

ifps rubber-stamped by Government

Director Christine Black is delighted to announce the addition of **ifps** to the **D**epartment for **E**ducation and **S**kills (DfES) register, following successful assessment and validation in April. The Government department has developed a register of publicly funded and private learning providers in the UK. Details of the register can be found at the following web page:

www.dfes.gov.uk/providersregister/

Click on 'Search the Register' and enter 'International Foundation Programme Scotland' as the provider name.

Top Awards for ifps Students

Three high-flying ifps students received special awards at a prize-giving ceremony held at Clydebank College on 9 May 2005.



Manal Al-Kharusi, from Oman, received the **Bank of Scotland Shield for Outstanding Performance in Mathematics and Science**.

Maha Al-Mandhary, also from Oman, was the recipient of **The Carl Zeiss Shield for Excellence in Biology**, a prize which she shared with Manal. The girls are pictured here with **ifps** Director, Christine Black, (left to right, Manal, Christine and Maha).

A runner up prize (Proxime Accessit) was awarded to Olumide Joshua Idowu from Nigeria, who performed extremely well.

Sheila Morrow from the local St Margaret's Hospice also attended the prize-giving. Students volunteer to work at the Hospice over a three month period. Sheila is completely involved with the students during their time at St. Margaret's.



ifps Welcomes International Agents

Delegates from Russia and the Far East were welcomed by the team at **ifps** during an International Mini Conference. The conference was held at the University of Glasgow on June 22nd by Iain Robertson and his team at the International Office and was an opportunity to meet with various Scottish Universities and gain a better understanding of academic life in Scotland.

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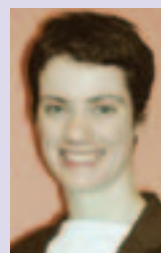
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What's New?

Dr Kate Barrie International Officer



New team member Dr Kate Barrie is helping to create a global identity for **ifps**. Kate

took over the position as 'International Officer' in October 2004 and is currently updating and redesigning the website, prospectus and literature. She had a working knowledge of the Foundation Programme from previous summer employment with **ifps** and having studied at Glasgow University for 9 years, offers great insight, understanding and knowledge of all aspects of student life.

Already Kate has travelled extensively to recruit students and market the Foundation Programme. Since February, she has been in Japan, Hong Kong, Dubai, Bahrain and Oman.

Kate is passionate about travel and loves the challenge and excitement of surviving in a different country and environment.

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Prestigious Award for ifps

ifps has successfully achieved Investors in People (IiP) accreditation. ifps was assessed on 17 May 2005 following a six month period of reviewing and improving company systems, procedures and general working practices. Director Christine Black said, "This achievement reflects our determination and drive to deliver a quality programme in a dynamic and changing world."

The Investors in People standard is a straightforward proven framework for delivering business improvement through people and, by achieving the standard, ifps has improved its efficiency and the quality of service provided.



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Where Are They Now?

The Foundation Programme is a great route to university and I'd recommend it to anyone.

I studied Scottish Highers for one year at Clydebank College before going on to Glasgow University to do medicine. I thoroughly enjoyed my year at Clydebank and living with my local host family.

I'm delighted to be entering my final year of Medicine at Glasgow in October.



Miss Khadija Al-Jefri, Saudi Arabia
International Foundation Programme 2000 - 2001

Miss Yu Kanki, Japan

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My life at university was made so much more rewarding due to the people at the Foundation Programme.

I joined Glasgow University in 2001 to study Film & Television but then changed my degree course to French. This was possible due to the flexibility of the Scottish education system.

I will now pursue my career in French at a University in Belgium.

RCSI Visit

ifps students were interviewed by the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI). Interviews were held at the ifps offices in Glasgow and were conducted by Phillip Curtis and Dr. Alice McGarvey. In recent years RCSI has accepted many ifps students.

A new centre for medical and other healthcare education and training has been established by RCSI in Bahrain. The Royal College of Surgeons Medical University Bahrain (RCSI MUB) commenced with the first intake of Foundation Year students in October 2004 with 9 nationalities represented.

Academic Summer Programme

Diary Dates 2005

4 July	ASP begins
23 July	IELTS test
9 August	SQA Higher Examination Results

ifps Examination Dates:

11 August	Chemistry
12 August	Mathematics
15 August	Physics
16 August	Biology
22 August	ifps Examination Results

What's On?

ifps Student Endeavour Award

ifps is delighted to introduce a special award for endeavour. The award is open to all ifps students and will be presented to the student who shows the most commitment and dedication to all aspects of ifps and their life in Scotland.

Arcs and Sparks Science Show

Bright spark physicist, Dr Ken Skeldon, of the University of Glasgow will present his electrifying 'Arcs and Sparks' science show as part of the Academic Summer Programme. The show will be held at the University Physics Department on 20 July 2005.



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