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The China Oxford Scholarship Fund is pleased to announce that **University College** has thrown its support behind the **Brian Keelan Award** by offering to waive its College fee to any successful Brian Keelan Award recipient accepted into Univ. "We are grateful to **Sir Ivor Crewe**, the Master of Univ, who has worked with **Mrs Keelan** in reaching this generous arrangement" said **UK Board Chairman Nicholas Dennys QC**. The Brian Keelan Award was established in 2006 after the internationally renowned and respected banker passed away aged 50. Brian attended University College and captained the College's winning University Challenge team. Brian was Group Strategy Director for Jardine Matheson in Hong Kong, worked for Merrill Lynch in New York and later joined the Swiss Banking Corporation in London. Friends and supporters of the Award have donated £300,000 so far. If you would like to make a contribution towards the Brian Keelan Award, please go to pages 12 –15 for details on how you can make a donation .



Special Points of Interest

- *New Shanghai Members*
- *Oxford's Vice-Chancellor's Official China Visit*
- *China Fossils Come Alive at the University Museum Of Natural History*



International Chairman's Letter

Dear Friends,

- Sir Ivor Crewe's offer to waive the University College fee if a Brian Keelan Award recipient is successful in being accepted into Univ is indeed generous. This is an important step for COSF and I hope that this kind of support for our Scholars might develop with other colleges at Oxford University.
- COSF has received a very high number of applications this year. This shows that financial need is still great for not just for students applying in China but also those who are already at Oxford in their 2nd or 3rd year of studies. I hope that we can step-up our fundraising efforts to help the growing number of students faced with funding shortfalls.
- I am pleased to welcome Dr Gao Jinhua and Ashton Lee to the COSF network of committee members. I have no doubt that with their impressive background and experience, the Shanghai Committee will go from strength to strength with its network-ing, campaigning and fundraising work.
- It is exciting those who are part of the alumni network in China have had the chance to meet with the Vice-Chancellor in May. It is useful to be kept abreast with the latest news and developments at Oxford by Prof. Andrew Hamilton and we hope to see him in China again soon.
- I appreciate the pastoral care COSF supporters such as Nicholas and Xiaodi Bell have extended to the COSF Scholars. It is wonderful to know how friends and supporters of the Fund are contributing in this way.
- Lastly, I would like to thank Edward Garnier QC for his time as a Trustee with the UK Board. While COSF regrets his departure, the Fund would like to congratulate Edward on his newly -appointed ministerial role as Solicitor General in the British Government.



Timothy Beardson
International Chairman

Awards Update



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The **COSF Awards Panel** has received **112** applications for funding this year. The figure is nearly double the number of applications received in 2008. It also revealed that for the first time there was a high number of current Oxford University postgraduate students applying for funding support. The review of applications will be a challenging task for the panel members who must whittle down the applications for interviews.

In the United Kingdom, interviews took place at Oxford's **University Museum of Natural History** where panel members **Prof. Derek Siveter** and **Peter Sunderland** met with nine students.

Shortlisted interviews in **Hong Kong**, **Shanghai** and **Beijing** will be taking place later this month and in July with Panel Chairman **Rupert McCowan** and Vice-Chairman **Kenneth Fok** overseeing the process in all three cities. In Hong Kong, **Prof. Paul Tam**, **Dennis Ho**, **Ronald Kwok** and **Andrew Lo** will be part of the interview panel. Meanwhile, in **Beijing**, **Sue Lau**, **Alastair Campbell**, **Zhang Xing** and **Zhang Zhe** will make up part of the interview team in the Chinese capital while in **Shanghai**, new committee members **Ashton Lee** and **Dr Gao Jinhua** will join **Annie Bentley** and **William Louey** as part of the interview team.

Shanghai News



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The Fund welcomes two new members to its team. **Dr Gao Jinhua** and **Ashton Lee** have joined the **Shanghai Committee** which includes **Simon MacKinnon, Dr Sharon Chan, Lawrence Shu, Philip Sohmen** and **Stephen Edkins**. The Shanghai Committee was established in 2007.

Ashton Lee is an alumnus of Pembroke College and the University of Oxford Saïd Business School. After graduating from the MBA programme in 2007, Ashton joined Standard Chartered Bank (China) as Head of Consumer Product Strategy and then became Vice-President of Strategic Initiatives. He is now Vice President of Business Development for the China-based start-up, Travelzen.com, an online travel booking service with facilities unique in the Chinese market. Based in Shanghai, Ashton enjoys the professional challenges of growing companies in Greater China and helping Chinese companies grow and integrate internationally. Prior to attending Oxford University, Ashton worked in New York for American Express in online strategy and consumer marketing. This followed his time working as a consultant in financial services strategy at KPMG Consulting also in New York. Ashton earned his undergraduate degree in Economics from the University of Chicago.



