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## **Alumnewsletter** **June 2003**

**Message from Richard Longhurst,  
Chair, IDS Alumni Association:**

Dear Alumna/Alumnus

Whenever I start to write this letter Diane usually reminds me that "there is no need to write very much because what the Alumni really want is news of each other", but on this occasion there is a lot to report so I hope you will bear with me.

The first piece of important news is that **Joaquim Tres (MP14)** is the new Governor representing the Alumni. You will read more about this in Akio Takahara's report on the recent Governing Body meeting, but I wanted to thank all those who nominated themselves or others for this important position. The Committee sat late at the end of a beautiful sunny May day in Falmer and sifted through the very impressive nominations for this important position, drawing up a short list, but recommending Kim as the preferred candidate. Our congratulations to Kim and our best wishes to him in this new role. Many thanks to our retiring representative, Akio, who has served the Alumni on the Governing Body with great distinction for the last three years. Not only has he represented our interests with great vigour but has also provided a vital perspective to the Board on China.

We took advantage of Akio's last meeting to present a brief paper to Governors to better acquaint them with Alumni activities. The Committee expects to embark on activities this next academic year helping students with finding employment, internships and developing skills in proposal writing and contract bidding. We believe that this is something in which the Alumni can take the lead also drawing on expertise from Governors and IDS staff. The Committee will keep you informed and ask for input as needed. As a start I would like to thank those IDS Alumni who have visited recently and passed on information on employment opportunities to groups of students. I would urge any of you when visiting IDS to do the same. We are also hoping to beef up our website; any suggestions for enhancements would be most welcome.

You will also be pleased to hear that we have another issue of the *IDS Bulletin* in progress (it will be the fourth by the Alumni, not the third, as I had said in the last *Newsletter*). There will be more details in the next *Newsletter* when things have firmed up, but the intention is to publish in June 2005, the proposed date of the next reunion.

Our email outreach is extending and we now have email addresses for 70 per cent of the membership. As ever we welcome your input to help us extend this list. Diane is always willing to send you the current list of your course group email addresses and/or the full email directory for those willing to help. (On a personal note, does anyone know the whereabouts of my former partner-in-dissertation-writing **Khalid Affan (DP 82)**? I have been e-chasing him over the Gulf as he worked for the Gulf Organisation for Industrial Consulting in Doha until 2001.)

Finally I hope you enjoy reading this *Newsletter* and look forward to hearing from you in good time for the December 2003 issue.

**STOP PRESS:** Interviews are being held next week for the new Director.

**Richard Longhurst (DP 81)**

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**Report by Akio Takahara, (MP6, DP88), Alumni Representative on IDS Governing Body, following the GB meeting on 12 June 2003.**

This time the Governing Body meeting started with our report on the Alumni Association (available on the IDS website: [www.ids.ac.uk/ids/alumni/index.html](http://www.ids.ac.uk/ids/alumni/index.html)). I told the Governors that we wanted to help the current students as well as the Alumni in their career development, and asked them if it was all right for us to contact them personally for ideas and information on internships and employment. They all nodded. Another request of mine was for the Governors to provide us with advice on linking with other development alumni associations. After the meeting, one Governor, DeAnne Julius, a former member of the Bank of England Monetary Policy Committee, handed me a memo suggesting that we contact the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in London. She said they had set up an Alumni Association about five years ago and she understood it to be flourishing.

Another important agenda for us was my retirement from the Governing Body and the nomination and appointment of Joaquim Tres (MP14) as the new Governor representing the Alumni. Kim, as many of you would know, is a founding member of the Alumni Association, now serving as Country Representative Guatemala of the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation. Keith Bezanson told the Governors that this choice

was supported very strongly by all the people whom he consulted. Some of the Governors who knew Kim enthusiastically expressed their belief that he would make an excellent Governor. Congratulations, Kim, and all the best!

