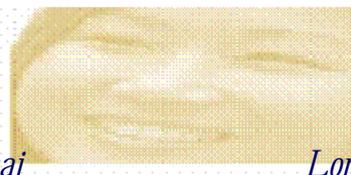




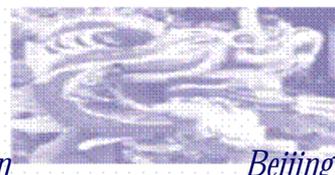
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## Medical Research Breakthrough



L-R Dr Georgina Mosedale, Dr Hocine Mankouri, Chu Wai-Kit, Dr Ying Liu, Prof. Ian Hickson, Dr Csanad Bachrati, Dr Timea Pálmai-Pallag, Dr Seiki Hirano and Ms Christine Ralf

At **Oxford University's Weatherall Institute of Molecular Medicine** at the **John Radcliffe Hospital**, groundbreaking genome research work is being carried out by a fifteen-member team. The work is expected to have a huge impact in the area of cancer research. We are especially pleased to inform supporters of the China Oxford Scholarship Fund that one of the people helping to spearhead this project is 2007 **COSF scholar Chu Wai-Kit**. Wai-Kit is pursuing his DPhil in Medical Science and is at Linacre College. He and his supervisor **Professor Ian Hickson** have co-authored a paper that has just been published in the prestigious scientific magazine *Nature Reviews Cancer*. In the magazine's September 2009 issue, their paper titled "*RecQ helicases: multifunctional genome caretakers*" reveals how developments on genome research regarding cancer biology will have far-reaching implications in DNA repair and genome stability. The study focuses on examining how cells have different tools to repair genes. Understanding how these tools work is vital in terms of knowing how to stop tumors from growing and possibly even killing these very tumors. The publication is now available online on *Nature's* website at <http://www.nature.com/nrc/journal/v9/n9/abs/nrc2682.html>

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# International Chairman's Letter

Dear Friends,

- It is with great pleasure that I learned of the achievements of Chu Wai-Kit, one of our 2007 COSF Scholars and to share this with all of our friends and supporters around the world. I hope that accomplishments such as these will serve to underline the impressive calibre of our scholars from China, Hong Kong and Macau who are making a difference in their respective fields of study at Oxford.
- Given the present challenges we face in the current global economic downturn, it is reassuring and promising that COSF has been able to disburse a significant sum of funding for the various awards in its programme this year. I hope that we can maintain this development with the help of continued support from our benefactors, sponsors and supporters.
- I would like to give a warm welcome to Dennis Ho who will be replacing Ricky Tsang as our Treasurer in Hong Kong. On behalf of the Fund, I would like to thank Ricky for his contribution to the Fund for the past two years and I wish him the very best. Meanwhile, Stephanie Lau will be our Administrator in Hong Kong. She has been of great help to our Awards process in recent years and I am particularly pleased she has kindly agreed to take on the overall administration of COSF in Hong Kong.
- Starting this month, COSF will be selling its charity Christmas cards. I hope that you will support this small fundraising initiative. No matter the size of your card order, you will be making a difference by helping the Fund cover its operational costs. The Fund has already received several orders so I hope the number of sales will increase in the run up to the holiday season with your help.
- I would like to quote from a recent letter I received from Andrew Briggs, Professor of Nanotechnology at Oxford. It exemplifies the views which we have often been privileged to receive about our scholars: "Yimin Wu.....is an exceptionally able student, and he would not have come to Oxford without the scholarship from COSF." It is letters like these which give enhanced satisfaction to all those involved in this worthwhile programme.



