

Council  
13<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Imperial College Union  
**Council Report**  
*By Monya Zard, Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)*

New Clubs

Eight new clubs were created at a series of New Clubs Meetings over the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> February. They are as follows:

- PotterSoc – Harry Potter themed society, arranging socials and Quidditch
- Mobile Tech – developing apps and hardware for mobile phones
- Nigerian – for Nigerian culture appreciation
- Rotaract – networking with leaders in different industries
- Ophthalmology – supporting careers and research in Ophthalmology
- Neurology - supporting careers and research in Neurology
- Vision – outreach with the local community to encourage medical careers
- Wilderness Medicine – providing training in wilderness medicine provision

New Projects committee was supposed to meet in the same week but all of the projects cancelled or had to rearrange. I am hoping to see the three Project applicants this week.

New Club Incubator

Often with NCC there are Clubs which the committee are unsure about creating- this could be for a variety of reasons such as a potential lack of interest or a lack of focus in the aims. The New Clubs Incubator is an idea I have developed for the applications which aren't as strong as we would like.

The idea is to let the applicant run a test event(s) in order to gauge interest in their activities. The event would be supported by the DPCS and would really help the applicant to understand what operating as a club in the Union involves, as well as doing some training before being created as a club.

The benefits are twofold- to the applicant, it means they are supported through their first event to a much greater degree and they meet the DPCS regularly to discuss progress. To the Union, it means that new clubs who go through this process are supported more heavily, and hopefully will be stronger for it leading to less clubs being closed at a later date due to lack of interest or activity.

Clubs to Close

In the run up to budgeting I have picked out all of the clubs who are struggling in a sort of 'club health check' and asked them to explain the problems they are having and offer help. I have had responses from many of them, but some of them are unresponsive and seem to be inactive. The clubs I will be putting forward for closure to CSB are as follows: CGCU ICSEDS, ISCMSU Self Defence & Fitness, OSC Turkish, OSC Armenian, OSC Hellenic, RCC Croquet, SCC Cascade, SCC Baha'i.

Sponsorship Speed Dating

Planning for this event is underway. It should be held at a similar time, but I am working with the Head of Careers to also try to organise a sponsorship seminar- giving generalised advice to clubs seeking sponsorship on the sorts of things to include in their proposals. It is difficult to expand the sponsorship speed dating event to include every club who wants to

Council  
13<sup>th</sup> January 2012

be there unfortunately, but hopefully by offering the seminar (which could possibly be extended to several seminars if demand proves great) all clubs will benefit.

### Mountain Hut

Sport Imperial have recently started charging for the use of the Mountain Hut. This was raised at a Sports Partnership Meeting but the clubs that use the Hut regularly were not informed.

The Hut was given to St Mary's Medical School as a donation and was subsequently absorbed into the College assets when the Medical School merged, so I am in contact with College Archives to try to source the original terms of donation. My hope is that these will state that the Hut was always to be free for students to use.

### BUCS

#### - Single Representation

The ICSMSU President, Clubs & Societies Officer and I went to talk to the Rector about his position on the Single Representation proposal. He is supportive of our stance but also stated that in order to have an official College position a paper would have to be taken to College Management Board. This seems unnecessary at the time being but will remain as an option.

The next step in lobbying BUCS will be to invite them to come and talk to us about our opinion on the change.

#### - Changes to Area

At the National Advisory Group (which I do not sit on), a paper was brought to redefine the South East region in which our teams currently compete. This was strongly opposed by the London region, as it expands the teams we play against to include four institutions as far as Bournemouth. The increased travel costs to our teams could be as much as £30k per year and the potential for decreased participation is huge.

The paper was passed by the National Advisory Group but there are still methods to oppose it, and Sport Imperial and I will be working extremely hard to do so.

### Virtual Freshers' Fair

This project ties in very well to a College project to create online Open Days. Hopefully by working with College it will be possible to create an integrated system of use to both potential and current students.

### Constitutions

I am writing the full specifications for how Club, Society & Project constitutions should be integrated into eActivities and hope this should be done before Easter.

### Membership Services Administrator

We recruited a fantastic candidate for this post, and Laura Fellows will be joining us from today.