As for the Institute, the financial outturn was even better in 2002/2003 than a year before. The total income was £12,452,000 and the surplus was a satisfactory £521,000. Another point of significance in the report of the Director was the fact that discussion on the possible structural reform of the Institute had been proceeding since February. Three areas had been identified as those that required urgent attention: management structures and systems, incentive systems, and culture and social structures. I was impressed that all the members of IDS had been involved in the discussions. On the other hand, the Director Appointing Committee is already searching for a new Director. As a Sinologist, I may be too sensitive about succession issues, but my feeling is that they should move as fast as they can to conclude the talks and implement the reforms.

Finally, I would like to thank you very much for all the support I received during the years of my Governorship. Did you know that there are now over 900 IDS alumni all over the world? I do believe that we can play a very constructive role if we are able to establish a good communication network among us. So please keep in touch and inform Diane of any changes in your work place, contacting address, etc. I look forward to seeing many of you at the next Alumni Reunion in 2005!

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### **A New MA - in Participation, Development and Social Change**

The start of a new course is an exciting moment, in this case especially so as this MA will be distinctive and innovative in its structure and approach. It will build on one of IDS's strongest research areas which recognises that concepts and methods of 'participation' are now increasingly used throughout the world for engaging citizens, communities, stakeholders and beneficiaries in decision-making. The course is designed for students who will be working with host organisations involved in participatory approaches and programmes. It will be full-time and run over 15 months (mid-May to end July), combining an initial and a final period of intensive study of 10 weeks each at IDS, with a 9-month middle period of learning and action research in the host institution.

In the first part of the course, at IDS, each student will develop a learning plan with the course supervisors and in consultation with their fieldwork organisations. In the action learning phase, learning plans will be monitored and assessed

through student progress reports, a presentation at a field seminar, a portfolio of outputs documenting fieldwork (this may include videos, diaries, field notes), and a final reflective essay. Part 3, at IDS again, will be a time for integrating theory and practice.

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### **DPhil News**

#### **DP 84**

**Surendra Vettivel** recently made contact and sent this summary of his post-IDS life: 'I did not want to take a full time position. I wanted to make a professional contribution to development. I took up independent consultancy in 1990. First, I got a 15-day Danida contract. It became one month, then six months, and I was established as a consultant. I have had the privilege of working for most international agencies.

My initial specialised activities were community participation (my D.Phil. topic), roles for community based organisations, roles for NGOs. Then I developed a unique process of community-level PRA facilitation and organisation-level ZOPP/LFA consultative workshop facilitation to prepare projects, small and large. I have added gender to it, that is, gender analysis, appraisal and action planning.

Now I am in the phase of 'giving back' to society. I organise training workshops on PRA, ZOPP/LFA and gender. I have written three books: *Community Participation* (my thesis); *Participation and Sustainable Development and Participation Concept, Approaches and Techniques*. Last year, I published a booklet: *Participatory Project Management*. I spend my spare time in a library here in Delhi, a habit I have taken back from IDS.'

#### **DP 93**

**Sulochana Nair** is currently Head of the Department of Development Studies, Faculty of Economics and Administration, University of Malaya.

#### **DP 94**

Since September 2002 **Mohamed Samantar** has been working together with highly established European Universities on Camel Pastoralism led by Professor Anders Hjort-af-Ornas. This project is geared primarily to a better understanding of the environmental management and the risks involved in bringing up some innovations on the diverse aspects of the life of the camel pastoralists in the Horn of Africa. The project is a collaborative interdisciplinary in its research undertakings and its expected to be financed principally by the European union. From IDS the principal research consultant is Dr Jeremy Swift, a renowned figure in international pastoral environments.

## DP 99

**Gwen Sullivan** (also **MP8**) wrote: 'I am currently living in Austin and would love to hear from IDS friends and alumni (gwensull@austin.rr.com). Austin is a dynamic city with strong international and Latin American communities. Nicaragua is only a three-hour flight away, and always close to heart. Though I miss Managua, I continue to pursue many of my same concerns here.

Through my friendships and research, I attempt to follow the daily struggles of Central American and Mexican workers, now in the maquiladoras at home and in precarious jobs here in the United States. This has sparked my interest in independent participatory monitoring of multi-stakeholder workplace codes (based on core international labour standards). Can such monitoring improve labour conditions and guarantee a space for unions, together with national labour legislation?

