, understanding and cross-cultural engagement between the two nations, but also to encourage prospective future leaders to begin thinking and acting toward cooperative solutions for the major challenges they will face in their stewardship of this century.

The following distinguished speakers have thus far been confirmed to present at the Dialogue:

HE Dr Geoff Raby, Australian Ambassador to the People's Republic of China.

Professor Geremie Barmé, The Australian National University (ANU).

Dr Richard Rigby, ANU.

Professor Yiping Huang, Peking University.

Professor Hu Angang, Qinghua University.

Mr Antony Dapiran, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, Hong Kong.



The third day of the Australia-China Youth Dialogue will be hosted by the Australian Pavilion, Shanghai World Expo 2010: 4-6 Oct. 2010.

Mr Laurie Pearcey, Australia-China Business Council (ACBC).

Professor Chen Hong, East China Normal University.

Mr Jianzhong Lu, BHP Billiton in Beijing.

Mr Jeremy Goldkorn, influential blogger.

Mr Laurie Smith, Austrade.

Mr John Garnaut, *The Age* and *Sydney Morning Herald's* China Correspondent based in Beijing.

Mr Paul Glasson, ACBC, China.

Professor David Kelly, University of Technology, Sydney.

Mr. Chan Koonchung, expert in the media-entertainment businesses in the Greater China region.

Dr. Jing-dong Yuan, University of Sydney.

The Dialogue will take place from 4-6 October 2010 and is an initiative of the Australia-China Youth Association (ACYA), supported by an ACC grant. The first two days will be held at Beijing's Qinghua University. The third day will be hosted by the Australian Pavilion at the Shanghai World Expo 2010.

For further detailed information about daily Dialogue proceedings, please visit the ACYD website at www.acyd.org.au

Australian Financial Services Summits

The Investment and Financial Services Association (IFSA) conducted summits in Beijing and Shanghai from 2 – 4 June 2010, supported by the ACC. The principal aim of the events were to establish closer links between the Chinese and Australian financial services industries, and to explore opportunities to cooperate and further strengthen existing industry and regulatory relationships. The Summits



Australian Delegates (left to right): Mr Greg Healy, AMP; Mr Alan Schoenheimer, Russell Investments; Mr Paul Wells, La Trobe Financial; Mr Beng Neoh, AMP.

were very well attended by representatives from across the entire Chinese funds management industry. The Australian delegates raised the

awareness of the size, breadth and professionalism of the Australian financial services industry and the regulatory system from which it operates. IFSA (now the Financial Services Council) invited a number of Chinese fund managers to attend their annual conference in August. They have also experienced an increase in enquiries from Chinese fund managers about visiting the Australian market.



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The Friends of the Australia-China Council (ACC) and ACC Alumni is a networking platform created to connect past and present ACC funding recipients and provide long term people to people linkages.

The Australia-China Council (ACC) was established by an Order of the Executive Council in 1978 for the purpose of promoting understanding and fostering "people-to-people" relations between Australia and China. The Chairperson of the ACC, Emeritus Professor Mark Wainwright AM was appointed by the Executive Council on the recommendation of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, who also appoints the board members of the ACC. Council funding is in the form of an annual budget allocation administered by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The Council funds projects in Australia, China, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan that are in line with the ACC's goals outlined in its Strategic Plan for 2008 to 2011.



ACC Board Member Profiles

Ms Joanna Capon OAM

Ms Capon is the Director of her own company, Joanna Capon and Associates.

She holds a number of positions in organisations with an arts and health focus including Director of the George Foundation and board member of the George Institute for International Health; Museums and Galleries NSW; and Editorial Advisory Board of Art and Australia. Ms Capon is the author of two books (one of which is titled *Guide to the Museums of China*). She established the art collection at The Westmead Children's Hospital where she is the continuing curator and a member of the Advisory Board.

Ms Capon was appointed to the ACC on 1 January 2008 for three years.



Ms Joanna
Capon OAM



Professor
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Professor Chua is principally the Pro-Vice Chancellor (Enterprise Systems) at the University of New South Wales (UNSW) and was a member of the UNSW Council from 1998-2008.

Professor Chua is a member of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia. She is a former member of the External Sustainable Development Advisory Group to the Minerals Council of Australia.

Professor Chua has strong professional and family links to China.

Professor Chua was appointed to the ACC on 15 October 2007 for three years.