

Imperial College Union

UNION COLOURS 2008

A note by the President

Colours Committee

In total 90 individuals were nominated for Union Awards of which 67 were deemed by the Colours Committee to have met the criteria laid down in the Colours Policy in order for the nominees to receive a Union award. The Colours Committee considered all applications over 2 sessions which took place on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd June. Those present during the meetings were

- Stephen Brown (Chair)
- Kirsty Patterson
- Chris Larvin
- Ally Cott
- Andrew Mason
- Lily Topham
- Daniel Hill
- Jennifer Morgan

On behalf of the committee I would like to present the following nominations to Council for approval. I have also included the citations that were submitted to nominate the students who are now the recipients of the Union's highest awards.

Half Colour (40)

Eunice Agboola	Timothy Keating
Shray Amar	Jessica Longley
John Anderson	Kartik Lotlikar
Christol Argyrakis	Peter Mabbott
Douglas Blackie	Guy Martin
Hemal Bosamia	Hannah Monaghan
Ruth Cattell	Chris Namih
Felicia Chang	Susie Ogilvie
Dave Coolegem	Shaimaa Orabi
Jack Cornish	David Paw
Luke Dhanoa	Ali Rauf
Sian Fogden	Leila Serrao
Kilian Frensch	Kumaran Shanmugarajah
Manish George	Kadhim Shubber
Daniel Hill	Rosie Smithells
Matthew Hoban	Sotiris Mastoridis
Jo Horton	Andrew Somerville
Fiona Jamieson	Amadeus Stephenson
Andrew Jasudasen	Daniel Wagner
Elly Jay	Yun Wang

Full Colour (15)

Daniel Burrows	Jess Marley
Mark Chamberlain	Jon Matthews
David Charles	Jovan Nedic
Rachel D'Oliveiro	Ian Preedy
Viktoria Eriksson	James Smith
Andreas Esau	Ammar Waraich
Alex Grisman	Mary Williamson
Robert Jarvis	

Outstanding Service Award (6)

Shiv Chopra	Jen Morgan
Jarvist Frost	Luke Taylor
Alex Guite	Lily Topham

Imperial College Union Fellowship (3)

Eugene Chang	Emiko Yoshikawa
Andy Mason	

Imperial College Union Distinguished Fellowship (3)

Ashley Brown	Eirini Spentza
Daniel McGuinness	

Citations for OSA Awardees

Shiv Chopra

Shiv has tirelessly worked for the benefit of the students over the six years he has been at Imperial. He has immersed himself fully in all aspects of Union life, being a member of ICU and Medic clubs. He has been available to lend a hand in many events such as East meets West, Mega Maalai and for the international night held by the Arab society despite not being a member, as well as participating in clubs such as Lacrosse and Boat and societies including Light Opera and Music.

Shiv was instrumental in transforming ICSMSU as well as taking a keen interest in affairs of ICU as demonstrated by his standing for and subsequent election to ICU Council at the start of his 2nd year. Roles he has held in ICSMSU are Social Secretary, Vice President for 2 years and as President last year.

Jarvist Frost

Jarvist is a bit of an ever present, always around doing something. As Chair of the Caving Club between 2004 and 2008 he's been to every RCC meeting for the last 3 years or something equally ridiculous. He's been an active member of the Environmental Society, a driver for the Community Action Group on their weekly soup runs as well as being an active member of the Bike Users Group. His commitment, lengthy dedication and involvement should definitely be recognised.

Alex Guite

Alex has given countless years of service to the Union. For the RCSU Science Challenge 2008, Alex secured £18k in sponsorship, helped to attract our judging panel, assembled countless press releases and marked 200 essays.

Among his other work this year he has been an outstanding editor of Broadsheet, making it once again a must read for all RCSU members. Many editors come in with big ideas and plans, but few have delivered them.

In previous years, his record of service is unparalleled, from the President of the Physical Sciences Union, to serving on council for many years, from his famous Queen Tower tours, to his campaigning for student rights. Alex tirelessly works to improve the lives of fellow students.

Jennifer Morgan has played an important role in furthering the RCSU since its resurrection two years ago. As RCSU Welfare officer for 06/07 she gave her all to help both the RCSU & the Union at every opportunity; sitting on Halls Committees choosing subwardens, sitting on disciplinary hearings and participating in the Union governance review on top of going to Council, RWB, teaching committees and every RCSU event. At the end of that year she was voted to be an RWB elected member of exec, taking on responsibilities she would later need as President of the RCSU. After winning that election, Jen went about trying to ensure the RCSU would have a successful year and instead of getting a job she spent her summer working hard, communicating with potential sponsors and the rest of the officers. The time put in over summer for the RCSU has paid dividends from the beginning with the RCSU Freshers Ball achieving a record turnout! Jen's welfare heart also came through and, as president, she instigated carrying out an NSS-type survey for all the departments; people said that the exercise would be a waste of time using SOLE as evidence of poor participation, however some departments returned 100% of surveys. The spring term has been an intense term for Jen, maintaining the effort for the RCSU while worrying about the health of a family member as well as keeping up with intense and tiring treatments for her own condition, whilst keeping up with her final year biology workload, but she pulled through and even attended NUS conference when she should really have been revising – well that sums Jen up really; she is immensely selfless and puts the Union at the foremost of every activity.

