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DEVELOPING INDIA-NEW ZEALAND ACADEMIC & COMMERCIAL COLLABORATION



LEFT TO RIGHT: DR SUDIP RAY, HIGH COMMISSIONER OF INDIA SH. SANJIV KHOLI AND MS ADELINE LE COCQ

Dr Sudip Ray is an active contributor of the University of Auckland's International Strategic Team, currently developing research collaboration, student mobility and commercial ties with India.

Sudip received the International Central Networks and Partnerships Grant (ICNPG) from the University of Auckland which supports mobility to undertake or develop activities with other Universitas 21 partners. Sudip used this grant to visit the University of Delhi earlier this year, and started building a strong relationship for academic purposes.

As part of the growing relationship between the University of Auckland and India, Dr Sudip Ray and Ms Adeline Le Cocq from the Biocide ToolBox team met with Sh. Sanjiv Kholi, High Commissioner of India in Wellington, as pictured on the left.

Dr Sudip Ray presented the Biocide ToolBox group and its commercial initiatives, and discussed with the High Commissioner the opportunities, both academic and industrial between India and New Zealand. Dr Sudip Ray is particularly well placed in this emergent collaboration, as an IIT Kharagpur alumnus who has been a lead researcher at the University of Auckland for more than 13 years.

PRESTIGE FOR DISTINGUISHED PROF MARGARET BRIMBLE



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Congratulations to Distinguished Professor Margaret Brimble, the first New Zealand woman to be elected as a fellow to the world's oldest and most prestigious scientific academy, the Royal Society of London.

Margaret said the honour wasn't just a win for New Zealand, proving it was possible to reach such heights from our comparatively small science sector, but also for women in science. She is a passionate advocate for female scientists and regularly speaks to groups of young women to encourage them to consider science as a career.

"It's nice, especially for my students, as it shows we can actually achieve these things if we put our mind to it - but it doesn't come quickly, and it's a long, slow process."

The same week, Margaret was also awarded the UK Royal Society of Chemistry's 2018 George and Christine Sosnovsky Award in Cancer Therapy, for developing a novel innovative chemistry platform for the development of cancer vaccines. Her work sits at the interface of chemistry and medicine and focuses on developing bioactive compounds from natural products such as marine algae or fungi.