I also have a growing interest in the relevance of Development Studies to students here, both in the social sciences and in the professional fields. I recently worked with colleagues at the Institute of Latin American Studies, University of Texas, to design a Development Studies concentration for their graduate program. This initiative will integrate resources across academic disciplines (and professional schools) to offer individually tailored programs of study in specialized areas of development.

Well, I miss all of you, and often dream one day of writing feature articles about your work, as I'm convinced such stories could make a difference...Please keep in touch.'

## DP 01

**Patrick Belser** emailed in February saying: 'After two years in Berne we are moving back to our hometown of Geneva. Eliane will keep her job at SDC and will continue working on the Swiss cooperation programs in the Mekong region. On my side, I will start a new job. Beginning of March, I will join the International Labour Organisation to do research on the elimination of contemporary forms of forced labour.'

## MPhil News

### MP 2

**Diane Wilderspin** has now reverted to her maiden name of **Diane Morcom** and would like to make contact with her fellow 1975-77 classmates. She is currently the Deputy Secretary of the Cabinet in New Zealand. (Please contact the Alumni Association Secretary for her email address.)

### MP 4

**Eduardo Martinez-Garcia**, an industrial engineer, has been working as UNESCO Regional Specialist in Science and Technology Planning and Management for Latin America and the Caribbean, since 1984. He is based in Montevideo,

Eduardo is interested in the strategic planning and management of science and technology, as well as in the economics of technology, in the (multicriteria) evaluation of R&D projects, and in university evaluation and accreditation.

**Bernardo Mendez-Lugo** says: As an IDS alumnus, I am very proud to be Mexican Consul for Press, Trade and Academic Relations in San Francisco Bay Area, one of the most tolerant, high tech and open cities in the world. I was before in Atlanta for 5 years, as a press person, I was happy to meet and work with people like Ted Turner in CNN and former President Jimmy Carter and all his staff at the Carter Center. Atlanta was a great experience for my diplomatic career and San Francisco is even more complex and intense because minorities play an important role in research and development, politics and all activities. When I say minorities I am speaking also of gay-lesbian people that have played and play a key role in this wonderful city. Just now, four of the candidates to become City Mayor are gays, one of them an outstanding Mexican-American female lawyer who is now treasurer of the City. The President of the City Council (Board of Supervisors) is a Latino, very progressive and very critical of the IMF-World Bank adjustments in developing countries and with interesting views on globalization. Of course, Bio-Tech companies and high tech companies are world-leaders in patents and new products, many of them related to warfare tools and technology. My family is happy living in the east-bay, about 20 miles from SF, in the warm and beautiful city of Walnut Creek ([www.walnut-creek.org](http://www.walnut-creek.org)). My wife Christine who is French enjoys very much the whole region, including of course the excellent wines of Napa and Sonoma but she says that still French wines are better! My children are also well integrated as trilingual and multicultural boys: Adrian 18, Jonas 13 and Timothee 10. They speak French with Christine and Spanish with me and the French-Mexican alliance is also good in the political sense regarding UN Security Council on Iraq and we follow that path at home, despite the 5 May battle celebration when we defeated Napoleon III troops in Puebla in May 5th 1862. 5 May is a huge Mexican holiday here in the USA and we celebrated yesterday in San Francisco City Hall with a speech by Consul General, dinner and Mexican dances.

I keep in contact with some IDS alumni such as **Wendy Walker-Moffat** who lives in Berkeley, **Saul Weisleder** who lives in Mexico City because his wife Rebeca Grynspan (M.A Economics 1980) is ECLA director for Mexico and Central America, **Enrique Bautista** (MPhil 2) who is Secretary of Planning in his home state (Michoacan.gob.mx), **Jonathan Davis** (MA economics 1980) who is President of the National Banking Commission of Mexico (cnbv.gob.mx) and former Federal Treasurer, **Lorenia Parada** (IDS-Ma Gender Studies) who works at UNAM in Mexico City,

**Joaquim Tres** (MPhil, who is Spanish top official for Technical Cooperation in Guatemala, **Cesar Viera** (MP 4) PAHO top official in Washington, DC. Very recently I launched a e-mail list discussion with most of IDS MPhil 4 including my dear former roommate **Mammo Muchie**, and many more as Francisco Pareja, Jose Eguren, Noriko, Magdalene David, Saul and Rebeca, etc.

