Brock International Annual Report

Highlights of

July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012

BROCK IN THE WORLD. THE WORLD IN BROCK.

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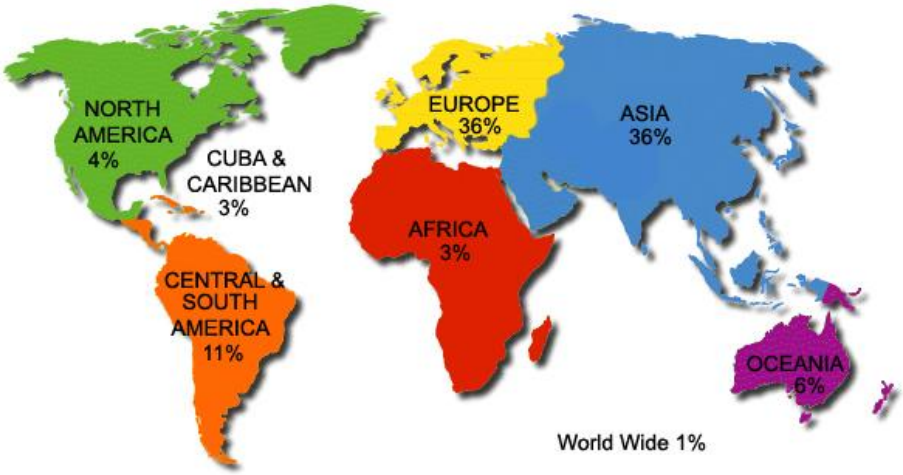
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONAL AGREEMENTS

Brock continues to expand its partnerships with reputable educational institutions around the world. During this annual report year, from July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012, 12 new agreements were signed and 3 were renewed. To date, Brock University has formal agreements with 135 partner institutions from 45 different countries. Agreement purposes range from research collaboration to student recruitment to student and faculty exchange. The following is a summary of the new and renewed agreements this year:



Total Number of Agreements = 144

Australia

University of Western Sydney - Agreement of Cooperation

Austria

Paracelus Medizinische Privatuniversität – Agreement of Cooperation
Innsbruck University School of Management - Exchange Agreement (Renewal)

Belgium

Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management – Exchange Agreement

Brazil

Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro - Agreement of Cooperation
Universidade Estadual de Campinas - Exchange Agreement
Universidade Estadual Paulista - Agreement of Cooperation
Universidade de São Paulo - Memorandum of Understanding

China

Wuhan University - Agreement of Cooperation (Renewal)

Colombia

Universidad Del Rosario - Memorandum of Understanding

El Salvador

Universidad Pedagógica de El Salvador - Agreement of Cooperation (Renewal)

France

Reims Management School - Exchange Agreement

Haiti

Université Roi Henri Christophe - Memorandum of Understanding

Suriname

Anton de Kom Universiteit van Suriname - Agreement of Cooperation

USA

Kent State University – Agreement of Cooperation

VISITING INTERNATIONAL PROFESSORS (VIP), SCHOLARS (VIS), AND UNIVERSITY MENTORSHIP (UM) PARTICIPANTS

Visiting International Professor Program (VIP)

Brock's Visiting International Professor (VIP) program brings visiting faculty from academic institutions in other nations to visit Brock for one or two terms teaching one or more courses in their area of expertise, as well as collaborating with Brock faculty and students in a range of other academic and research activities. VIPs do not receive a faculty salary but may be paid the appropriate course stipend per course that they teach.

Visiting International Scholar Program (VIS)

Brock's Visiting International Scholar (VIS) program invites visiting scholars and researchers from abroad who are interested in an international research and scholarship opportunity to visit Brock for a specific period of time, ranging from as short as a few weeks to more typically one year. Visiting scholars collaborate with Brock faculty and students in a wide range of academic and scholarly activities while they are here.