Timothy Beardson  
International Chairman

# Awards Summary

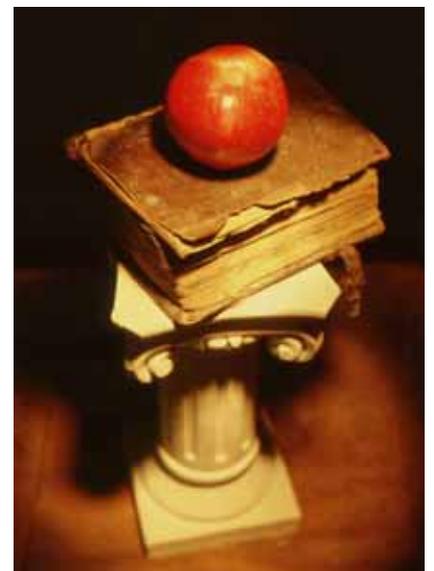


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We are pleased to report to supporters of COSF that the 2009 awards programme saw a 50 per cent increase in the number of applications received compared with last year. With more than 100 applications lodged and after an eight-month long reviewing and interviewing process, the Awards Panel was able to nominate 19 outstanding students for the various bursaries available.

The Chairman of the Awards Panel **Rupert McCowan** said "Overall, some 100 valid applications were received, after netting out enquiries and those not eligible. This is an increase of some 50% on the previous year, which led to a more satisfactory level of choice. The applicants were of a most excellent standard and it was extremely satisfactory for the Panel that, despite the economic downturn, there was again a significant amount of money to be awarded this year, at £143,500".

11 named awards were disbursed. They were the **Grosvenor Oxford Award**, **The Hoare Family Award**, the **Wolfson China Scholarships**, the **HSBC Fellow Award**, the **Tang Oxford Awards**, the **Brian Keelan Award**, the **Winkler Oxford Award**, the **Wei Oxford Award** and the **Louey Family Scholarship**. Three China Oxford Awards and five honorary COSF Awards were also handed out. For information on the award winners, please see pages 4–8.



# 2009 Award Winners

## Grosvenor Oxford Award

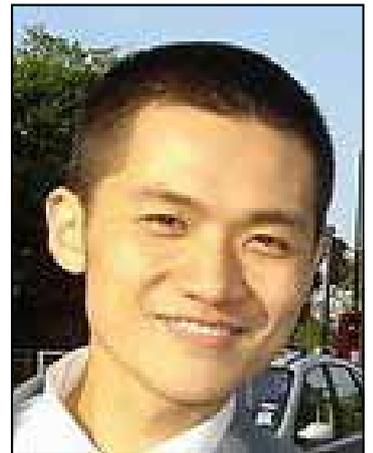
**Sun Jia** is from Ningxia Province. The 22-year old is a graduate of Peking University where she earned her BA degree in Economics while specialising in the area of finance. She was ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> place out of her class of 155 students at the University's Guanghai School of Management. During her studies, she was an exchange student at York University in Canada where she studied finance. Her work placed her at the top of her class of 59 students. Prior to this, Jia earned a Certificate of Completion from the PKU – Yale Joint Undergraduate Programme. Jia was involved with many University organisations and interned with several major international companies. She will be pursuing her MSc in Financial Economics at the Said Business School and will be at Trinity College.



Sun Jia

## The Hoare Family Award

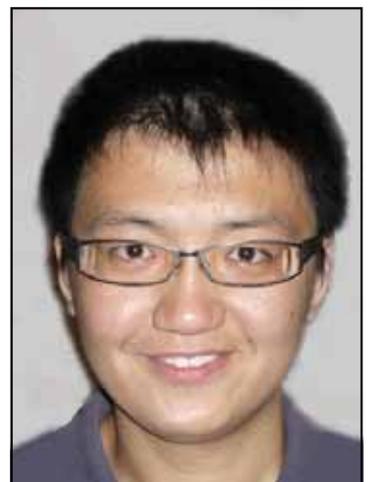
**Ni Weifeng (Vincent)** is from Shanghai. The 24-year-old is a graduate of the Communication University of China in Beijing where he earned his BA degree in Journalism. He also attended a summer studies programme on globalisation at Peking University where he was ranked at the top of his class of 47 students. As a delegate for students from the People's Republic of China, he was invited to attend the 2007 Harvard College China-India Development and Relations Symposium which took place in New York. Vincent has been involved with community work in China where he organised fundraising events for UNICEF with the aim of helping China's impoverished children in rural areas. He will be pursuing an MSc in Social Sciences of the Internet and will be at Green Templeton College.



