Another year...
Returning scientists, engineers and technologists back to their careers
The success of the Trust is dependent upon the enthusiasm and commitment of our fellows. They are high calibre individuals with the drive and conviction to overcome obstacles on their road back to a scientific career.

Their talent and determination has ensured that almost all the fellows who completed their fellowship during the year, continue in professional work. This is a fantastic achievement in these difficult economic times.

The Daphne Jackson Trust receives sponsorship from both the public and private sector. Although 2010 was a time of austerity within the UK, with cuts in university funding, the Trust continued to obtain funding from a considerable number of sponsors who recognise its valuable work. I would therefore like to thank all the sponsors who have supported the Trust during the year. Finding additional sponsorship remains a priority for the year ahead.

We now look forward to an improved economic climate which will allow the Trust to strengthen, expand and remain the UK’s leading body dedicated to returning talented scientists, engineers and technologists to careers.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who worked for and supported the Trust during 2010, especially those who did so on a voluntary basis. Their hard work and dedication is critical to the ongoing success of the Trust and is very much appreciated.

Professor Glynis Breakwell
PhD DSc LLD(Hon) CPsychol FBPsS FRSA AcSS
Chair of the Daphne Jackson Trust

2010 was another admirable year for the Trust with a total of 46 Fellows in post.
2010 proved to be another excellent year for the Daphne Jackson Trust. This year, the Trust celebrated the 25th anniversary of the start of the scheme in 1985 with a fabulous Fellows’ Reunion and Luncheon.

It was 25 years ago that Daphne Jackson first put in place a scheme that she hoped would help women who had been seriously disadvantaged in their careers by taking a break for family reasons. The Trust realises the importance of raising awareness of the issues and barriers faced by returners and engaging with as many organisations as possible. There have been opportunities throughout the year for the Chief Executive and Trust Manager to attend conferences, seminars and meetings, as both delegates and invited speakers. The Trust regularly attends postdoctoral fellowship events at universities throughout the UK and has collaborated with many organisations on projects and events. The Chief Executive, Mrs Jennifer Woolley, left the Trust at the end of the year to move on to new challenges, and the Trust would like to thank her for her commitment and dedication over 16 years. The Trust has grown and developed over the years and the number of fellowships awarded have increased under her leadership. Dr Katie Perry, the Trust Manager, will take over as Chief Executive next year.

The Cheltenham Science Festival

The Cheltenham Science Festival is a five day extravaganza of entertainment for all ages. The Daphne Jackson Trust visited the Festival again this year and sponsored the ‘Gastronuts’ event which was sold out to a capacity crowd of about 600. Vivienne Parry, a patron of the Trust introduced Stefan Gates and Andrea Sella who wowed the audience with marvellous food facts and experiments. The Cheltenham Science Festival takes place in early June and is an opportunity for the Trust to reach out to family groups, one of its main target audiences. In addition, many potential fellows, sponsors and collaborators spoke to staff or visited the display stand during the Festival.

Fellows Reunion and Luncheon

The undoubted highlight of the year was the 25th Anniversary Fellows Reunion and Luncheon. The event was held at St. George’s House in Windsor Castle on the 10th November 2010 and the historic backdrop made it a truly memorable occasion for all. 59 fellows, past fellows, staff and friends of the Trust attended the Luncheon held in the Vicars’ Hall, Windsor Castle and amongst the guests were a number of Daphne Jackson’s relatives. Richard Rooley, Trustee and Consultant Engineer, spoke about the importance of the Trust and its work. Dr Olga Gandelman and Dr Nancy Irwin, both past fellows, then talked about their work and how the fellowship had enabled them to recommence their research careers.

A networking session followed the formal Luncheon and provided an excellent opportunity for present and past fellows to meet and share experiences. Guests were then given a tour the castle before being invited to attend evensong in St George’s Chapel. The day was a fitting tribute to Daphne Jackson’s vision and inspiration and all the hard work put in by those working for the Trust over the past 25 years. Each guest was presented with an engraved glass paperweight commissioned by the Trust to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the scheme.
Reyna Al-Ashaab

She gained a doctorate in meat/food technology and went on to hold research and lecturing positions at a number of universities in both the UK and Mexico. She took a career break in 2005 but by 2008 was ready to return to work. Finding a position proved difficult as she seemed to be too highly qualified for many positions and too specialised for others. Reyna was considering retraining in a different area when she heard about the Daphne Jackson Trust. “After I was told about the Trust, I went to the website. As I navigated through the pages of the website, my heart started beating faster and a huge smile appeared on my face. It was as if they knew about me and they were describing my situation. The Daphne Jackson Trust Fellowship and I fitted perfectly with each other. It felt just right. It was perfect for my circumstances: I was looking for a part time job so that I could be with my children after school; I wanted to start from the beginning and not just jump at a new venture when I was full of insecurities. I was going to be retrained to be able to catch up with technology.”