University Mentorship Program (UM)

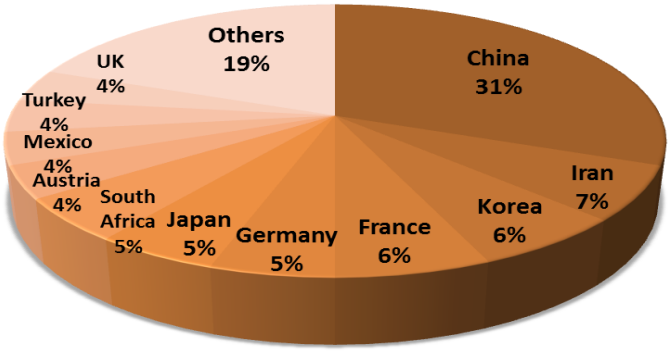
The University Mentorship (UM) program welcomes visiting, faculty, students and staff members from academic institutions in other nations to visit Brock for an extended period, to interact and collaborate with Brock faculty, students and staff in a range of academic and administrative professional development activities, including graduate and undergraduate laboratory internships and research work under the supervision of a Brock faculty member and/or jointly supervised with the home academic institution.

VIP/VIS/UM Program Statistics

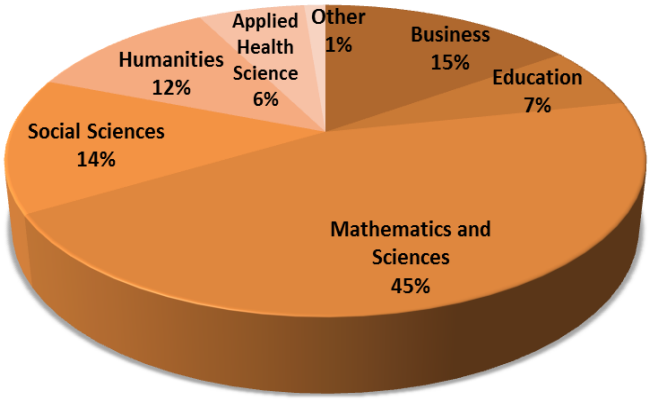
- During the period July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012, there were 78 participants from 25 countries in the visiting scholar programs
- The **Top 7** countries of origin for this year's participants are China, France, Iran, Korea, Japan, Germany and South Africa
- **9** professors participated in the **VIP** program
- **50** scholars participated in the **VIS** program
- **19** scholars, including graduate students, took part in the **UM** program

VIP/VIS/UM Participation Distribution in 2011/12

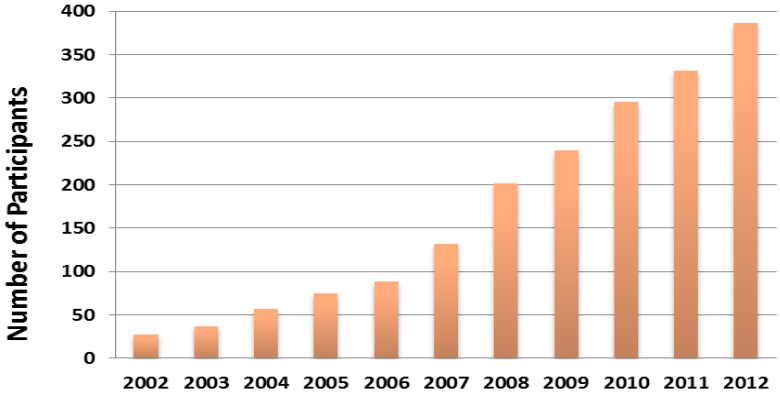
Country of Origin



Host Faculty



Cumulative Growth of VIP/VIS/UM Programs



Total Number of Participants = 386

COURSES TAUGHT, PAPERS PRESENTED & PUBLICATIONS BY VIP / VIS / UM PARTICIPANTS

Courses Taught

MATH 1P67	Mathematics for Computer Science	Dr. Dirk Oliver Theis
PHYS 4P62	Modern Optics	Dr. Ole Steuernagel
DART 3V90	Theory and Practice of Drama in Education	Professor Jonothan Neelands
EDUC 5P21	International and Comparative Education	Professor Charl Wolhuter

