

Council
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Imperial College School of Medicine Students' Union President's Report
by ICSMSU President Suzie Rayner

Representation and Education

We ran our ICSMSU Executive Committee alongside the main ICU elections, leading to a huge increase in turnout from the Faculty of Medicine in both the ICU and ICSMSU Elections. We have also added a Communications Officer to the team and the constitution will be amended before the end of the year. The results are as follows:

- **President:** Shiv Vohra
- **Deputy President:** Neeraj Kalra
- **Treasurer:** RON
- **Communications Officer:** Giada Azzopardi
- **Secretary:** Megan Mackenzie
- **Welfare Officer:** Steve Tran
- **Sites & Services Officer:** Nat Ilenkovan
- **Clubs & Socs Officer:** Dariush Hassanzadeh-Baboli
- **Alumni & Careers Officer:** Jac (James) Cooper
- **Academic Officer Years 1, 2 & GEP:** Ken Wu
- **Academic Officer Years 4, Biomed & Pharm:** Matthew Hutchins
- **Academic Officer Years 3,5 & 6:** Sybghat Rahim
- **Entertainments Chair:** Yannis Reissis
- **Social Secretaries:** Ines Vaz and David Thompson
- **RAG Chair:** Shaoib (Syed) Rizvi
- **Summer Ball Chair:** Rebecca Curbishley

On reopening on nominations for ICSMSU Treasurer, Rahul Ravindran took up the position.

The Faculty of Medicine have involved us in all consultation with regard to adapting the course, especially with regard to the Year 6 restructure and course content. With many changes occurring with regard to NHS funding, structure and facilities, it is a key time for a strong and honest relationship between the faculty and the students and the relationship has been good this year.

After some harassing, we managed to get Medicine over the 50% of NSS, and due to the fantastic work of Nat Kempston, over 90% of Biomedical Science students completed the survey.

ICSMSU has organised the second instalment of its inspirational lecture series with a lecture from Lord Robert Winston, due to take place on 10th May.

Events

As ever, numerous events have been crammed into the ICSM timetable over the last term.

Shrove Tuesday Final Year Dinner was held this year in Vinopolis, London Bridge, with Dr Fay Probst as a fantastically inspiring guest speaker. Afterparty tickets sold out in record time and the event was a great success, despite the venue being very difficult to work with. It provided a lovely start to the farewell events for the final years as they graduate.

Sports Dinner will be held on 8th May at Café de Paris, tickets as always sold out on the evening they became available. We are also holding an afterparty this year and look forward to what it anticipated to be an excellent event.

Bops were run by various clubs and societies throughout term 2 and will be run on select dates during term , aiming to provide clubs with the best opportunities for events.

Alumni & Careers

We expect an increase in Alumni sign ups this year, following on from the withdrawal of the faculty in funding 'Dr name badges' and the Alumni taking this responsibility up in its place. At the final year photo on 25th April, which was well attended despite being taken in torrential rain, we obtained over 200 sign ups, which is over 50% of the cohort.

A Careers Fair and Alumni Evening was organised in conjunction with the Faculty on 15th March which gave students an opportunity to listen to talks from professionals in a variety of specialties.

Sites and Services

The decision was made by ICU, Reynolds Bar Managers and ICSMSU to open the Reynolds Bar on a functions only basis throughout term 3, thus helping us to retain the profits obtained this year and keep the bar in the financially strong position that has been developed. ICSMSU are currently working to review stewarding protocol for 2012-13.

We continue to work with college to progress towards funding a refurbishment of the Reynolds Bar, securing a £30,000 investment for Phase 1 which will occur Summer 2012. Additional funding routes for Phase 1 and 2 continue to be investigated.

ICSMSU are currently looking into the refurbishment of the SK offices and common room as they are often used by prospective students and for students to relax around teaching on the SK campus, thus we feel this space could have an improved feel.

Outreach

ICSMSU and FoM have run 2 Undergraduate Medicine Open Days this term and will be running another in July, all of which are fully booked. We also ran the first Biomedical Science Open Day. They have run smoothly and been very well received. ICSMSU will also run campus tours throughout July-September for prospective students who cannot attend an open day. The possibility of a post-offer open day is currently being investigated to start in 2013.

ICSMSU have started a branch of the Liverpool Project, a project that trains medical students to deliver CPR and basic haemorrhage control training to Young Offenders with the aim of reducing the associated mortality. The teaching should start later this term.

Members of ICSMSU Exec also visited schools and gave talks to GCSE students about medicine as a career as part of the Widening Access to Medicine scheme.

Clubs and Societies

BUCS saga runs on. ICSM was represented at the British Medical Association Medical Students Committee Conference, where motions were passed giving the BMAs support of the ICU stance against the BUCS changes. The St Marys Association have also offered their support.

As ever our clubs are very active. This term ICSM Drama put on 'Some like it Hot' which was a great success. ICSM Music Society performed multiple concerts including providing the music for a memorial service for Sir Peter Richards, former dean of St Marys Medical School.

RAG had another successful year thanks to Lizzie Kostov and her team, raising over £40,000. Whilst RAG Dash could not run in its traditional form due to lack of interest, a night out in Birmingham was organised and well attended. The traditional RAG week events were well enjoyed by all those who took part! Dates of the Circle Line Collect and RAG Dash have been reviewed to allow final years to attend the Circle Line Collect (current timing would not work due to proximity of exams).

Funding

Despite huge cuts last year, reducing our income by £30,000pa, ICSMSU has managed to retain adequate support for students in key financial areas and aid students and clubs and societies to find funding from other sources. The main areas of loss were to elective awards and clubs and societies. ICSMSU decided to put £3000 SGI back into elective awards for students who have contributed to the medical school (or for hardship if the other resources are not sufficient). Clubs and Societies have received increased support from ICSM Alumni Association in the form of £1000 grants and St Marys Association continues to welcome club requests for funding.