Reyna commenced her fellowship in May 2010 at Cranfield University, in the Centre for Energy and Resource Technology. “I am indeed enjoying the fellowship and everything that has come with it. From the very first phone call my self-confidence improved. I feel valued, inspired to be the person I want to be and encouraged to embrace all of the aspects of my life.” Reyna’s research involves the detection and monitoring of particles suspended in the air around garden waste composting facilities. These particles, called bioaerosols, are caused by the breakdown of the green waste and can exist in large numbers around such facilities, as the green waste is mechanically shredded and turned to accelerate the composting process.

While such composting facilities reduce the amount of waste taken to landfill and so help local authorities improve their recycling rate, the bioaerosols produced have the potential to cause health problems for people living and working nearby. By studying the dispersion modelling of these bioaerosols, it will be possible to establish the distance at which they are no longer suspended in the air. Authorities in the UK will then be able to build additional composting facilities confident in their ability to protect the health of communities and fulfil their obligations to reduce landfill according to the EU directives. 

Reyna says, “It is fascinating how learning from a process that has taken place in nature from the beginning of time, in conjunction with sophisticated technology, is providing a solution for some of our man-made pollution problems.”

After completing her fellowship, Reyna aims to continue her research at Cranfield University. “I am truly grateful to the Trust, not just for their support but also for the very efficient services they provide, from basic communication to answering all of my questions and the organisation of the very useful courses. I am also grateful to NERC for sponsoring my fellowship and to Cranfield University for their open arms welcome.”

Anne Savage

Anne made a promising start to her research career in the field of pharmacology and biochemistry, but she soon found herself moving around the country, following her husband’s employment from Glasgow to Cambridge, Edinburgh and Dundee.

The frequency of the moves made it impossible for Anne to find continuous professional employment. In an effort to update her skills and widen the range of jobs she could apply for, she completed a Diploma in Computing Science with the Open University. After becoming a parent, Anne decided to take a break from employment all together. Anne started job hunting again in 2007 and applied for the fellowship after realizing that with a patchy CV, it was very unlikely that she would find anything other than low-skilled employment. The Daphne Jackson Fellowship offered her the chance to prove to the job market that she could still carry out scientific research. Anne was interested in health informatics, a new evolving field. The fellowship enabled her to combine her biological research knowledge with her computing skills and move into health informatics.

Anne is carrying out her fellowship at the Centre for Research in Informatics and Systems Pathology at the University of Abertay in Dundee. She is studying the issue of long-term patients in acute wards in NHS hospitals. Every year a very small number of mostly elderly patients occupy beds for months on end. Not only is this a poor outcome for these patients but they are occupying beds which could be used by people waiting for treatment. Anne is using statistical modelling techniques and data visualisation to investigate whether there are any factors, within these individual’s records, that can be used to predict which type of patient is most likely to end up hospitalized for extended periods.

“What attracted me to this project is that it is an everyday logistical project that impacts on everyone in the community and the benefits of understanding these issues are clear,” says Anne. “This project has given me the opportunity to develop my skills in statistics which will be crucial in helping me to find further research work.”

Going forward, her department is optimistic about finding further funding for another statistical modeling project; this time looking at the growth of breast cancer tumours.
Miriam started her career at the particle physics laboratory, CERN, in Geneva. After her first child was born, she worked part-time for a while but later moved back to the UK due to her husband’s job. She then had two more children and took a 10 year career break to care for her three children.

Miriam was keen to return to scientific research once her children were at school but a lot had changed in the ten years she had been away. New experiments had been built and the computer software had changed considerably. She needed to update her skills before she could apply for university positions or Research Council funding, and the Daphne Jackson scheme seemed an ideal way to achieve this.

Her fellowship took place in the School of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Birmingham. It lasted two years and she worked part-time, spreading her half-time hours over four days a week. This enabled her to be at home with her children at the end of the school day. “I found the fellowship very enjoyable,” Miriam explained. “My colleagues were extremely supportive and I soon felt that I had re-established myself in my field of physics research.”