Ni Weifeng (Vincent)

## HSBC Fellow Award

**Guo Ziyang (Jack)** is from Hangzhou in Zhejiang Province. The 21-year-old is a graduate of Zhejiang University and earned his BA degree in Engineering and Computer Science. He was ranked 5<sup>th</sup> place out of the 153 students in his class. As an undergraduate, he has won numerous awards and scholarships for excellence for his academic, research and creative work in mathematical modelling. Jack was the recipient of awards from China's Ministry of Education, the US National Security Agency's Global First International Mathematical Modelling Competition, the Chinese University in Hong Kong and Columbia University's Columbia University-China Young Development Programme. Columbia University also sponsored a two-week seminar visit for him to attend the University's Business School to study China's foreign mergers and acquisitions activities. Jack will be attending the Said Business School and will be pursuing an MSc in Financial Economics. He will be at Green Templeton College.



Guo Ziyang

## Tang Oxford Award

**Fang Linhao** is from Anshan in Liaoning Province. The 27-year-old is a graduate of the Institute of Geology at the Chinese Academy of Sciences. He was ranked 7<sup>th</sup> place in a class of 93 students. He won the Scholarship for Western Scholar and Research Assistant Award consecutively for four years. This allowed Linhao to pursue his undergraduate degree. During his studies, he worked as a research assistant at the Institute's Earthquake Administration. Linhao also has experience in analyzing software applications for petroleum exploration in China. He will be pursuing a DPhil in Stratigraphy & Sedimentology in the Department of Earth Sciences. Linhao will be at St Peter's College.



Fang Linhao

**Wang Xiao (Rose)** is from Jiangsu Province. The 22-year-old earned her BSc degree in Environmental Life Sciences from the University of Hong Kong. She also spent one year studying at Tsinghua University in the area of biological sciences and biotechnology. Rose completed a summer internship with PetroChina conducting oil exploration field work in Shaanxi Province and was also an intern as an analyst with Shell China. She hopes she can play a part in helping China develop and improve its environment and energy governance. Rose will be pursuing her MSc in Environmental Change and Management at the Environmental Change Institute at the School of Geography and Environment. She will be at St John's College.



Wang Xiao (Rose)

## Brian Keelan Award

**Lin Zi (Lindsay)** is from Hangzhou in Zhejiang Province. The 22-year-old is a graduate of Fudan University in Shanghai where she earned her BA degree in Philosophy securing a 1<sup>st</sup> place ranking out of a class of 43. During her undergraduate studies, Lindsay was an exchange student at the Chinese University in Hong Kong and attended a summer course programme at Yale University in the United States. She will be pursuing a BPhil in Philosophy and will be at Somerville College.



Lin Zi (Lindsay)

## Louey Family Scholarship

**Liu Guoquan** received £20,000 from the Louey Family Scholarship. Guoquan will be in his third year of his DPhil studies in Material Science at Oxford. Guoquan was the 2007 recipient of the Tang Oxford Award receiving £20,000 in funding. Last year he received £20,000 as the Louey Family Scholarship recipient. The 27-year-old is from Hunan Province. He earned his BA degree from Xiangtan University in Hunan Province and an MSc degree from Tsinghua University in Beijing. He is at St Anne's College. Upon completion of his studies, Guoquan says he would like to do research work in quantum information technology in China to help it become a leading development centre in this field.



Liu Guoquan

## Wolfson China Scholarship

**Wu Yimin** is from Xianning in Hubei Province. The 24-year-old is one of the two recipients of the Wolfson China Scholarship with an award of £12,500 each. Yimin was also last year's Wolfson China Scholar and has been pursuing a DPhil in the Department of Materials. He is at St Anne's College and will be beginning his second year of his studies. Yimin plans to return to China to work with a Chinese university or research institute using his knowledge of nanomaterials for quantum information processing in the areas of security, medical treatment and nanoscience products. Yimin is a graduate of the Wuhan University of Technology.