Anyone coming to San Francisco, let me know, we have interesting arrangements with nice local hotels near Union Square and many tips for people visiting the region. Good luck and hope to hear from you, please feel free to contact me anytime, 415-354-1731.'

**Francisco Pareja** emailed: 'I am now a staff member of the General Secretariat of the Andean Community, which is the name of an economic and political integration process began in 1969 along the lines of the European Union and that presently involves Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador (my country), Perú and Venezuela. At present the AC is holding talks with MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brasil, Paraguay and Uruguay) in order to establish a free trade zone involving the whole of South America (Chile, not a full member of MERCOSUR is, however, an associate) by the year 2004, hopefully before ALCA comes banging at our doors. The Secretariat is in Lima (where I therefore now reside). Other institutions of the Andean Integration System are: the Andean Tribunal (Quito), the Andean Development Corporation (Caracas), the Andean Reserves Fund and the Andean Parliament (both in Bogotá), the Andean University "Simón Bolívar" (in Quito, La Paz and Sucre), and the Andean Cooperation Programme for Bolivia (in La Paz).

My wife's name is Marjorie, she is Ecuadorean like myself, a lawyer specialized in private international law, and we have no children (we have each other, and we also have Pascal, a Yorkshire Terrier with English great-great-grandparents, who was born in Caracas, and has lived in Quito and now in Lima, always with us, his adopted parents).'

#### MP5

After nearly a five year stint in Bangkok, **Moazam Mahmood** (and DP82) has been transferred (following promotion!) to the ILO headquarters in Geneva. Noreen and Shanzeh have no option but to follow! Noreen thought they had done their bit of living in the West and prefers the East with all its creature comforts, especially domestic space and help. Wo it will take some getting used to the self service ways of the West. They are relocating at the end of August but email addresses remain the same.

#### MP 12

**Thomas Grammig** has worked since February as research co-ordinator for INTRAC in Oxford. Main research themes: NGO partnerships, rights-based approaches, capacity building and community development.

**Vivien Lowndes** wrote: 'I've been a Professor in the Department of Public Policy at De Montfort University (Leicester, UK) since 1997, having worked at the Universities of Essex and Birmingham before that (and in local government too). My research is in the area of public participation, local political leadership, and applications of institutional theory. Life is very busy at the moment, as Stuart and I now have three children: Alastair (8), Hope (4) and Rory (1). We enjoy travelling in Europe: the new low cost airlines have allowed us to take the whole tribe to interesting places where the sun shines! All good wishes to old friends out there. I may not be very good at staying in touch, but I remember the IDS days with great affection: it was such a privilege to have so much time to talk, think and socialise with wonderful people!'

#### MP 13

**Robin Mearns** (Fellow 1990-97) and **Ann Hudock** (DP 97) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Thomas Morgan Mearns on February 23, 2003, a brother for Alec (b. June 11, 2001). The whole family is well, happy, and living in Washington, DC, where they have frequent opportunities to see old IDS friends and colleagues.

#### MP 15

**Jake Ross** is now back in Britain, still working at Cambridge Education Consultants. He wrote: 'I am managing the UK-end of new DFID projects in South Africa and the Windward Islands, as well as continuing with Bangladesh and preparing proposals for new work. My consultancy role is currently focusing on preparing training programmes in education research, to be delivered by national partners and implemented by local participants. This all contributes to my on-going part time PhD registration at the Institute of Education, London. Lynne is approaching the halfway point in her masters in health services management at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and the girls (now 5, 4 and 2), are well-settled at local schools and nurseries.'

