

## **Imperial College School of Medicine Students' Union President's Report**

By ICSMSU President – Suzie Rayner

### **Union**

The 15 other officers of ICSMSU Exec have been settling into their jobs over the summer and working hard getting ready for the start of term. There have been 4 meetings of the Executive Committee in this session.

### **Events**

We held the Affirmation Ceremony on 23<sup>rd</sup> July to celebrate the graduation of the Class of 2011 by reciting the Hippocratic Oath. The event sold out and was a hugely successful and enjoyable day.

We are about to embark on Freshers' Fortnight, and have had huge sales of Passports allowing event attendance for the week, with only 12 left for sale (October 1<sup>st</sup>). The Entertainments Team of ICSMSU Exec have been working tirelessly to bring together what should be an amazing 2 weeks to welcome the new intake. ICSMSU Treasurer, Pete Davis, successfully gained sponsorship for the fortnight from Domino's Pizza Group.

We held our first bop of the year on September 30<sup>th</sup> which was held by ICSM Tennis Club and was very successful with students attending from across all year groups.

### **Shop**

For the first time we included a pre-order form for merchandise in the freshers packs that were posted to incoming students, at the suggestion of ICSMSU Deputy President, Ali Hosin. This had a huge take up and has hugely eased the strain on sales when the Freshers collect their passports and packs.

### **Education and Representation**

5<sup>th</sup> year exam results caused huge student dissatisfaction over the summer as many students who failed the exam were asked to re-sit the year as opposed to be given the chance of a re-sit in September. David Smith, previous ICSMSU President, successfully gained the opportunity for student appeals and all those who requested the September re-sit were subsequently granted it. This situation promoted further discussions between myself and the faculty into ensuring this will not happen in the future and resolving a better situation for those students who badly failed an exam. This is on-going and will be brought to Student-Staff Liason Groups and Education Committees around December.

Finally the timetable for Year 1 has been made electronic after years of asking. The faculty have also been particularly helpful in providing feedback from student-staff liason groups and emailing it directly to students to ensure they are aware of any changes that are being made to the course.

## **Sites**

A large amount of renovation has occurred across sites over the summer. The Exec team repainted the South Kensington Common Room and Offices for the first time in numerous years. At Charing Cross, the downstairs clubs and societies meeting room is nearing transformation into a common room space, primarily for students at the hospital on firms. The St Mary's common room has also been renovated with a redecoration and new furnishings.

## **The Reynolds Bar**

Over the summer the bar managers, Helen Mackey and Sam Withey, have been working hard to carry out essential maintenance inside the Reynolds Bar.

Since the change in legislation and the modification of IC union policy, we have advised main bar users of the changes in acceptable behaviour in the bar in line with these policies.

We ran a residents meeting for those who live close to the hospital to come and air any previous problems or concerns surrounding the bar.

## **Welfare**

We successfully ran the first ever Intercalated Student buddy system where we paired a student who had just completed the BSc with a student intercalating from an external university. We held a social at 568 post their introductory lectures which was attended by roughly 30 students and their feedback was that it was hugely useful. This was organised by ICSMSU Academic Officer for Year 4, Biomedical and Pharmacology, Natalie Kempston.

ICSMSU Welfare Officer, Neeraj Kalra, has been working hard to assist those students who failed their re-sit exams and many have been granted their appeals.

## **Clubs and Societies**

At the start of the summer, we were made aware of the BUCS merger proposal at the BUCS AGM on 14<sup>th</sup> July. They proposed to stop medical school teams from entering into the BUCS league as a separate team from the main university. We worked with UH Medgroup to stop this decision being passed at this AGM but it will be reviewed later in the year. Many thanks to DPCS Monya Zard for her continued support in this and to ICSMSU Clubs and Societies Officer Florence Chamberlain for her work on this matter.

A very successful Management Group Meeting was held for all ICSM Clubs and Societies with 85 club captains and treasurers attending to be informed about the new finance system and changes surrounding the bar.