Miriam Watson is a particle physicist and her fellowship has enabled her to work with the first data from the LHC. She studied the ‘Top Quark’, an elementary particle and a fundamental building block of matter. “I studied the ‘top quark’ in the first data recorded at the LHC and contributed to measurements that were shown at international conferences. I enjoyed being a member of a large experimental collaboration and analysing data from the world’s highest energy particle accelerator.”

Miriam has now completed her fellowship and gone on to be awarded a Royal Society Dorothy Hodgkin Fellowship to enable her to continue this work.

The Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at Cern is the largest and highest-energy particle accelerator in the world. This marvel of science and engineering lies in a tunnel 27 kilometres in circumference beneath the Swiss-French border.

The LHC is used to study the smallest known particles and is expected to advance the understanding of the fundamental laws of nature. Miriam Watson, a Daphne Jackson Fellow, was amongst the first scientists to be able to use data from the LHC, for her research.
The Chemical Quality of the Clyde

Potential chemical contamination of the ground and of watercourses is one of the legacies of the UK’s past industrialisation. Contaminants can be toxic in high concentrations, and so potentially hazardous to people and the environment. It is therefore vital to understand the levels of contaminants to control their environmental impacts and protect the health of communities.

Dr Solveigh Lass-Evans, a Daphne Jackson Fellow at the British Geological Survey in Edinburgh, is researching the distribution and movement of contaminants throughout the Clyde catchment.

Using computer mapping, contaminant levels in samples can be placed in the context of the natural chemical background and Solveigh hopes to discover what influences the way in which the contaminants move through the river system. Only by fully understanding these processes can effective management of the river system be made possible for the benefit of present and future generations.

The British Geological Survey (BGS) is undertaking a strategic geochemical survey of the UK, known as G-BASE. This includes assessing river quality across the UK as contaminants can wash into the water system. As part of this project, stream sediment and water samples from all tributaries draining into the River Clyde, which flows through Glasgow, as well as samples from the Clyde Estuary, were collected to assess river quality and any contamination associated with Glasgow’s industrial past.

Solveigh carried out her first degree in geology at the Christian-Albrechts University in Kiel, Germany and later did a PhD at the University of Edinburgh. She took a career break in order to look after her son, who was born shortly before she completed her PhD. By the time she started her Daphne Jackson Trust Fellowship in June 2010, her break had lasted five years but she very easily resumed the routine of work, thanks to supportive colleagues and family. Her project is progressing well and she is enjoying the challenge.

SOURCE: RIVER CYLDE, GLASGOW © BGS, NERC

Four successful training courses were held during the year

Work Life Balance Workshop
Fellows who attended the Work Life Balance Workshop on the 29th January spent an interesting day examining their busy lives and prioritising the many demands put upon them. Attendees were encouraged to discuss and find potential solutions to work life balance issues. Everyone went away with lots of useful ideas to make life a little easier.

“The course helped me to devise a strategy for dealing with emails at work. It was extremely useful”

Presentation Skills Course
The Presentation Skills Course held on the 5th October 2010 showed attendees how to design compelling presentations, check nerves and present with flair. Fellows then put their new skills to the test by presenting to other participants.

“I have learned quite a few tips on how to control my body language, design better slides and have gained more confidence”

Professional Skills Workshop
Fourteen fellows attended the Professional Skills Workshop on the 10th November 2010. The course covered effective interview technique, helpful advice on writing grant applications and provided practical suggestions on how to create that interview winning Curriculum Vitae.

Media Skills Workshop
The workshop on the 12th November enabled fellows to polish up their media skills in order to deal confidently with the press. The group also discussed writing articles for non-technical audiences, and setting up blogs and podcasts.

“I enjoyed the interaction between everyone and having an insight into journalism. I have learnt the importance of clear and concise communication.”

“I learnt how to communicate my research more effectively and how to make it more appealing to the public. Thanks”

SOURCE: River Clyde, Glasgow © BGS, NERC

I believe it will help me become a better speaker and presenter.
I joined the team working on dispersion modelling of bioaerosols emitted from composted green-waste. During the first months I have received the most welcoming help from all parties to bring my research skills up-to-date. The part-time attribute of the fellowship has been a blessing but also a challenge as I have been so enthusiastic and committed that I tried to fit a full time job in it! The courses run by the Trust came to the review, especially when dealing with the demanding work-family life balance. Thank you DJT.