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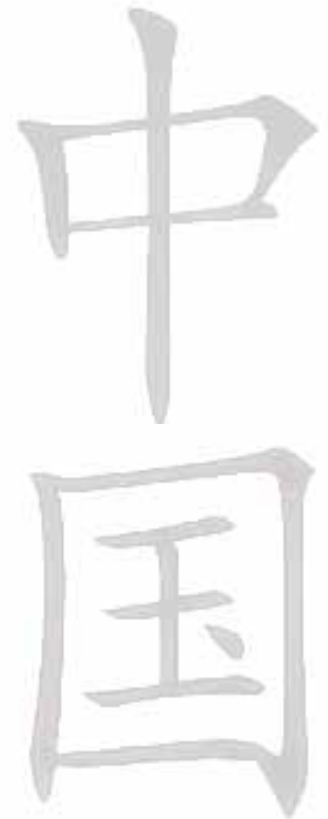
Dr Gao Jinhua is an alumnus of Green Temple College and the Said Business School at Oxford. He was also a Chevening Scholar. After graduation from Oxford in 1997, Jinhua worked for almost nine years with P&O as Chief Representative in China and General Manager/China of its Ports Group. Jinhua is now Founder and Chairman of Value Gateway Capital which was formed in August 2009 in Shanghai. Prior to this, he was the Managing Director of Greater China for LCW Private Equity of Lazard and also as China Representative for Lord Sterling & Associates. Between 1987 and 1996, Jinhua worked with CITIC, one of China's most influential financial conglomerates as well as the Hong Kong & Macao Affairs Office under the State Council of China. During this time, he served as Deputy Division Director of CICIT Corporate Planning Department, Assistant General Manager of CITIC/Bechtel JV Co. and Deputy Director of the Economy & Trade Bureau of Daxie Economic and Technological Development Zone. Jinhua has been a consultant for companies such as Istithmar P&O Estates FZE, Tarsus Group, and UBS Investment Bank (Asia). He is involved with charitable groups and is at present the Secretary-General of the Shanghai Urban Regeneration Foundation. Jinhua earned his doctorate in economics at Fudan University in Shanghai.



Oxford's China Campaign



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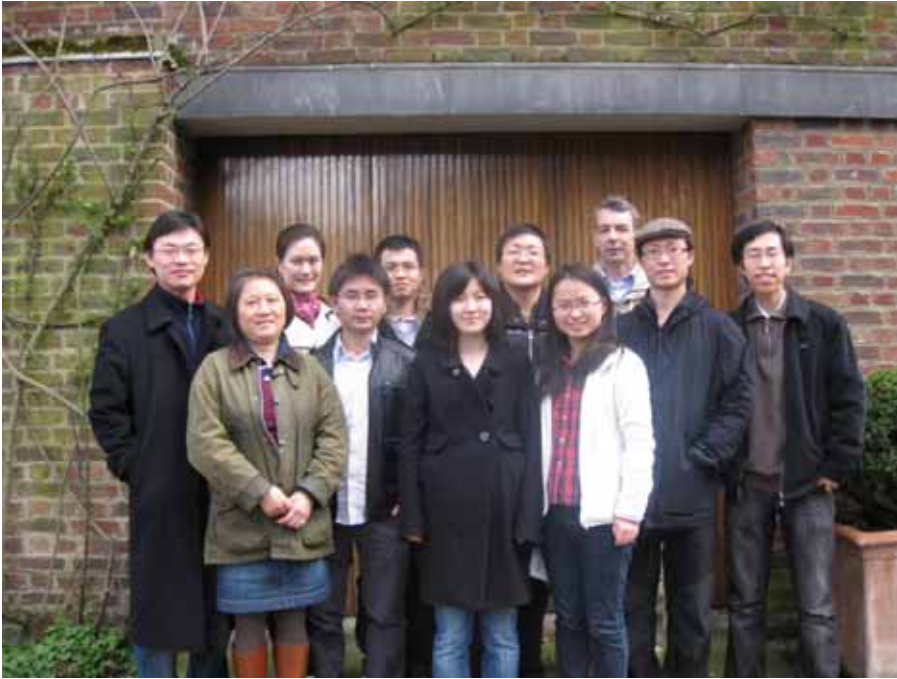
China's role in Oxford University's international strategy was highlighted this spring when its Vice-Chancellor **Prof. Andrew Hamilton** made his first official visit in April by attending an alumni reception in **Beijing**. More than 200 Oxonians as well as the Chancellor of Nankai University, **Prof. Rao Zihe**, officially welcomed Prof. Hamilton at a drinks reception in central Beijing. He had the opportunity to brief alumni on various news and developments at Oxford. He also highlighted how Oxford has strong and active ties with China given that the country provides the third largest source of international students to Oxford. A few weeks later, the Vice-Chancellor had the same chance to update the alumni network elsewhere in China with two additional receptions taking place in **Shanghai** and **Hong Kong**. COSF Committee



