



Bath celebrates 100 years of pharmacy (图)

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11 July 2007, More than 700 former students, members of staff and VIPs took part in celebrations to mark 100 years of pharmacy research and education in Bath this weekend.

Events included lectures on pharmaceutical science and pharmacy practice which brought together leading scientists from around the world, including many former students and members of staff, and featured presentations about the department's cutting-edge portfolio of research.

Although the University of Bath is only 40 years old, the Department of Pharmacy & Pharmacology can trace its roots back to the Bath College of Chemistry & Pharmacy, based at Cleveland Place and founded in 1907.

Since the foundation of the University in 1966, the department has quickly become one of the UK's top-ranked departments, both for the quality of its teaching and training and the excellence of its research.

"Pharmacy in Bath has come a long way since the early days as a training college at the start of the 20th century," said Professor Richard Guy, head of the Department of Pharmacy & Pharmacology.

"We remain at the forefront of pharmacist training and are pioneering the courses that give pharmacists the skills they need in a rapidly modernising health service to become independent prescribers."

Speaking at one of the celebratory events, University Vice-Chancellor, Professor Glynis Breakwell, said: "I am delighted that so many special guests could help celebrate such a significant occasion.

"The University is indebted to the department's staff, past and present, for making the department the success it is today.

"The department's excellence across the board is what makes it so exceptional."

Speakers at the events included the triple Bath alumnus, Professor Raymond Schinazi (Emory University), who has been pivotal in the discovery and development of successful anti-HIV and anti-hepatitis drugs.

Other speakers included Secretary & Registrar of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (RPSGB), Ann Lewis, and the Chief Pharmacist of England, Dr Keith Ridge, who gave a talk about the immediate future of pharmacy practice. Ann Lewis gave warm, heartfelt praise to the work of the department and its excellent and skilled alumni.

Hemant Patel, President of the RPSGB, said: "The University of Bath is rightly proud of its Department of Pharmacy & Pharmacology, indeed the RPSGB is also proud of this excellent department.

"Of course, I congratulate you on this centenary."

Saturday saw more than 200 alumni and former staff attending a reception hosted by the University's Chancellor, Lord Tugendhat.

The Chancellor announced that it is launching an appeal to create a permanently endowed scholarship fund for the Department of Pharmacy & Pharmacology in order to ensure it continues to attract the best and the brightest students, regardless of their financial background.

The target for the Pharmacy Centenary Scholarship Fund Appeal is £500,000. The aim is that the department will be able to offer at least 20 scholarships each year. The launch of the appeal was given a great boost with two graduates pledging gifts totalling £60,000.

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