Wu Yimin

**Xi Jiahe** is from Tai'an City in Shandong Province. The 22-year-old is a graduate of Zhejiang University in Hangzhou where he earned his BA degree in Computer Science and Technology. During his studies, Jiahe spent one year as an exchange student at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. He also had the opportunity to work as an intern for Microsoft Research Asia in Beijing where he researched internet graphics imaging. Jiahe will be pursuing his DPhil in Computer Science with the aim to develop medical modelling applications that could be used in the field of medicine. He will be at Christ Church.



Xi Jiahe

## Winkler Oxford Award

**Shan Haidong** is from Shanghai. The 30-year-old attended Fudan University in Shanghai where he earned his BA degree in Medicine ranking 2<sup>nd</sup> place out of his class of 70. He earned his MSc in Ophthalmology also at the Shanghai Medical College at Fudan. As a volunteer ophthalmic medical consultant, he carried out pre-natal and paediatric work while also providing medical assistance to disabled children. Haidong's medical internship was completed at the Zhongshan Hospital in Shanghai. As a DPhil candidate in Ophthalmology in the Medical Sciences Division at Oxford University, he plans to carry out research work on gene therapy with the aim of treating retinal diseases. He will be at Merton College.



Shan Haidong

## Wei Oxford Award

**Zhang Yubing (Betty)** is from Hangzhou in Zhejiang Province. The 22-year-old earned her BA degree in Finance and Economics from The University of Hong Kong. During her studies, Betty was able to participate in an exchange programme with the Department of Economics at the University of California in Los Angeles. She was an intern this past summer in the Research Policy Department of the UN World Health Organisation in Switzerland. Betty has also carried out charity work in Cambodia. She will be pursuing an MSc at the Said Business School and will be at Green Templeton College.

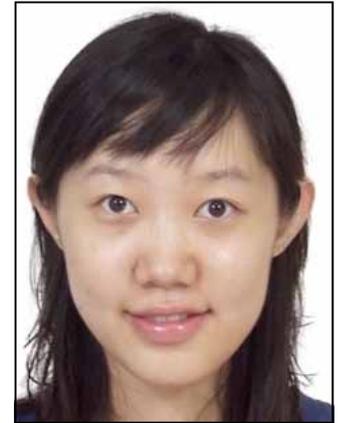


Zhang Yubing (Betty)

## China Oxford Award

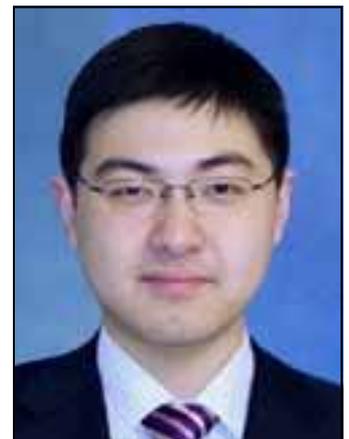
The following students each received a £5,000 China Oxford Award

**Zhao Yu (Christina)** is from Zhengzhou in Henan Province. The 22-year-old earned her BA degree in Law and International Politics at Peking University. Christina was involved in many University organisations and activities promoting cross-cultural relations. During her studies, she served as President of the Peking University Model United Nations Association. Christina also spent time with community outreach programmes involving field research work on the rural poor in Jilin Province. At Oxford University, she will be pursuing an MPhil in International Relations and will be at St Antony's College.



Zhao Yu (Christina)

**He Guangyue (James)** is from Zhejiang Province. The 24-year-old earned his LLB or Bachelor of Law degree from Tsinghua University in Beijing. James graduated with honours. During his studies, he was an exchange student at The University of Hong Kong's Department of Law. James was a Vice President of the Student's Society of Law at Tsinghua University and he also served as an editor for the Tsinghua Law Review. James interned at several international law firms in Shanghai and Beijing. He also worked as an intern clerk for the High Court in Hong Kong and Zhejiang Province. James will be pursuing an MSc in Social Science of the Internet at the Oxford Internet Institute. He will be at St Hilda's College.



