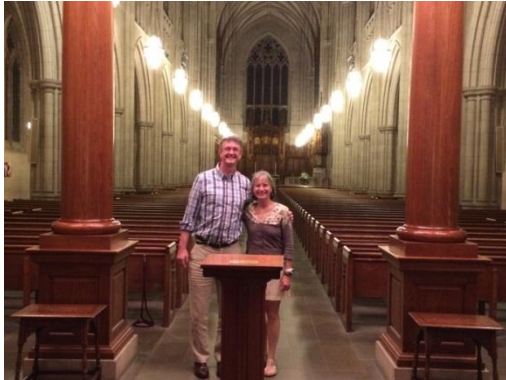


## Centre Director and Deputy Director's successful trip to USA – 20<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> September 2014

In September 2014, [Mark Batt](#) and [Nigel Arden](#) took off for a very successful trip to the USA. The aim of the visit was to forge new and build on existing relationships with world renowned researchers in the fields of osteoarthritis, biomechanics, sport and exercise, and injury prevention amongst others.

Below is a brief synopsis of Mark and Nigel's trip.

Date: **20<sup>th</sup> September 2014**  
Location: **Duke University, North Carolina**  
Meeting: [Prof Virginia Krauss](#), *President of OARSI (Osteoarthritis Research Society International) and Professor of Medicine*



Prof Nigel Arden and Prof Virginia Krauss in the Duke University Chapel

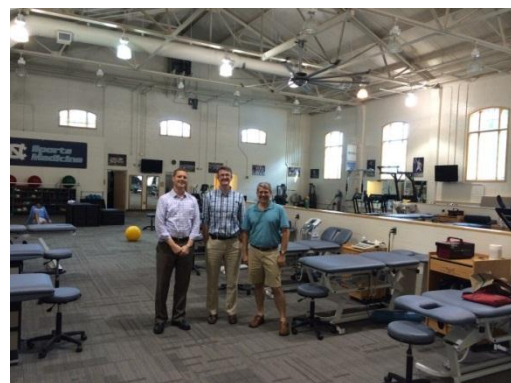


Prof Nigel Arden and Prof Mark Batt in the Duke University Chapel

Date: **21<sup>st</sup> September 2014**  
Location: **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**  
Meeting: [Prof Troy Blackburn](#), *Associate Professor of Exercise and Sport Science and Adjunct Associate Professor of Orthopaedics and Allied Health Sciences*  
[Dr Steve Marshall](#), *Professor of Epidemiology and Director of the Injury Prevention Research Center*



Prof Nigel Arden, Prof Troy Blackburn and Prof Mark Batt in the University of North Carolina



Prof Troy Blackburn, Prof Nigel Arden and Dr Steve Marshall in the UNC Training Room which services Varsity athletes (with the exception of American Football and Basketball)

Date: **22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014**  
Location: **Thurston Arthritis Research Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**  
Meeting: **Sport, Exercise and Osteoarthritis: A Global Look conference chaired by [Prof Joanne Jordan](#), Director of Thurston Arthritis Research Center**



Members of the Thurston Arthritis Research Center, led by Prof Joanne Jordan and Prof Leigh Callahan, following Sport, Exercise and Osteoarthritis: A Global Look conference

Date: **23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014**  
Location: **Wake Forest University, North Carolina**  
Meeting: **[Prof Steve Messier](#), Professor and Director of the J.B Snow Biomechanics Laboratory**



Prof Steve Messier and Prof Nigel Arden at Wake Forest University following meetings to discuss physical activity, exercise and osteoarthritis

Date: **24<sup>th</sup> September 2014**  
Location: **Boston University**  
Meeting: [Prof David Felson](#), *Professor of Medicine & Epidemiology*  
[Dr Cara Lewis](#), *Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy, Rehabilitation Sciences and Medicine*



Fenway Park, Boston - the home to the Boston Red Sox (USA Baseball World Champions 2013). This game followed meetings between Prof Mark Batt, Prof Nigel Arden, Prof David Felson and Dr Cara Lewis

Date: **25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> September 2014**  
Location: **Uniformed Services University, Bethesda, Maryland**  
Meeting: [Dr Anthony Beutler](#), *Associate Professor, Department of Family Medicine Program*  
[Dr Arthur Kellerman](#), *Professor and Dean of the F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine*



Dr Anthony Beutler with Prof Nigel Arden and Prof Mark Batt at the Uniformed Services University, Bethesda, Maryland following discussions with the USU consortium for health and military performance (CHAMP) and with Dr Arthur Kellerman, Dean of the Uniformed Services University