

Marking a milestone

300 ISSUES OLD

Everyone at Imperial is familiar with how quickly the College changes over a relatively short period of time – it's in the Imperial DNA to constantly evolve in response to global forces. The Reporter newsletter has tried to cover some of this diverse, dynamic activity over 300 Issues, starting more than 20 years ago in 1995. In this first, two page spread – we look at the highlights as covered by Reporter, then on the second spread, some of the more personal stories.



1995

Formation of the new Imperial College School of Medicine from the merging of the Royal Postgraduate Medical School (RPMS), Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School and the previously announced merging of the National Heart and Lung Institute (St Mary's hospital merged in 1988 forming the Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine)

Imperial and Science Museum co-host BAYSDAY on 17 and 18 March attracting 6000 young people to the campus to learn about science and technology. Britain's first astronaut Helen Sharman launches the event. (Helen went on to become a full time member of Imperial staff exactly 20 years later in 2015 – see issue 289)

#35

9 November: Roger Makins, first Baron Sherfield, dies. He was chairman of Imperial's governors 1962-74



#25

An Imperial student team win University Challenge for the first time ever

1996

#36

Imperial Nobel Laureate Abdus Salam dies (see stories overleaf)



Special issue The Queen opened the £65 million Sir Alexander Fleming Building on 21 October 1998 witnessed by around 750 guests.



1997

#45

Celebrating 50 years of Silwood Park research and education



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1998

#72

Student Kahae Han, wins BBC young musician of the year award. She is on a joint physics with music degree



“Medical students will follow a new curriculum which will take advantage of the strength of science, engineering and management departments on the South Kensington campus. We can expect some medical options for scientists and engineers too.”

Imperial Deputy Managing Director, Rodney Eastwood. Quote from Issue 1

1999

#82

New College website launched in the first effort to centralize the College's web presence (for a comprehensive look at how the College's website evolved see issue 272)



2000

#87

The College is one of six establishments in the country to win an award from the Athena Project to help improve the access, participation and promotion of women in science, engineering and technology in higher education

2012

London hosts the Olympic and Paralympic Games, with staff and students volunteering as games makers while the College provides sports and training facilities including hosting the Japanese Olympic team.

#247

First Imperial Festival



2013



'James the first' Imperial recruits its first Provost, Professor James Stirling to lead the College's core academic mission

#264

LKC Welcomes first medical students

2014

#273

June: Alumnus Michael Uren gives 40m to Imperial



Professor Alice Gast becomes President of Imperial, making her the first woman to lead the College.



2015

#283

Dyson School of Design Engineering announced



2011

Racing Green – a team of Imperial undergraduates, postgraduates and alumni – drive their all-electric car across the length of America

#234

Former Head of MIS Baroness Manningham-Buller serves as the Chair of Imperial's Council



“If I could be thought to have had one ambition before I came, it was to have people in this country not just saying Oxford and Cambridge were the best, but Oxford, Cambridge and Imperial. I think we're getting pretty close to that.”

Rector Lord Oxborough (1993-2000). Quote from Issue 100

2010

#227



Sir Keith O'Nions serves as President and Rector of Imperial.

2009

£10m donation to form the Hamlyn Centre for Robotic Surgery

#207

1 September: the College completes £28 million freehold purchase of a seven-acre site, previously owned by the BBC on Wood Lane. Plans continue to progress for what will become the White City campus (see issue 254)

2008 – 2009 Sir Roy Anderson becomes 14th Rector

2008

#189



2005

Professor Mary Ritter becomes Imperial's first female Pro-Rector, focussing on postgraduate affairs

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2007

#173

Imperial's Centenary Celebration Launches



Imperial College and Imperial College NHS Healthcare Trust form the UK's first Academic Health Science Centre

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2016

#284

Althea programme and competition for aspiring female entrepreneurs launched



#97

Three Imperial alumni and members of the Boat Club win gold at the Sydney Olympics (see overleaf)

2001



Sir Richard Sykes appointed Rector of Imperial

#106

11 May: HRH The Princess Royal, Chancellor of the University of London, launches the 150th anniversary of the Royal School of Mines – the oldest of Imperial's four constituent colleges

2002

#115

Prime Minister Tony Blair opens Imperial College's £13 million Wolfson and Weston research centre for family health which focuses on improving the health of women and babies



2017

#295

Sir Tom Kibble, one of Imperial most esteemed and best loved academics passes away (see stories overleaf).

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