

OSC Report – 1st Term

Committee

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The Overseas Societies Committee has had a very eventful and enjoyable term with lots to report thus far. The OSC has 31 active clubs under its remit and has held two very productive meetings this term with an exceptional attendance from said clubs. We look forward to integrating the newly regenerated Welsh, Turkish and Kenyan Societies and welcoming the newly created Ukrainian, Vietnamese and Romanian Societies.

Mahmoud the treasurer has been running a weekly workshop in SAC on Tuesdays from 12-2 and there has been a very quick turn around for financial approvals. As well as a number of major budgets constructed effectively and approved with little hassle to DPFs. Ahmad the assistant treasurer has also been heavily involved with shadowing and assisting Mahmoud and did a great job organising the OSC World Cup. Moe the secretary has been very organised in producing and distributing minutes and agendas for meetings and has also familiarised himself with mailman and updated a very aging mailing list. Ed has made sound progress with International Night preparations and has been of great value helping out the committee as and when necessary.

OSC World Cup and International World Cup

The OSC has arranged two sporting events for its clubs to enable them to get to know each other better and to allow them to improve relationships within their clubs. The first of which was the International World Cup in October, which was very kindly organised by Sport Imperial. This consisted of a 5-a-side football tournament and a table tennis tournament held simultaneously in Ethos. The event was extremely well organised by Sport Imperial with Sam Bell deserving a lot of praise for the work she put in. Predictably the football tournament was won by the OSC Exec, however it was enjoyed greatly by several other clubs who also entered. Later in November, sixteen teams took part in the OSC World Cup, which was greatly enjoyed and provided a very exciting competition. The tournament was held at the new and very nice Westway Sports Centre, with kit kindly donated by Sport Imperial and the OSC Exec did a great job of officiating the matches, managing time as well as providing refreshments. Special congratulations to the winners the Iraqi Society and the runners up the Indian Society who gave us a very entertaining final. The winners were presented with medals and a new (very large) trophy, which is now in Ethos on display with "2009 IRAQI SOCIETY" engraved on it. The two events have both generated significant amounts of interest from OSC clubs of further sporting events, which we are looking to organize with the help of Sport Imperial where necessary.



Summary of notable club achievements

OSC clubs have shown very pleasing levels of activity and organisation this term with no misbehaviour to report and several positives to take away, I would like to mention a few stand out achievements of particular clubs. Firstly the Japanese Society have been extremely active and organised a successful boat party in association with other London Japanese Socs, they also put on Japanese Night. Also the Malaysian society organised a trip to Nottingham to compete against of Malaysian Societies from the UK and have arranged for a ski trip over the Christmas break for their members (sponsorship for which was unfortunately not approved by the CSB). Also special mentions to the Indian, Arabic, Cypriot, Pakistan and Thai Societies for showing significant activity.

Looking forwards

As we look forward to next term there is plenty to be excited about from the OSC's perspective. The biggest event of our calendar year International Night has been booked for Friday the 5th of February and several societies have already registered for the event and have begun rehearsing. The OSC through its continually strengthening relationship with Sport Imperial will also look to hold more sporting events for the international societies and talk of a Basketball and Badminton tournament has made significant progress. This term is also full of activity from the clubs perspective, as we look forward to several shows most notable East Meets West and Afrogala.

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