

Dear International Advisory Committee:

It was a great pleasure to host Prof. Danny Green from mid-November to mid-December 2013 as part of UBCO's Distinguished Visiting Scholar scheme. During this time many initiatives were achieved. From a University perspective, Prof. Green gave two main keynote lectures: one to represent the 2nd year of the opening of our Centre for Heart, Lung and Vascular Health which was combined with a major seminar University series; and a public talk at the Rotary Centre downtown Kelowna. Both were extremely well attended and related press releases (newspaper and radio) were also completed. Prof. Green also gave two more informal seminars to our School – one scientific, and one based on providing advice to graduate students for a career in academia. The feedback from the staff and graduate students was excellent.

Many additional quantifiable goals were also achieved during Prof. Green's visit. For example, the development of ideas for major (CIHR) grant applications as well as some international collaborative grants (between Canada and Australia). Moreover, we submitted a large NHMRC the (Australian version of CIHR) in February for which I am a co-PI. We also set up an international exchange for our graduate students - we will be hosting two of Prof. Green's PhD students next month, and in May two of our PhD students will go to Perth for advanced training in vascular ultrasound. These opportunities will truly enrich graduate student development and training.

In summary, Prof. Green's visit was a great success on many levels – not only for me, but for a range of graduate students, staff and the general public.

Thank you again for supporting the Distinguished Visiting Scholar scheme.

Best regards,
Phil
--



Phil Ainslie, PhD
Professor
Canada Research Chair in Cerebrovascular Physiology
Co-director - Centre of Heart Lung and Vascular Health
University of British Columbia Okanagan
3333 University Way
Kelowna, BC V1V 1V7

Office: ART 173
Phone: 250-807-8089
Email: philip.ainslie@ubc.ca
Web: <http://chlvh.ok.ubc.ca>