

A note by the Deputy President Graduate Students

I have been on holiday for just over a week and a half

Women In research

I have been in meetings with the Equalities staff from College and Alison Ahearn (organiser for SET in College) along with Eirini Spentza (Women's Officer), where we have decided on holding a large-scale networking and mentoring event for all women in Imperial College to be held at the end of May. We have since been organising a panel of speakers, advertising and venue for the event.

GSA Newspaper

Having secured funding for this, we hope to launch a GSA Newspaper (glossy) by June. We hope to have the majority of the content from the PG body and are advertising for current news articles, interviews with academics, caption writers, gig reviews and cartoonists. We have set a deadline of May 5th and Alex Guite has kindly volunteered to co-edit and organise the publishing of this newspaper with me

DPGS Student Forum and finishing up DPGS review

Organised a DPGS student forum where some interesting suggestions came up. I will be discussing this further in my paper.

PhD Careers Fair

The PhD Careers Fair has been organised jointly with the GSA and the Careers department at College. Concurrently with the stalls there will also be a series of talks throughout the day given by people within various sectors. This was organised by the GSA and thus some funding from us will go to cover costs of PA systems etc. The Careers fair will be on the 10th May.

Finishing up with MSc Merit Survey

I went to an MSc course organisers meeting to promote this survey further and hope to take this back to the management committees in the next couple of weeks

NUS Mature students conference

I attended this 2 day conference in Coventry. This society is in its early stages and the motions were all sensible with sensitive issues dealt with admirably.

Organising alumni talks with alumni office

I have secured some funding to organise alumni events for the PG body and am currently trying to source alumni that will be suitable with the alumni office

Other miscellaneous

- Dealing with Imperial Innovations to advertise their workshops
- Generally working on GSA newsletter, to advertise events
- Planning PG Summer event
- Negotiating transferable skills for PhD GSA officers-I will talk about this further during my paper
- Funding secured for summer events
- University Challenge-three of the final team from the GSA!!