I have had an opportunity to gain a valuable experience in human embryonic stem cells research and in molecular biology as well as in regenerative medicine. I started my laboratory work from the collaboration with ophthalmologists on human cornea regeneration, which has given me a splendid opportunity to utilise my previous laboratory skills, but also to learn the new skills of epidemiology. Some of my work is soon to be published, and I have instigated collaborations that will hopefully lead to future projects.

Dr Reyna Al-Ashaab
01-May-2010
Environmental Sciences Cranfield University NERC

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Dr David Ayre
01-Nov-2010
Chemistry Cranfield University EPSRC

The project for my studies is the investigation of thermosetting nanocomposites, primarily the processing route for manufacture of carbon fibre reinforced plastics (CFRPs) that are modified with carbon nanotubes. I have embarked on relevant training and have attended a meeting of the British Composites Society as two routes to reintroduce myself back into research and the composites community.

Dr Joanna Brzeszczynska
01-Oct-2010
Molecular Biology University of Edinburgh Environment Trust

It is very exciting to be back working in my field of fish immunology and it is stimulating to interact with academics and students alike. The first few months were a relatively gentle transition back to research and finding my way around again. I have really enjoyed being back in the lab and continue to find learning new techniques very interesting. The research is challenging and the project continuously evolving. My main goal is to do my best with this great opportunity which has been afforded me.

Dr Rowena Hoare
01-Feb-2010
Aquaculture University of Stirling University of Stirling

My fellowship takes place in two schools - Biosciences and Engineering & Digital Arts. I am working on the investigation of biofilm formation utilising surface plasmon resonance. It has a unique team: a biotechnologist, a photonics expert, and me - with a PhD in chemistry. I relish interdisciplinary approaches to problem solving.

Two years seems a very short time and part-time means it is equivalent to one year. However, after only six months I had my name on a paper, and in September 2010 I found myself on a trip to meet a potential industrial collaborator - in South Korea! There have been many wonderful experiences, great new colleagues and lots of incidental opportunities.

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I have been a Daphne Jackson Fellow for three years and have had a very positive experience. I now feel like I have never had a career break. Getting back to work was not difficult because I was very eager to do so. Managing my time between family duties and work was another story. The Trust, besides being very supportive, have provided me with good professional and personal training. I am now continuing in a part time position in my institution and I cannot be more grateful to the Trust.

In 2010, I have developed a high-throughput assay to screen compound libraries for drugs with radiosensitising potential. Using tumour and normal fibroblasts, we have found that selective radiosensitisation of tumour cells while having comparatively little effect on normal ones. We are now hoping to further refine this assay to ‘personalise’ therapies by matching drugs that can be used successfully in combination with radiotherapy to specific tumour types.

The Daphne Jackson Trust sponsored me to attend and present my research results at the 9th International Symposium on Selenium in Biology and Medicine, in Kyoto, Japan (May 3rd - June 4th, 2010). This boosted my confidence and helped me to interact with experts in the field. I also attended the Fellows' Reunion held in November 2010 where I met and shared experiences with many past and present fellows. I am grateful to have had the fellowship to retrain and enable me to pursue my dream of continuing a career in science.

2010 was my second year of the Daphne Jackson Fellowship. I am working at Durham University on the structure function relationship of plant glutathione transferases and their binding partners. One of the challenges in my project is the new technologies in the field. There were major changes and improvements during the year. I stayed at home with my family. I very much enjoy being part of the academic community at Durham University. In addition I have co-authored a review article on plant glutathione transferases.

I have had an incredible year during 2010 as a Daphne Jackson Fellow including my first visits to Italy and USA. The personal development training through DJT and Swansea University has been diverse and valuable. The flexibility of working part-time and the positive attitude of my supervisor to Athena Swan principles made it possible to support my parents through my mother’s recent illness.

Joining with other DJT fellows past and present at Windsor Castle to celebrate 25 Years of the scheme was a fantastic experience and it is a real privilege to have had the opportunity to benefit from the vision of Daphne Jackson and the enthusiasm and encouragement of my coordinator and all the Trust Team.

The Daphne Jackson Fellowship enabled me to put together and access a high level, high quality and bespoke package of retraining. Although the retraining element did dominate during my first year, I was allowed the time and space I needed to develop my understanding of new areas. I am now reaping the benefits of this and I have begun to make pertinent contributions to the project.