Tutorials

Mr. Barend Jacobus Leonard

- Gave lectures on the software libraries the Bio-Inspired Computational Intelligence Group will be building on for the forthcoming collaboration works.
- Academic Host: Dr. Ombuki-Berman

Public Lectures and Workshops

M. Nicholas Ripoche

- Workplace Hazardous Materials information System, on July 6, 2011

Dr. Ali Mahdipour-Shirayeh

- Talk titled, *On Cartan's Equivalence Problem*, as an extended activity of your research study with Dr. Anco

Ms. Minfen Ye

- Department of Tourism and Environment on Chinese Philosophy Schools and Their Influences towards Nature and Environment
- Instructed workshop on "Chinese Knot Weaving"

Papers

Mr. Younusi Abulimiti

- "On cultural connotative meaning of words and its comparative study" (published in the Journal of Xingjiang University)
- "On types of words meaning"

Ms. Chen Yi

- "Wang Yangming's Interpretation of the Concept of Yi"
- "Nieh Shuang-chiang's Interpretation of the Concept of the Yi"
- "Luo Jin-xi's Interpretation of the Concept of Zhi"

Mr. Linwei Wang

- Worked toward thesis titled, Correct-Learning and Heaven-Human Circularity- On the Central and Horizon of Wang-Funchi's Thought

Research Activities

Dr. Rolf Karlsson

- Research in the area of Synthetic Organic Chemistry

Professor Weidong Gao

- Joint research on the theory of numbers, combinatorial numbers and group rings

Mr. Younusi Abulimiti

- Research project for Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region Social Sciences Committee called "Cultural significance of Uyghur and Chinese words and its contrastive study"

Dr. Dirk Oliver Theis

- Postdoctoral research

Professor Hanna Björg Sigurjónsdóttir

- Research in the area of children of parents with intellectual disabilities

Mr. Johannes van Kempen

- Conducted research in the area of natural sunthesis of imino sugar(2S, 3R, 4S)-2-(hydroxymethyl)-4-methylpyrrolidine-3, 4-diol

M. Thomas Babut

- Research related to Synthetic Organic Chemistry

M. Nicholas Ripoche

- Research titled " Synthesis and Applications of Chiral Auxilaries Derived from Proline Hydantoin"

Ms Chao Pan

- Conducted research titled Constructional alaysis of the existential sentences in Chinese and English versions of *A Dream of Red Mansions*

Cecilia Guizar Gonzalez

- Conducted research titled "Biosynthesis of Benzylisoquinoline-Type Alkaloids in Plant cell Suspension Cultures of Argemone Mexicana under Conditions of Induction"

Ms. Chen Yi

- Research in the area of Song-Ming Neo-Confucianism

Dr. Zhijie YU

- Research in the area of nutritional epidemiology or cardiometabolic disease

Dr. Ali Mahdipour-Shirayeh

- Research in the area of Geometric curve flows in Kaehler Geometry and Bi-Hamiltonian operators and inerrability condition on constant curvature flows

Dr. Dongfeng Wang

- Research in the area of financial crisis and monetary policy

Community Involvement

Mr. Johannes van Kempen

- Volunteer at Brock International Education Week 2011

Ms Chao Pan

- Volunteered in a cultural event, The Grand Opening Ceremony of Confucius Institute at Brock University