members **Simon MacKinnon, Dr Sharon Chan, Ashton Lee** and **Philip Sohmen** were able to attend the Shanghai event. The largest of the three receptions took place at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre in Wanchai where Prof. Hamilton noted to the audience that the presence of the **Oxford University Press** in the city illustrated the University's strong position in China. He also highlighted Oxford's relatively new **China Centre** that has strengthened further Oxford's role as a world-leading centre for study on China. The Vice-Chancellor noted that Oxford has also become a training centre for more than two thousand Chinese officials in areas such as public policy to

administration through the **University's Leadership Programmes** which were established in 2001. COSF Hong Kong's **Timothy Beardson, Andrew Lo** and other committee members attended the Wanchai event. The Chancellor of Oxford University, the **Rt Hon the Lord Patten of Barnes, CH**, is expected to visit Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong in early September to continue Oxford's China campaign.

London Events



(L-R) Shan Haidong, Xiaodi Bell, Wang Xiao (Rose), Liu Guoquan, Xi Jiahe (Robert), Yi Xiaoou, Wu Yimin, Lin Zi (Lindsay), Nicholas Bell, Qiu Fangzhe (Fern) and Fang Linhao

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On the 27th of March, supporters **Nicholas** and **Xiaodi Bell** hosted an informal luncheon gathering at their London home for a group of COSF Scholars. The students were able to enjoy a home-cooked Chinese meal and have the opportunity to chat with the Bells about their student life at Oxford. "It was a real pleasure to support COSF in this way by welcoming the students to our home where we were able to talk informally about their studies in the UK and their background in China" said Xiaodi. After the lunch, Xiaodi and Nicholas took the group of Scholars to **Holland Park** where they explored parts of the 52-acre wild woodland and formal gardens.



The global banking giant **HSBC** held its **Scholars' Awards Day** on the 11th March to present special certificates to various scholarship winners from its internationally sponsored programmes. Last year HSBC showed its support of COSF's educational initiative by funding the first £25,000 **HSBC Fellow Award** with COSF. HSBC Fellow Award recipient **Guo Ziyang (Jack)** was invited to attend the HSBC event at the bank's Canary Wharf headquarters in London. Also on hand for the award ceremony was COSF Trustee **Sir Stephen Sherbourne**. The Fellow Award is part of HSBC's extensive educational programme to extend and improve the knowledge and cultural understanding China.

More COSF News



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COSF's Int'l Chairman **Timothy Beardson** and his wife **Clair** hosted a dinner for **Cheng Siwei** at their home in Hailey near Oxford. The former Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National Peoples' Congress is an avid supporter of the Fund. He was the guest speaker for a 2008 fundraising event organised by Timothy and Clair in London. The event raised more than £11,000 for COSF. Cheng is an adviser to the World Economic Forum in Davos and is a highly-regarded figure in the world of international finance. COSF Scholars **Sun Jia** and **Guo Ziyang (Jack)** were invited to join guests **Tania Rucke-Keen**, **Nick Fielding** and **Rosamund Cantalamessa-Carboni** for the dinner.



The Fund regrets to announce the departure of **Edward Garnier QC** as a Trustee on its Board in the United Kingdom. Edward joined COSF in 2006. In May, the new coalition British Government appointed Edward as the Solicitor General for England and Wales. We would like to congratulate him on his new role and wish him all the very best with his ministerial work in the UK Government. Edward has been the Member of Parliament for Harborough in Leicestershire since 1992.



