

## Latest news and events

Our growing links and partnerships in Brazil are supported by a permanent presence within the country and frequent visits to the country by senior representatives. We also host many visits to campus from key partners, as well as welcoming an increasing number of students and visiting staff from Brazil. Below you will find recent activity relevant to our work in Brazil.

### Leveraging legacies of Brazilian major sports events for school and youth sport

Policymakers and international academics convening in São Paulo are addressing how sports mega-events can improve physical education and youth sport in Brazil. Focusing on the upcoming Olympics in Rio de Janeiro in 2016, and covering issues such as the promotion of health, participation and values, talent identification and physical education policies, the conference will produce guidelines for the Brazilian Ministry of Sport, as they seek to ensure a fruitful legacy for both school and youth sport following the Games.

The conference, organised by Dr Jonathan Grix, Director, Sport Policy Centre, University of Birmingham, marks the culmination of two years of collaboration between the University of Birmingham, the Ministry of Sport, UNESP and the British Council. For more details see [full press release \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/latest/2014/11/Sport-in-schools-conference-Brazil.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/latest/2014/11/Sport-in-schools-conference-Brazil.aspx).

### A word in your ear, but make it snappy



To most, crocodiles conjure images of sharp teeth, powerful jaws and ferocious, predatory displays – but they are certainly not famous for their hearing abilities. However, this could all change, as new research by our latest Brazil Visiting Fellow, Dr Felipe Montefeltro, is shedding light on the reptiles' ears, showcasing their evolution from the reign of the dinosaurs to the era of Crocodile Dundee.

Dr Felipe Montefeltro is currently undertaking research into the otic region of fossilised crocodyliforms at the University of Birmingham as part of a three month postdoctoral fellowship.

For more details see the [full Press Release \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/latest/2014/07/Crocodile-ears.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/latest/2014/07/Crocodile-ears.aspx)

### Brazilian Jurist Receives Honorary Doctorate from University of Birmingham

Former Brazilian government minister and senior diplomat Professor Celso Lafer has received an honorary doctorate from the University of Birmingham, UK. Professor Lafer has been named Doctor of the University (DUniv) in the University's historic Great Hall, in the presence of hundreds of graduands and their families.

[Read the full story \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/news/items/Professor-Celso-Lafer.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/news/items/Professor-Celso-Lafer.aspx)

### Science Without Borders reflection - Samara Borges



Samara Borges, a Bioscience student at the University of Brasilia has been studying at Birmingham as part of the Science Without Borders programme. Samara has provided a report reflecting on her experiences at Birmingham.

[Read the full report \(/Documents/international/Students/SWoB-Reflection.pdf\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/Documents/international/Students/SWoB-Reflection.pdf)

### Unique Partnership with UFSC Celebrated in Florianópolis

Translation and Discourse Studies academics from the University of Birmingham and Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (UFSC) gathered in Florianópolis on Friday 12 April 2014 to celebrate a unique 27-year partnership, which is thought to be Birmingham's longest.

[Read the full story. \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/news/items/Unique-Partnership-with-UFSC-Celebrated-in-Florian%C3%B3polis.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/news/items/Unique-Partnership-with-UFSC-Celebrated-in-Florian%C3%B3polis.aspx)

### Birmingham Academics Visit Brazil to Promote Sustainable Development in the Amazon



[\(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/business/departments/management/news/2013/october/sustainable-development-in-the-amazon.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/business/departments/management/news/2013/october/sustainable-development-in-the-amazon.aspx)

Brazil is not only about the World Cup, or even the next Olympics, it is also an arena to discuss the future of a sustainable Amazon. In early October Dr Pamela Robinson and Prof Rob MacKenzie visited Brazil to take part in a workshop in the Amazon, organised by the UK Science and Innovation Network, where participants from the UK and Brazil considered the promotion of sustainable development in the Amazon. [Read Pamela's report](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/business/departments/management/news/2013/october/sustainable-development-in-the-amazon.aspx)

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### University welcomes Brazil visiting Fellows



We were delighted to welcome a new cohort of Brazil Visiting Fellows to the University at a recent lunch hosted by Professor Malcolm Press, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Head of the College of Life and Environmental Sciences, and Andrea Edwards, Director of International Development.

Professor Cynthia Hiraga (UNESP), Dr Gisele Schwartz (UNESP), Dr Silvia Deutsch (UNESP) and Ms Samira Jalil (UNILA) will all spend three months at the University working on collaborative projects with University of Birmingham colleagues in the fields of Motor Control, Sports Psychology, Youth participation in

Sport and Multi-Lingualism.

Find out more about the [Visiting Fellows Scheme \(/International/global-engagement/brazil/dvfs.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/global-engagement/brazil/dvfs.aspx)



### HM Ambassador to Brazil visits the University

We welcomed HM Ambassador to Brazil (designate) Alex Ellis to the campus on 19 June 2013. The visit provided an opportunity to update the Ambassador on the University's engagement in Brazil and a reception at the Barber Institute was organised to enable the Ambassador to meet colleagues from UoB working in partnership with Brazilian institutions and our current Brazil Visiting Fellows.

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