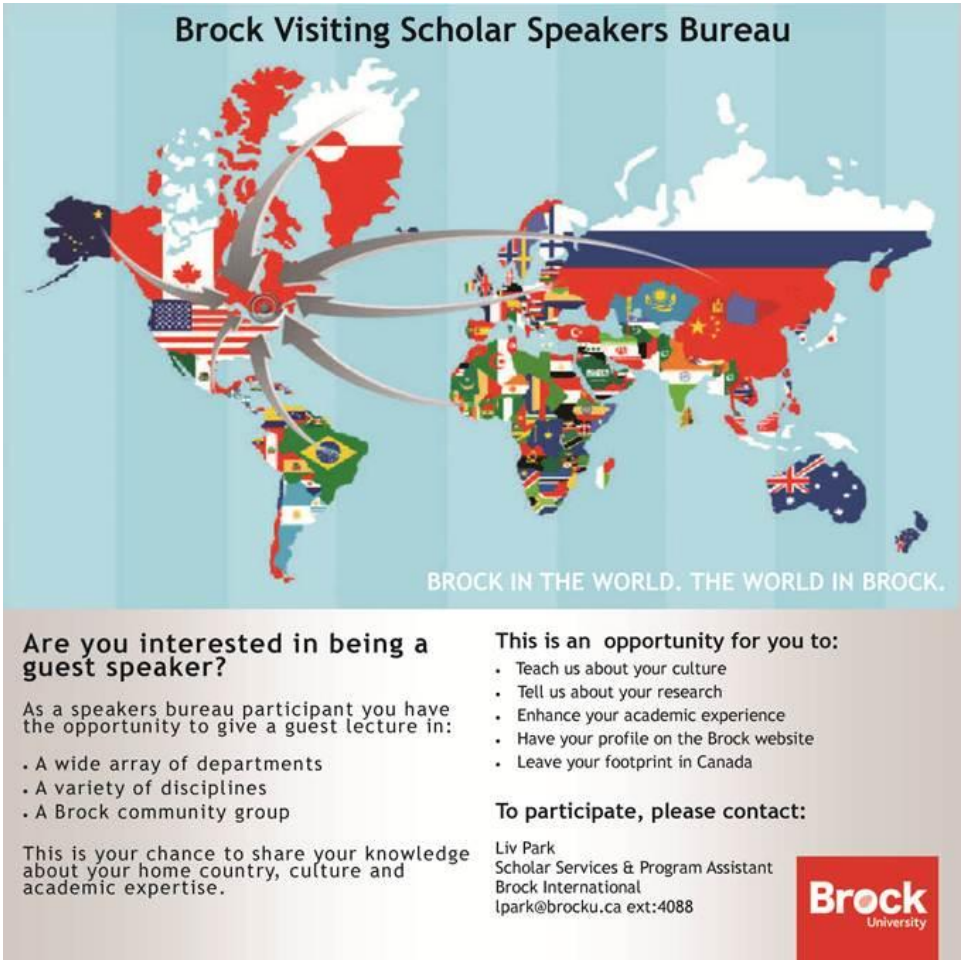
Ms. Minfen Ye

- Volunteer teacher at Confucius Institute at Brock University, having assisted Chinese culture and language-related activities such as "The 11th Chinese Bridge Chinese Language Proficiency Preliminary Contest in Southern Ontario Region" ;"Chinese New Year Gala Performance"

LAUNCH IN MAY 2012 – NEW

BROCK INTERNATIONAL VISITING SCHOLAR SPEAKERS BUREAU

The Speaker's Bureau will provide the opportunity for current visiting scholars to formally participate and network in ***other areas*** of the University and the Brock Community, via the new Speakers Bureau that will be promoted across the university, to share their unique cultural perspectives and expertise on a wide range of topics.



