

## **The Scottish Clinical Physiology Degree at Glasgow Caledonian University – update on the first year of provision!**

Last academic session the Department of Biological and Biomedical Sciences at GCU welcomed the first intake of trainees into our new RCCP accredited BSc (Hons) Clinical Physiology programme. Together with its existing undergraduate and postgraduate provision in areas such as Biomedical Science, Dietetics and Optometry this degree strengthened the University's position as a leading provider of Healthcare Science and Allied Health Profession education in the UK.

The accreditation of this degree was regarded as a major achievement by the programme development team, a partnership formed by academic staff from both Glasgow Caledonian University and Stow College together with senior practitioners from many NHS regions, as this was the first and only degree of its kind in Scotland. Cardiac physiology specialist training is now delivered entirely in-house by senior NHS practitioners and trainees from other disciplines spend just 2 weeks per year enrolled on specialist modules at City of Westminster College rather than the 8 or so weeks previously required. We are, however, hoping that in the near future we will be able to deliver other disciplines in-house.

Our first year of provision has been well received and the trainees have progressed well with their studies, with the majority of them gaining excellent grades. Feedback from the trainees has provided us with a lot of useful information so that we can fine-tune delivery for future cohorts – this is especially important in the formative years of any new programme! Furthermore, working relationships with our other partners have been strengthened by the experience gained over this year. Overall we are delighted with our progress so far.



Pictured are BIO HoD Dr. Les Wood and Programme Leader Dr. Elaine Gribben with the first ever cohort on a Scottish Clinical Physiology degree programme

Following the successful completion of the first year of our programme we have opened it up to accept applications directly onto 1<sup>st</sup> year and by negotiated credit transfer onto years 2 and (subject to viable numbers) year 3. We will be holding an Open Day in Glasgow Caledonian University at 2pm on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2010, for prospective employers, trainees, and any other interested parties. They will have the opportunity here to learn more about our programme, meet with key staff members involved in the running and delivery of the programme, hear the views of our current students, tour our campus and visit our award-winning Saltire Centre.

If you would like to come along please email me, Elaine Gribben (Programme Leader), [e.gribben@gcal.ac.uk](mailto:e.gribben@gcal.ac.uk), with contact details and I will be in touch with further information. We look forward to meeting you!