#### MP 16

**Will Campbell** says: 'I'm settling into Clapham, London where I have a new job as a management trainer with the Management Centre, a company that does training and consultancy for non-profits in the UK and overseas. It's exciting to be back, and a bit daunting - having been away from this chilly island for 7 years!'

#### MP 23

**Sarah White** wrote to update the Dec. 02 newsletter and say that in addition to **Jo Wilke's** (MP19) note she has now joined DFID in Bangladesh, so joining **Mahmuda Rahman Khan** (MA7), Jo and Sheelagh Stewart who worked at IDS as a RO. **Charlotte Duncan** (MA Gov 1) works for UNDP there too - so there is a great IDS mafia! Sarah asks anyone who comes out to

Dhaka to get in touch with them all - they have already met up with **Mick Moore**, and are always happy to see other IDS-ers!

#### MP 24

**James Allen** is now working for the International Rescue Committee, UK, as a programme officer. He visited DR Congo, Rwanda and Uganda on a recent field trip and met up with **Robina Namusisi** and **Lillian Keene** (both **MAGov01**) while in Uganda. He is happily living in South London and would be pleased to receive e-mails from any former IDSlings on [james@ircuk.org](mailto:james@ircuk.org)

### MA News

#### MA 4

**Joanna Kerr**, Executive Director, Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID) gave a seminar at IDS recently on 'Trends in the "Global" women's movement: are feminists still cutting edge?'. With the world in the state that it is in, many social movements, especially the women's movement are asking "what do we need to do differently". Over the past year, AWID has been gathering analyses and perspectives from feminists around the world on how the women's movement could be more proactive - in particular to address ascendant crises related to globalisation, rise in fundamentalisms and increased conflict and militarization. Joanna spoke about the many debates going on within the so-called global women's movement on both the new issues that need to be addressed as well as more effective ways of organizing.

#### MA 7

Quick news update from **Sharron Mendel**, in Takoma Park, Maryland: 'Biggest news is that **Will Campbell (MP16)** and I have made the transition from partners to friends, after eight amazing years together. Soon Will will be back in England, working as a trainer with the Management Centre, based out of London. Despite earlier plans to move back to Alabama, I've decided to stay in the Washington, DC area, where I am currently working on several creative projects as well as continuing to work as a consultant, promoting the status of women, young people, minorities and immigrants. If you are ever in the DC area, please get in touch: [sharron\\_mendel@mindspring.com](mailto:sharron_mendel@mindspring.com).'

#### MA 11

**Hiroki Kajifusa** wrote: 'After a 2-year assignment of volunteer service like VSO in Guatemala, I returned to Japan and finally have got this new job from Jan. 2003 as consultant for rural development and gender. However, I was offered a 3-month cooperation as gender advisor for the government of Peru hopefully from February.'

**Assiya Akanay** emailed saying: 'I have recently (August 2002) joined the United Nations

Secretariat in New York and am working as an Associate Information Officer for the Division for the Advancement of Women (UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs). The Division's main responsibilities include substantive servicing for (a) the intergovernmental body on gender equality - the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW); (b) agenda items on gender equality in the Economic and Social Council and in the General Assembly; and (c) the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). My tasks are related to information communications and outreach in the Division through publications, media, website, events, etc. Prior to moving to New York, I had worked in Almaty, Kazakhstan for the UNDP country office and the UNIFEM regional office for CIS countries.'

#### MA 14

**Meharoona Ghani** wrote recently: 'It's wonderful to stay in touch with all of you through the IDS Alumni newsletter. For the past six months, I've been working as a Program and Policy Analyst for Stopping the Violence Branch with the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal, Women's Services. I am based in Canada. Victoria, British Columbia. I work for the Provincial Government, the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services. This is my day job and during the evenings I volunteer at various NGOs in Victoria that focus on social justice work such as anti-racism initiatives and community development. A majority of my work has been on researching and writing a report that focuses on the prevention of violence against women in the province of British Columbia. I continue to be active in anti-racism initiatives. The past four months kept me busy with facilitating a course in 'Leadership in anti-racism for professionals' at a Victoria non-government organization. This was very exciting as I was able to cross over some of the tools I learned at IDS into my teaching.