VISITING DELEGATIONS AND MEETINGS WITH INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Brock is host to many visiting international delegations, academic, administrative and other representatives from partner and prospective institutions and governments. This year's visitors included, by date of visit:

International Student Exchange Programs (ISEP)	July 11, 2011
Keele University	July 13, 2011
University of Western Sydney	September 15, 2011
Globestar & Azorean Government Delegation	September 16, 2011
Malaysian Ministry of Education	September 16, 2011
Swansea University	September 21, 2011
Chinese Ministry of Education – University Student Financial Assistance Program Management Training Delegation	September 30, 2011
Canadian University of Dubai	October 6, 2011
Hubei University for Nationalities	October 17, 2011
Kent State University	November 7, 2011
Qiongzhou University	November 8, 2011
Zheijiang Gongshang University	December 9, 2011
Henan Horticulture Technologies Training Delegation	December 13, 2011
Central China Normal University	February 5, 2012
Leave for Change Senior Program Officer	March 21, 2012
University of Tehran	April 3, 2011
Saudi Arabian Cultural Bureau	May 8, 2012
Munich Business School	May 24, 2012
University of Western Sydney	May 25, 2012
Minjiang University	June 18, 2012

INTERNATIONAL FUNDING PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

International Course Support Fund

Successful ICSF Applications 2012 **Total Funding Awarded: $15,000**

CHYS 3V98: Resilience in an International Context
Department of Child & Youth Studies

SPMA 4P93: Sport for Development Field Experience
Department of Sports Management

HIST 3M50: Modern Germany in Berlin
Department of History

Canadian Commonwealth Scholarship Program 2011 **Funding Rec'd: $7,500**

Coordinated the successful application of:
Jeannine Keating, PhD Student, North-West University, South Africa

Emerging Leaders in the Americas Program **Funding Expected: $7,500**

Submitted the application for funding and participation of:
Emmena Natasha Christina Paulus, Graduate Student, De Anton de Kom Universiteit van Suriname, Suriname

Leave for Change (L4C) **Funding: $8,000**

A new initiative in partnership with the Provost & VP Academic, AVP Human Resources, and AVP Student Services to offer **international experiential professonal development opportunities** for Brock University staff members

Students for Development Program **Funding Rec'd: $7,500**

Facilitated and coordinated successful internship application for:
Elyse Giroux, Master Student, Faculty of Education, Brock University, to participate in a 3-month internship at partner institution, North-West University, South Africa

BROCK INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER SERIES

Since many visiting international professors and scholars have varied and valuable research, academic and cultural expertise to share, Brock International established its own brand of academic and cultural series of talks. The Brock International Speaker Series is a way for participants in the scholar programs to contribute and connect to the broader university community. In addition, guest speakers may be invited for special international education events on campus throughout the year.

November 17, 2011

- Global Education: What it Means to be a Global Minded Student – a presentation by Dr. Graham Pike, Dean of International Education at Vancouver Island University

February 8, 2012

- Human Rights Education: Experiences of Internship in South Africa – presented by Elyse Giroux, an MEd student at Brock University who went to South Africa for a Students for Development Internship at North-West University

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

FALL WE WELCOME THE WORLD RECEPTION (November 1, 2011)

To formally recognize the outstanding contributions of this year's newest Visiting International Professors, Scholars and University Mentorship participants.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK (November 14 to November 18, 2011)

This event is led by Brock International – several offices on campus, including International Services & ESL Services participate to make the event a success each year.

- *International Photo Exhibition: This is My Home & Home Away from Home*
- *Med Plus Trip to Peru Photo Reflection*
- *Where in the world is Jack McIsaac?*
- *Going Global Workshop*
- *How to Market Your International Experience*
- *Art of Crossing Cultures*
- *Experience Saudi Arabian Culture and Food*
- *Student Exchange Info Session*
- *Experience the World at Lowenberger Dining Hall & Decew Dining Hall*
- *Our Word is our Weapon Radio Show*
- *Cooking Demonstrations: Korean, Chinese*
- *BUFS Movie Night: The Guard*

- *Student Exchange Fair*
- *Accessing Your International IQ Workshop*
- *Brock International Speaker Series: Dr. Graham Pike*
- *Global Volunteer Experience Information Session*
- *Mandarin Corner Movie Night: The Karate Kid*
- *Looking to Kick-Start Your Career in Another Country*
- *Cultural Cafe*
- *Global Transitions Information Session*

CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE NEW YEAR PERFORMANCE (February 5, 2012)

A jointly-organized event with the Confucius Institute that brought more than 60 student participants from Central China Normal University to entertain an audience of almost 400 in Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School Auditorium.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEEK (February 7 to February 11, 2011)

This event is led by the Office of International Services – several offices on campus, including Brock International participate to make the event a success each year.