I have enjoyed working in a technical environment and networking with other professionals again and the flexibility of the fellowship, combined with appropriate training and careful planning, has worked very well and I have achieved a good work-life balance.

During this year of my Daphne Jackson Fellowship, I attended a very positive course run by Cambridge University and the Daphne Jackson Trust. I fully enjoyed working on my project at Cambridge University and having helpful discussions with my colleagues. In April, I had a baby girl and went on maternity leave. During that time, I found a suitable job, which I will start very soon. I am very grateful to the Daphne Jackson Trust for giving me the opportunity to return to science and balance the job I love and my family.

Returning to academia and to my career as a research scientist was a continuous milestone for me and has proved an exciting challenge, both personally and professionally.

My fellowship has been based in the Centre for Endocrine and Diabetes Sciences in Cardiff University’s School of Medicine. The funding on a part-time basis over two years has given me flexibility to fulfil my family responsibilities and balance my work and home life. I am profoundly grateful for the support of the Daphne Jackson Trust, The Charles Wolfson Charitable Trust and Cardiff University and for the opportunity to renew my career at a leading academic institution.

I began my fellowship in September 2009, following a 12 year career break. Having been out of the profession for a prolonged period, I recognised the need to update my knowledge and skills in order to compete effectively for employment and/or funding. The Daphne Jackson Trust has provided me with a structured route back into academic research, by virtue of the emphasis on re-training in conjunction with applied research. The fellowship has proved to be both challenging and rewarding; my confidence and enthusiasm have grown and I hope to continue working in the area of molecular genetics. I am extremely grateful to the Daphne Jackson Trust, my sponsors and work colleagues for affording me this opportunity to return to academic life.

I spent 2010 at the National Heart and Lung Institute at Imperial College. The placement was part of an academic-industry collaboration to develop novel therapeutic approaches for lung disease. I have had to build and foster relationships with key opinion leaders to design and run preclinical studies in the respiratory/inflammation field, liaisoning with multidisciplinary and technology teams across Pfizer to coordinate and plan biology activities within the project. I completed training for my Home Office Personal License to carry out regulated procedures. I also participated in workshops to help with career planning, CV writing and interviewing skills.

I expected the fellowship to take place three miles from my house, but when my fellowship was approved, the research group had moved to University College London. Although the commute is long, being immersed in UCL’s environment has been a particularly interesting and valuable experience.
This past year as a Daphne Jackson Fellow has been both exciting and, at times, thrilling. The opportunity to “use my brain again” has given me back a sense of self. It has also been challenging. I am privileged to be training in a world renowned lab and I feel I have had a precious chance, which allows me to continue to follow a break of almost eight years from lab-based research. I am very grateful to the Daphne Jackson Fellowship Trust and to Edinburgh Napier University for their support in this rare and valuable experience.

I started an investigation into the merits of a novel material for the remediation of highly alkaline ground water leaching from a chemical waste site containing chromium ore processing residue. After a few months work in the laboratory I had collected enough data to make an assessment and present at a poster at the annual meeting of international geochemists, held in July at Knoxville, Tennessee. This was followed by a talk in the audience to the committee of the Water Science Forum at the Royal Society of Chemistry, Burlington House, London, in recognition of the bursary that they had kindly bestowed on me for my bench fees.

My fellowship at the University of Abertay, Dundee involves developing a predictive statistical model for complex, high bed occupancy patients within the NHS. Statistical modelling is completely different to my original research field in biochemistry but upheavals during my early career prompted me to develop a new area of expertise and prepare for new challenges. My statistical knowledge is growing steadily and, thanks to the flexibility of the fellowship, I can retrain during my working day without encroaching on family life. This fellowship has been invaluable and for the first time in many years I am optimistic about my career.

The Daphne Jackson Fellowship finished at the end of August 2010. I was able to use it to update my materials science degrees and add postgraduate research projects using my original skills and the new nanotechnology knowledge I had gained. One of these projects involved using a new technique in particle characterisation with an instrument called a qNano. When the company, Izon Science Ltd, expanded and started a northern European branch at the end of 2010, I was ideally placed and now work part time as their technical support specialist (or “fluff of all trades”). It is a great fun being in a ‘new’ technology and developing business.

The whole atmosphere of gathering knowledge, talking to knowledgeable people, attending lectures, discussing and solving work-related problems-all contributed to making my return to work so much worthwhile.
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