More recently, I spoke at a conference on Youth and Media Violence where I focused specifically on racialized violence in Victoria. I also spoke on a panel on the topic of Building Communities and Finding a Voice. This brought together various Asian-Canadian women leaders which was very inspiring and empowering.'

Many congratulations to **Rebeca Eileen Zuniga-Hamlin** and **Aaron Schneider** (IDS Fellow) who were married in Washington DC on 13 March 2003. The official celebrations in DC and Nicaragua will be held in August.

#### MA 15

**Manuela Peters** is working as community health coordinator in Sioma, Zambia, with CORD (Christian Outreach Relief and Development).

## MA Gov 02

**Bolaji Abdullahi** emailed from Lagos: 'Since I returned to Nigeria, I have resumed my work as a journalist. I had always wanted to find a link between journalism and development. This was one of the reasons I came to IDS. The idea of development journalism was not considered important in Nigeria because publishers believe it does not sell the papers. I however was able to persuade my employer to give me four pages weekly, which I edit. I was made development editor. Since then, I have focussed on reporting and writing on development issues: poverty, health, corruption, policies, etc. I must confess that I never realised how much I learnt at IDS before I started this section. I had gone back to reading all the course materials and other things I had collected while in England. I must say my section has become a must read every Wednesday, especially for people working in the civil society and policy sectors. Many other papers are already considering how to start a similar thing, but unfortunately they don't have the competence. My new job as the Special Adviser on Communication and Strategy to the Governor requires me to design communication strategies for all government policies and educate the public on what the government is doing. I am also to advise the Governor on policy strategies. This puts me in the so-called 'kitchen-cabinet' where I will work with a few other people to serve as the Governor's think-thank.'

**Paulo Costa** is currently working in Parliament Affairs at the Presidential Office in Brasilia. He says: 'Our main duty is to negotiate and raise the positions of different ministries due to laws being discussed at the Parliament. From the different - sometimes antagonistic - positions, we have to state an unique opinion and then present it to the Congress members. When the proposal was originally made by the Executive, we simply have to convince the Congress members of its relevance. It is not an easy task, considering that we don't have a solid majority. However, the Brazilian right wing parties are not programmatic and are always keen to collaborate with any government in charge, which makes things a little bit easier, but not less risky of eventual payback demands.'

Paulo would be very pleased to see any IDS visitors coming to Brazil. His email is: [paulomtc@planalto.gov.br](mailto:paulomtc@planalto.gov.br); tel: (55 61) 411 1440/1441.

**Miguel Loureiro** wrote: 'I am finally working (if you consider lecturing work) in Pakistan. I've started last month lecturing "Perspectives in Development Sociology" at the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) (and I now understand why Robert Chambers once said that he learned more than we did, when being a teacher). It's a 'new' university (since 1984), but

already quite prestigious. As you probably know, **Shandana Mohmand** is also here and we were asked to develop undergraduate courses in development studies, as well as prepare the ground for a masters in development studies. So we'll be teaching fun things that have some meaning in the Pakistani context, such as decentralisation, management of humanitarian crisis, civil movements, NGO management, and so on. We also started negotiations with our library and BLDS and GDNet (trying to get cheaper/free publications). Since **Shandana** knows the place a bit better and has been around longer, she's also busy researching the Pakistani devolution programme at LUMS and working part-time with a couple of NGOs. I will soon follow, because the work is interesting and I need the money (remember we're paid in Pakistani rupees...).'

**Caitlin Porter** wrote: 'Since finishing my Masters in Governance I completed a research internship with International Care & Relief (ICR), based in Kent, and wrote a position paper for the organisation on sustainable youth livelihoods. I am about to go to Afghanistan with Concern Worldwide for a six month research internship, conducting field research into livelihoods systems and food security, focusing particularly on women.'