Chengjiang Fossils in Oxford



(L-R) Professor Richard Dawkins, Professor Jim Kennedy, Professor He Tianchun and Yang Wei at the University Museum of Natural History

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They may be some 525 million years old but they have come to life for the visitors who have had the chance to see them since their unveiling last month at **Oxford University**. 'It's an amazing treasure, it's the Chinese equivalent of the famous Burgess Shale fossils from North America or, put another way, the material is every bit as wondrous palaeontologically as the Terracotta Warriors are archaeologically,' said **Prof. Derek Siveter** of Oxford's **University Museum of Natural History** and **Dept of Earth Sciences**. What Prof. Siveter is referring to are the **Chengjiang fossils** from **Yunnan Province** in Western China. For the first time ever, the fossils are being showcased outside the country at the University Museum of Natural History. The exhibition, *Exceptional Fossils from Chengjiang, China: Early Animal Life*, was kicked-off on the 17th May with the Museum's Director **Prof. Jim Kennedy**, **Prof. Richard Dawkins**, Prof. Derek Siveter and supporters welcoming a delegation from **Yunnan University** as part of the official opening ceremony. The President of Yunnan University in Kunming, **Prof. He Tianchun**, addressed guests by highlighting the significance of the Chengjiang fossils and the important international cooperation between the scientists from Oxford University and Yunnan University. The delegation included the Director of the **Yunnan Key Laboratory for Palaeobiology Prof. Hou Xianguang**. It was Prof. Hou who discovered the biota in 1984, in rocks about forty kilometers from Kunming. The biota is considered especially significant in the world of paleobiology as it represents key evidence for one of the most important benchmarks in the history of life-the so-called **Cambrian "explosion"** event.

Yunnan Fossil Pictorial



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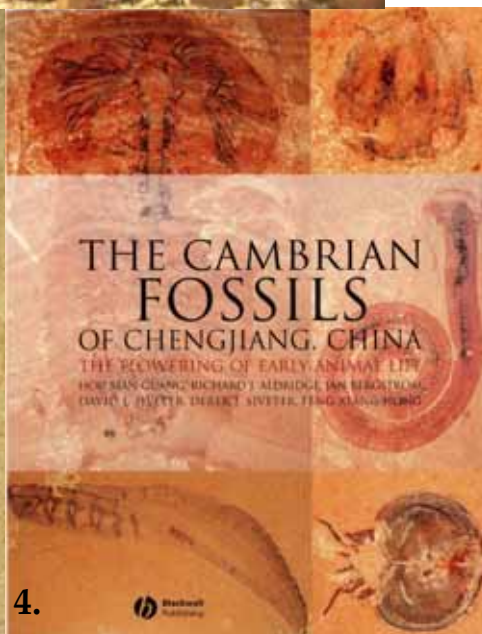
What is the Cambrian “Explosion”?

This represents the period when most of the major animal groups that we know today first appeared in the fossil record. The exhibition features, from the Yunnan Key Laboratory, about 140 remarkably preserved specimens: eyes, gills, delicate appendages, the digestive tract and other soft-tissue parts are preserved. It also features our earliest fossilized ‘relative’: the earliest vertebrate (fish) on Earth.

The exhibition is on until the 14th November 2010. For more information on the exhibition, go to www.oum.ox.ac.uk.



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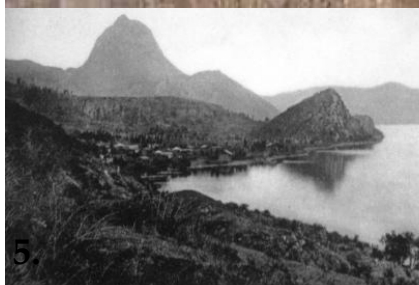


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Images on previous page: 1. Cache of Chengjiang fossils. 2. Collecting, Maotianshan, Chengjiang County. 3. Trace fossils produced by worms. This page: 1. Maotianshan in Chengjiang County, Yunnan Province, where the first soft-bodied fossils were found. 2. Prof. Hou Xianguang at Maotianshan where he made his discovery. 3. *Cricocosmia*, a worm. 4. *The Cambrian Fossils of Chengjiang, China*; the first book on the Chengjiang fossils in English. 5. *Fuxianhuia*, an arthropod.



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Top image: Young students visit the Chengjiang fossil exhibition at the Oxford University Museum of Natural History. Other images: 1. (L-R) Prof. He Tianchun, Yang Jie, Prof. Hou Xianguang, Prof. Richard Dawkins and Prof. Derek Siveter, at exhibition reception. 2. *Eoredlichia*, a trilobite (arthropod). 3. Ercaicun near Haikou, where the world's earliest known vertebrates occur. 4. *Isoxys*, an arthropod. 5. Fuxian Lake, Chengjiang County, in 1912. 6. The arm of *Anomalocaris*, a predator. 7. *Eldonia*, an enigmatic organism with jellyfish-like appearance..

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