He Guangyue (James)

**Qiu Fangzhe (Fern)** is from Guangzhou in Guangdong Province. The 23-year-old earned his LLB or Bachelor of Law and a BA degree in Philosophy at Peking University. During his studies, Fern spent time in The Netherlands as an exchange student in EU law at the University of Amsterdam. He has interned at law firms in Guangzhou. As a member of the Legal Aid Association at Peking University, Fern has also worked with the disadvantaged such as the migrant poor by helping to provide free legal advice. He is a talented musician and will be pursuing an MPhil in Celtic Studies at the Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages. Fern will be at St Anne's College.



Qiu Fangzhe (Fern)

## China Oxford Honorary Awards

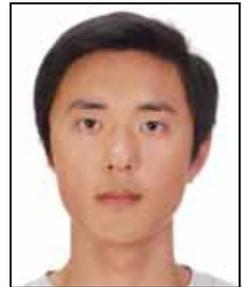
The following students each received a £1,000 award.

**Yi Xiaouu** is from Xiangtan in Hunan Province. The 25-year-old earned her BE degree in Materials Science and Engineering from the Huazhong University of Science and Technology in Wuhan. At the Stockholm University in Sweden, she received her MSc degree in Materials Chemistry while ranking first place in her class. She worked as an intern at Dow Corning in Shanghai and on a diploma project for Sandvik Material Technology in Sweden. Xiaouu will be pursuing a DPhil in Materials Science and will be at Wolfson College.



Yi Xiaouu

**Chen Qi** is from Xiaoxing in Zhejiang Province. The 22-year-old earned his BS degree in Materials Science and Engineering at Jiao Tong University in Shanghai. Qi was an exchange student at the University of Nottingham in the United Kingdom and he participated in a summer programme at Georgia Tech in Atlanta in the United States. He will be pursuing a DPhil in Tissue Engineering in the Department of Materials and will be at Wolfson College.



Chen Qi

**Li Wenyi (Janet)** is from Shanghai. The 22-year-old earned her BA in Journalism at the University of Hong Kong. Janet participated in an exchange programme in journalism at the University of Missouri in the United States. She will be pursuing an MSc in Modern Chinese Studies and will be at St Antony's College.



Li Wenyi (Janet)

**Jiang Xueyuan (Nathan)** is from Hefei in Anhui Province. The 25-year-old earned his BSc in Electronic Engineering from the Hefei University of Technology. He also earned his MEng degree in Circuits and Systems from the Xiamen University. Nathan was able to participate in an exchange research programme on telecommunications at Inha University in Incheon in South Korea. He will be pursuing a DPhil in Engineering Science and will be at Wadham College.



Jiang Xueyuan  
(Nathan)

**Cheng Wing Tsan (Wilson)** is from Hong Kong. The 21-year-old the University College of London where he earned his BSc degree in Psychology. Wilson served an internship at Morgan Stanley Asia Ltd in Hong Kong where he worked in the private wealth management division. He also worked at the University of London's Department of Psychology for half a year as a mentor for first-year students helping them to acclimatise to the University. He will be pursuing an MSc in Management Research at the Said Business School. Wilson will be at Brasenose College.

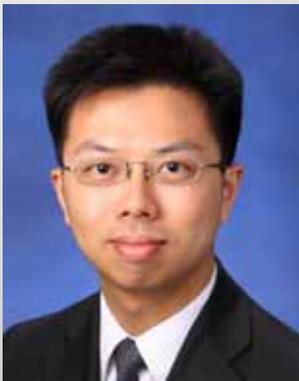


Cheng Wing Tsan  
(Wilson)

