Dear [Bio.First name],

Thank you to everyone who responded to our survey about the development of the alumni network.

We were delighted to receive so many responses and I wanted to take this opportunity to share some of the key findings:

- 94% said they were interested in receiving an Alumni Bulletin and 74% indicated that they would like to see it twice a year
- 72% expressed interest in a networking event and 70% were interested in an event involving a lecture
- 86% of respondents expressed interest in us developing a mechanism for you to establish and/or maintain contact with senior academics and researchers to gain career advice.

Planning for the inaugural alumni event on 12 May 2017 is well under way and we can confirm that, in response to your feedback, it will comprise an evening lecture by a well-known speaker with networking drinks. With so many of you returning to a country, or moving to work, well away from London after graduation, we will try and record the lecture and work on alternative ways how to network virtually to ensure those of you unable to attend do not lose out.

The UK’s decision to leave the European Union has made us more determined than ever to strengthen our relationships with students in Europe and on every continent where we have alumni. We hope you will be part of that welcoming community.

Best wishes

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Esteem and awards highlights

Three Minute Thesis Competition
Jonathan Lambert (Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health, PhD student) won the 2015/16 UCL round of Three Minute Thesis (3MT) competition and competed in the national final in September. Watch Jonathan’s presentation

Awards for Faculty staff
Our Professional Services staff received various awards: Angela Poulter (Postgraduate Administrator, Institute for Women’s Health) won the 2016 Student Choice Teaching Awards for Outstanding Support for Teaching. Marcia Jacks (Institute Manager, Institute for Women’s Health) and Madiha Sajid (MSc Administrator, Institute of Epidemiology & Health Care) received Provost’s Excellence Awards.

Lancet Young Investigator Award
Robert Aldridge (Institute of Health Informatics) received the Lancet Young Investigator Award 2016. The award followed a presentation and interview on work from his PhD (Screening of tuberculosis in migrants before entry to the UK: a population-based cohort study) at the Academy of Medical Sciences. Watch Robert’s interview
News highlights from the Faculties and Institutes

Future of donor anonymity threatened by growth of genetic testing
The rise of personal genetic testing and growth of international DNA databases could put an end to anonymous sperm and egg donation as donor-conceived individuals may unintentionally discover biological relatives, according to UCL researchers. Read more

What influences 11 year olds to drink?
Children are less likely to drink if they have heightened perceptions of the harms of drinking and negative expectations towards alcohol - such as that it leads to difficulties with peers or impacts on school work – according to a new UCL-led study. Read more

Pack condoms with the suntan lotion, advise sexual health experts
A study using data from NATSAL, led by Clare Tanton (Institute of Epidemiology and Health Care), found that substantial numbers of British adults, from the age of 16 up to 74, are having sexual encounters while travelling abroad raising concerns about increased transmission of STIs. Read more

Lesbian, gay or bisexual individuals twice as likely to suffer mental health issues
Adults who identify as lesbian, gay or bisexual (LGB) are twice as likely as heterosexual adults to suffer from anxiety or depression, according to research from UCL, London Metropolitan University and Public Health England. Read more

Antibiotic coated tubes could reduce infection rates of children in intensive care
Coating the plastic tubing that is used to give life-saving drugs and fluids into a child’s vein with antibiotics could help to prevent bloodstream infections developing in children in intensive care, report teams from the UCL Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health and Great Ormond Street Hospital. Read more

New Global Disability Innovation Hub
UCL’s Institute for Epidemiology and Health Care will play a leading role in the new Global Disability Innovation Hub, recently launched by Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan.

Nora Groce (UCL Epidemiology) will co-lead the hub and there are plans to launch a Master’s programme, sponsored PhDs, and multidisciplinary research projects developed by academic partners. You can add your skills to the hub by signing up here.
**Upcoming news and events**

**Faculty networking event**
The Faculty’s inaugural alumni networking event will take place on 12 May 2017. There will be a lecture from 5pm followed by networking drinks.

This will be a very engaging and exciting event and we hope that you will be able to attend. Further information will follow.

**New MSc Courses**
This October saw the launch of our new MSc Population Health and MSc Clinical Trials courses, bringing the best of UCL’s academic expertise in these areas to postgraduate teaching.

You can find out more about all our programmes here.

**Health Economics and Decision Science course**
In October 2017 we are launching an exciting new MSc programme in Health Economics and Decision Science. The MSc, which will be based at the UCL Institute for Global Health, spans the disciplines of economics, statistics and epidemiology. Strong links to industry and a shortage of skills in this area will ensure that graduates of this programme are highly employable.

Applications for the MSc programme open in mid-October 2016. See the Institute for Global Health website for more information.

Register for the Alumni Online Community in order to update your details, set contact preferences and access thousands of e-journals. Once registered you'll also have access to the exclusive networking area, of AOC where you can connect with fellow alumni, offer and/or receive mentoring, and post employment opportunities to the global UCL alumni audience.

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