- *Burundi Cooking Demonstration*
- *Saudi Arabian Cooking Demonstration*
- *Brock Abroad: Namibia*
- *China Hearts*
- *Student for Development Internship*
- *Art of Crossing Cultures*
- *Accessing Your International IQ*
- *Global Transitions Information Session*
- *Venezuelan Cooking Demonstration*
- *Turn Around Project (TAP) in India Presentation*

CELEBRATION OF NATIONS (March 8, 2012)

Led by the Office of International Services & Programs Abroad, Brock International hosted the International Drinks Table at Celebration of Nations. Drinks from over thirty different countries were served at the event to the Brock Community. In addition, some visiting international scholars and professors volunteered to help with this event. This popular event is organized each year by the Office of International Services, in partnership with a number of Offices and Departments across the university.

WINTER WE WELCOME THE WORLD RECEPTION (March 16, 2012)

To formally recognize the outstanding contributions of this year's newest Visiting International Professors, Scholars and University Mentorship participants.

VISITING INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS SOCIAL TRIP TO WELLAND CANAL MUSEUM (June 15, 2012)

An educational social event for current scholars to experience local culture and history.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PROMOTION IN PRINT AND DIGITAL MEDIA

Brock International Newsletter

Issue #14: Summer 2011

Issue #15: Winter 2012

International Speaker Series Posters

Dr. Graham Pike – November 17, 2011

Ms. Elyse Giroux – February 8, 2012

Brock News

Med student headed to South Africa – July 26, 2011

Brock welcomes Mexican Research Fellow – August 25, 2011

Loonie Mile for East African Famine Relief – September 15, 2011

Brock working with the University of Western Sydney – September 22, 2011

Brock celebrates international education – November 16, 2011

Confucius Institute rings in Year of the Dragon – February 2, 2012

Gala performance in celebration of Chinese New Year by CCNU – February 5, 2012

Professors awarded International Course Support Fund – February 17, 2012

Brock TV

International Education Week Promotional Video Clip – November 9, 2011

Other International Events & Promotion

Posters:

- International Education Week
- Brock University Chinese New Year

CROSS-DEPARTMENTAL INITIATIVES & ACTIVITIES

- Ongoing involvement and support to **Confucius Institute at Brock University**
- Major **International Development Project Support** & Facilitation (J. Mandigo)
- Office of the Provost and Office of the President – **BRAZIL Missions Preparation, Briefing, Promotion, and Institutional Resource Support**
- **Library Research Project on Internationalization** (K. Bordonaro)

CONFERENCES, EXTERNAL MEETINGS AND EVENTS PARTICIPATION (International & Local)

- **OAIE Conference in Kingston**
- **CBIE Conference in Ottawa**
- **AUCC ILO Annual Meeting and IDRC Workshop in Ottawa**
- **Scholars at Risk Workshop in Toronto**
- **Meetings with Consulates of Brazil, China and Korea**

COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Internationalization Committee**
- **Team for International Excellence and Success**
- **Extended Communications Group**
- **Confucius Institute Planning Committee**
- **International Course Support Fund Adjudication Chair of Committee**
- **BUFA Status of Women Committee**
- **International Education Week Chair of Committee**
- **International Development Week Committee**
- **Experience Works Application Review Committee**
- **Celebration of Nations**
- **Human Resources Training & Development Courses, including Fire Emergency Warden Training**