# Hong Kong Update



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The Fund would like to welcome two new appointments. We are pleased to announce that **Dennis Ho** will be succeeding **Ricky Tsang** as **Treasurer** for COSF in Hong Kong. This is in addition to his role as a Hong Kong Awards Panel member. Dennis is an Associate Director for UBS as an analyst for the oil and petrochemicals sector. He covered the same area as an analyst for CLSA Asia Pacific Markets and Citigroup. Dennis is an Oxford alumnus who earned his MPhil at Oxford University reading International relations while at St Antony's College. He presented his MPhil thesis on Chinese energy policy at Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations in 2005. Dennis earned his undergraduate degree at The Chinese University studying Government and Public Administration. During his studies, Dennis spent time in the United States working as an intern in the Asia Department of the US Chamber of Commerce in Washington D.C. and also was an exchange student at Georgetown University in America. He also represented Hong Kong by attending the Goldman Sachs Global Leaders Programme in New York City. Meanwhile, COSF is also very fortunate to have **Stephanie Lau** become its **Administrator** in Hong Kong. Stephanie, who has been involved with the Fund's application process for the past two years, will be supporting the Chairman, Treasurer and Trustees as well as COSF's investment, awards and fundraising committees. She will be the key liaison person for COSF in Asia. Stephanie has extensive executive assistance experience having worked for the Jardines Matheson Group for 20 years and other multi-national organizations.



## Mid-Autumn Tea in Oxford



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The **Mid-Autumn Festival** was kicked off in Oxford on the 3rd of October with benefactor **Araceli Keelan** hosting an afternoon tea gathering for some of the new and past award winners. This is the third time she has organised such an event in Oxford. The venue was kindly provided by **Jens and Felicity Tholstrup** who welcomed the students at their home. Those present were **Brian Keelan Award** winners **Yiu Chan Hong (Vincent)** and **Zi Lin (Lindsay)**, **Wu Yimin**, **Weifeng Ni (Vincent)**, **Sun Jia**, **Fang Linhao**, **Wang Xiao (Rose)**, **Zhang Yubing (Betty)** and **Guo Ziyang (Jack)**. The tea gathering is part of Araceli's pastoral care which she offers to all COSF scholars. She also kindly hosts theatre nights at Oxford as well as gatherings at her home in London.



# 2009 Charity Christmas Card Campaign



Brasenose College & the Radcliffe Camera



Parade at St John's Cathedral in Hong Kong  
The Illustrated London News - 15 August 1857



All Souls College



Temple Lion with Snow Hat

This autumn marks the beginning of COSF's Christmas card campaign. Since 2005, the Fund has sold more than 5,500 of its charity Christmas cards to publicise its educational initiative. Every year, the charity card sale is a small but significant fundraising and marketing campaign during the holiday season. All profits help to cover costs for events for the scholars as well as administrative expenses. We have a selection of 8 cards available for purchase. The price per card is £1.

We have already received some orders so we hope you will help us to keep this momentum of the Christmas card campaign going by supporting this fundraiser. Remember, every order counts. If you would like to support COSF, more information on postal costs for the United Kingdom, Asia, North America and Europe as well as payment details are available on pages 12 and 13.



The Madonna of the Rosary  
By Bartolomé Esteban Murillo



Keeping Watch at the Great Wall



The Radcliffe Camera



Winter at the Great Wall

# *Christmas Card Information*

## **Specifications:**

A5 size 15cm x 21cm

300 gsm card thickness

## **Greeting:**

To Wish You a Merry Christmas

And a Happy New Year

## **Text on back of card:**

Brief explanation of COSF's educational initiative.

## **Cost per card :**

£1 or \$16 HKD

## **Postage to China & Hong Kong:**

25 cards £9

50 cards £16

100 cards £32

## **Postage within UK**

25 cards £2

50 cards £5

100 cards £10

## **Postage to Europe**

25 cards £5

50 cards £9

100 cards £18

## **Postage to North America**

25 cards £9

50 cards £16

100 cards £32

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## *The Initiative*

**The China Oxford Scholarship Fund aims to raise £25 million to provide more than 20 scholarships each year in perpetuity for China's most talented and brightest students.**

**Upon completion of their studies, the students are committed to return to China as China Oxford Scholars.**

**We are determined that they will receive due recognition in their home country at senior levels in all sectors of society.**

**The China Oxford Scholarship Fund is internationally supported by individual and corporate donations.**

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