Luke Taylor

Luke's involvement in sports clubs over the time he has been at Imperial has been huge. Involvement in the rugby club as well as developing a thriving C&G rugby team led onto him becoming ACC Chairman. He has stood in this position for the past two years and has tirelessly worked in a time of change. The introduction of Sport Imperial and the Sports Partnership needed a strong sports clubs leader in the form of Luke who stood up for the clubs needs. Luke has spent hours and hours sorting club problems and attending meetings that nearly always have no direct benefit to him. His work over that last two years as ACC chair has brought structure and solidity to the sports clubs set up within the Union and College. Without his time, effort and enthusiasm the Union would be in a very poor state indeed.

Lily Topham

Lily is passionate about the SCC and has been a treasury of advice for SCC club officers. She has helped club officers by simplifying the complex financial issues that accompany the Union's bureaucracy and has left no stone unturned in making sure that every SCC club is aware of what is going on with their budgets and appeals. Lily has also demonstrated excellent people management skills. She can be firm when she needs to be, but without sounding patronising unlike some of her predecessors.

She has always been available and approachable to discuss any club issues or problems, and has often suggested viable solutions. Lily belongs to the small number of people who have helped to improve the lives of club officers by working with them as opposed to working above them. She has definitely contributed positively to the function of the SCC this year and deserves commendation for this.

Citations for Fellowship Awardees

Eugene Chang

Eugene had to step up to the mark for 2007-08 when he took on the role of RCC Chair from a previous Chair who lived and breathed the Union which was a huge responsibility to take on; Eugene undertook this with great vigour and passion and certainly should be proud to date.

Eugene has been wonderfully over-enthusiastic, holding a huge number of committee positions. Also, has been involved with a stupid number of societies in the last four years he has been at Imperial. Another CSC Chair who stands up for his clubs at the highest level and always has the best interests of the Union at heart, Eugene is well deserving of Fellowship.

Andy Mason

Andy has been instrumental to Arts scene at Imperial College Union ensuring that students have had the opportunity to engage and participate at any level. Andy's devotion to Clubs and Societies is assiduous; being an ever present body in the Student Activities Centre, making himself available and dealing with everyone in a patient and tolerant manner. And has lived and breathed Union for the last few years and will be missed.

Andy always goes above and beyond for the Union which is why this is a well deserved Fellowship.

Emiko Yoshikawa

Emiko Yoshikawa's excellent teaching, friendly character and open attitude towards beginners are the centrepiece and binding element of our club. She has been teaching

the Imperial College Kendo Club, for free, since its foundation in 1998.

Emiko, who holds the 5th dan grade in kendo and regularly competes in international tournaments, teaches with great dedication and to the highest standards. She devotes

much of her time and energy to the club, running at least two sessions a week throughout the year plus extra sessions before competitions and gradings. Several times a year, she brings outstanding international kendo players to club practice. 2008 marks the club's 10th anniversary and is a great opportunity to acknowledge Emiko's efforts and her ten years of service to our club and the Union .

Citations for Distinguished Fellowship Awardees

Ashley Brown

As Live! Editor Ashley has completely rewritten the website and added numerous new features. This has won Ashley the Guardian Student Media Award and seen the readership increase from a few Guilds Hacks to over 50,000 unique visitors in the past year. Ashley has also taken an active involvement in Stoic and IC Radio helping them to develop their content and increase their following amongst the student body.

As Chairman of RSCMC Ashley has taken careful care of Jezebel, winning numerous trophies at events throughout the last few years including 'Spectators Choice' at the Uxbridge Autoshow and for the first time since 1962 beating Dennis's own N-type to take second place in the HCVS London-Brighton run. Ashley has also been responsible for seeing the club triple its active membership base through events, activities and excellent publicity.

As the City and Guilds College Union Postgraduate Member of Council with excellent attendance and intelligent contributions. Fount of all knowledge in the RCC. Stalwart of Guilds; which would not have survived this year if Ashley had not been doing the job of President alongside his own Executive Position of CGCA Liaison Officer.

Ashley will be sorely missed by Imperial College Union Guilds and Imperial College for his computing skills. He has been System Administrator for Imperial College Union, knight-in-shining-armor for Guilds and student rep on various College Committees, such as the 'My Imperial' Portal Project and Web Users Group, who sing his praises at every turn.

Daniel McGuinness

During his time at Imperial Daniel has demonstrated that he has met all the criteria to be awarded a Distinguished Fellowship. In addition to serving as ICSMSU President and Council Chair this year he has continued to share his valuable experience and insight and has done a fantastic job as a Student Trustee and also by kindly offering to act as Returning Officer for the Sabbatical Elections which were by far the most professional that I have seen during my time at the College.

Danny has always been one to passionately voice his opinion of what he deems right for the Union and always has the best interest of the Union and his members at heart.

In light of his length of dedicated service to the Union Danny is more than deserving of a Distinguished Fellowship of Imperial College Union.

Eirini Spentza

Eirini has been an exceptional representative from and to the Union for a number of years.

As a Postgraduate Representative for the last two consecutive years Eirini has put in a huge amount of work resulting in two successful presentations to the Strategic Education Committee based on information and research that Eirini had gathered.

As a holder of the Women's Campaign Portfolio for two years and doing a lot of work with Welfare and Women issues prior to that Eirini has built up a successful and worthwhile network of Female Students, Staff and Alumni through the Women in S.E.T initiative to ensure that her hard work continues to pay off.

During her Undergraduate Eirini was involved in Guilds as Welfare Officer and the work that she put into that position during her time is still relevant and useful now for an incoming Officer to the Welfare position in Guilds. Eirini, through tireless dedication to the Positions and Students she represents, has made a lasting impression on the college and on the Union and her hard work will be paying off for years to come.

Decision Required

1. To approve the nominations made by the Colours Committee.