**Lorra Thompson** has been working with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) since 1998 with the Mediterranean Environmental Technical Assistance Programme. Following completion of the MA Gov02 she continued most of her duties with additional responsibility as the Regional Environmental Specialist for the Arab States. In July 2003, she will leave UNDP to work on a UNDP-funded project with the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) as the Water Demand Management Project Coordinator for the Middle East/North Africa, based in Cairo, Egypt. This post will involve leading the water demand management initiative, which aims to promote water efficiency and conservation in the Arab region for more effective water governance.

**John Virtue** started in April a five month UNICEF consultancy in Cambodia in strengthening donor coordination to the Cambodia Education Sector Support Programme.

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### Message from Sheila Burgess:

Hello Alumni

I thought I would write a little something about my new life. I have been retired now for six months and time has just flown. I do miss the old place, and I miss my colleagues and friends most of all. I do like being able to please myself, well a little, and I do still work a bit. I miss the students for all the information, debates and discussions on politics and world problems. However, I am a great radio listener and do hear lots about these things on various programmes, including some



great debates. (I admit to shouting at the radio quite a lot!)

I enjoy receiving *Yellow Monday* and am amazed at the expansion of 'Areas of Concern' within Development. I hope someone is still 'watching the plot' as the saying goes.

The *Alumnewsletter* really interests me with its news from people all over the world and what they are doing - especially those whom I have not heard from for years, which is lovely.

I am taking a computer course so I will be able to email at some stage. I am also discovering the lovely county of Sussex, doing lots of walking and finding good pubs. I especially love visiting National Trust properties and gardens. I belong to a Health Club and have discovered the joys of swimming in warm water. All of these and being in my nice little house and garden, and looking after my smallest granddaughter, keep me busy, fit and healthy, so I guess I must be happy .....

Love, Sheila

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### REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Greetings from the Development Office. Though the interaction of the Development Office with the teaching programme is so small, many of you will not know it exists, the DO has a crucial role in being a collection point for information on funding for the Institute in its constant search for research grants.

Recently I have been asked to provide information to help MPhil students find funding to support their internships. To be as helpful as possible, I am in the process of devising a list of useful sources of information on this, including potential sponsors. I would be very grateful if you could send me any ideas on finding funding that I can pass on to current students. This could include: where you found funding for your internship, what strategies you used or wish you had used for securing funding, any sources of funding you have come across since that could be helpful to students, how useful (or not) you found the advice given you at IDS at the time. You can e-mail me your comments and information at [Development@ids.ac.uk](mailto:Development@ids.ac.uk).

Many thanks in advance for your assistance.

**Catherine Gee**, (MA Gov 01)  
Development Officer

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Are you getting your *Yellow Monday*? *Yellow Monday* is the weekly newsletter for and about IDS. It keeps you in touch with external vacancies, events, news, new work in print, internal and external meetings. It's available in print, by email and online at [www.ids.ac.uk/ids/news/y monday/index.html](http://www.ids.ac.uk/ids/news/y monday/index.html) subscribe, email [yellow.monday@ids.ac.uk](mailto:yellow.monday@ids.ac.uk) or call Alison Norwood on 01273 678675

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*IDS Policy Briefings* have been relaunched. These four-page leaflets convey the latest development issues for policy-makers from IDS. Three new-style *Policy Briefing* were published in May. They are entitled: 'Tales of the unexpected: environmental governance in an uncertain world'; 'The rise of rights: rights-based approaches to international development'; and 'The cost of compliance: global standards for small-scale firms and workers'. If you would like to be sent any or all of them (for free) please contact [G.Edwards@ids.ac.uk](mailto:G.Edwards@ids.ac.uk) or call Gary on 01273 678269. Please mention that you are an IDS Alumnus/Alumna.

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For information about the IDS Alumni Association, please contact the Secretary, Diane Frazer-Smith, on [alumni@ids.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@ids.ac.uk) or check out the website: [www.ids.ac.uk/ids/alumni/](http://www.ids.ac.uk/ids/alumni/)

A directory detailing email addresses of all Alumni who wish to be included is available from Diane on request. This is regularly updated. **Please let Diane know if you change your email address or know of any Alumni who have done so.** When writing, please also mention your course number or year.

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