



ROYAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE UNION

# RCSU

## Management Group Report

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### RCSU Exec Activities:

First term events were very successful, with events selling out. There were no huge problems, and we successfully organised RCSU Fresher's week, Welfare Week, a series of career events, alumni dinner, bar nights and our CGCU-RCSU joint winter ball. With regards to the sporting front, due to adverse weather conditions no sport fixtures took place. As of the end of term 1, our finances are extremely strong; however a lot will be spent on the upcoming science challenge and events of the next term.

<u>Clubs</u>	<u>Grant received</u>	<u>Grant left</u>	<u>% spent</u>
<b>RCSU Exec</b>	5176.24	839.94	84
<b>BioSoc</b>	313.45	0.11	99.9
<b>BiochemSoc</b>	254.86	101.68	60
<b>ChemSoc</b>	339.47	331.87	2%
<b>MathSoc</b>	440.66	23.99	94.6
<b>Physoc</b>	502.68	33.97	93.24

## BiochemSoc

Meet and Greet

- First Monday of Autumn term
- First years were invited to join the committee at the Union for casual lunch and drinks

**Turnout: 40-50**

**Reception: Good**

Buddies beer and curry night\*

- Second Monday Autumn term
- First years introduced to their buddy families, where parents/children absent makeshift families created
- Parents and children go to Nando's\*, socialise
- Metric hired out, subsidised drinks

**Turnout: ~80 at Metric, ~30 at Nando's**

**Reception: Very popular – younger students appeared to really appreciate opportunity to get to know family**

\* Original plan and advertising was to go for curry, problem with table booking meant change of plan to Nando's

GSK talk

- Early November
- Stefan Senger (division leader at GSK) gave a lunchtime seminar about cutting-edge drug development research

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- Link lecture theatre booked for 2 hours during Thursday lunchtime

**Turnout: ~40 people**

**Reception: Very popular – a ‘niche’ subject which we did not anticipate to draw a large attendance at lunchtime but very well received by those who attended.**

Joint Bio-Biochem bar night

- End of November
- Event co-hosted with BioSoc
- Union bar hired out, subsidised drinks
- Drinking fun and games (boat races etc)

**Turnout: ~50**

**Reception: Good**

Internship advice seminar

- Early December
- Several final year students talked for 5-10 minutes about summer internship experiences
- Variety of internship disciplines covered
- Link lecture theatre booked for 2 hours during Thursday lunchtime

**Turnout: ~30 people**

**Reception: Very popular – younger year attendees found it very helpful to learn first-hand about student internships they are currently considering/applying for**

Xmas dinner

- First week December
- Table booked at Eastside bar
- Set menu + drink for £15 (3 courses and glass of Prosecco)

**Turnout: 28 people**

**Reception: Good, turnout was slightly disappointing and Eastside portions were smaller than last year but those who attended enjoyed themselves and all had a good time.**

#### BioSoc Events and Activities report:

First term started well with the usual departmental talk to the new intake done by the BioSoc committee alongside the Department Representative during fresher's week, followed by the introduction of the older students to their corresponding fresher's as part of the buddy's scheme. The scheme, ran over the summer, paired up second and third year students and assigned them small groups of students to provide them guidance if need be over the year. A buddy mingle was held afterwards with snacks and non-alcoholic drinks paid for by BioSoc to encourage mingling and acted as a great introduction to the department and the rest of the biology students.

BioSoc then went on to win the Great Soc Off held in Metric, with 17% of the attendants being biology students. BioSoc pushed hard for attendance by advertising throughout the department and offering free masks to those who attended. This was a great event again to also introduce committee members to other biologists as a few had been absent during the first two weeks of term whilst being on a field course ran in third year in Uganda. BioSoc was awarded just under £200 to put into our SGI from the Union.

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Afterwards we ran the BioSoc pub crawl from Hammersmith to Fulham. This attracted over 100 biologists and was free of charge to attend and indeed run- simply planning a route and ensuring committee members were easily on hand to provide directions and aid when needed was all that was required. The crawl visited 6 pubs and ended up in Belushi's, Fulham. The theme was Noah's Ark so encouraged the first year students in particular to socialise by encouraging pairing up of students to traverse the bar crawl "two by two." This ran smoothly and was highly spoke of after as an enjoyable event. Maps were provided with committee contact details on to make sure that anything that occurred was easy to deal with but there was nothing to report.

After this a joint bar night held at the Old Union bar was held in conjunction with BiochemSoc, under the agreement that they would pay the tab if we were to aid with publicity and attendance due to funds at this point being used from the BioSoc account to pay for the upcoming Christmas Dinner. Attendance was below what was expected due to the short time scale it was planned in due to constraints with booking the Old Union Bar and its availability.

Christmas dinner however was a complete success. With previous years holding this event at Eastside Bar and generally having low quality food and a poor turnout, usually consisting of final years and generally just friends of the committee, this event fared a lot better with a lot of first years attending. It sold out within a week of two tickets being available to buy- £22 for the meal only and £30 for access to the RCSU/CGCU winter ball afterwards. The meal was held at Loop bar and restaurant, and was £20 per head for a two course meal. An initial booking of 60 places was made that was then increased to a final total of 75 as demand outweighed the initial prediction.

Tickets to the Winter ball were reserved from the RCSU at their early bird price of £12, but more were then bought before they sold out for £15 due to demand for the combined tickets. Around 60 tickets were sold in total that were combined Christmas dinner/Winter ball, with a few students purchasing the meal alone ticket. This single ticket was offered to allow students to decide whether or not they wanted to attend the winter ball afterwards as some students may not have wished to. However it later came to be the case that those who had bought the single dinner ticket had bought a winter ball ticket later anyway. Tickets sold out and did not cost the society all in all to run the event after VAT reclaim.

All in all a successful term that will hopefully we replicated during the spring term.

## **ChemSoc**

Fresher's fair – Very successful.

16/10/12 - Careers for Chemists - careers fair for chemists + networking, pretty good shit. Turnout: 95. Companies: Allen & Overy, Deloitte, Shell, P&G, Imperial (PhD talk). Made around £500 from this talk.

18/10/12 - ChemSoc Pubcrawl. Turnout 60. Much fun was had, I made friends with Cheapskates' staff - Sally and I both think we're cool people.

30/10/12 - Procter & Gamble Talk/networking event. Turnout: 30/40. Very good feedback from attendees.

3/11/12 - ChemSoc eats pizza - went and ate pizza. Turnout 20. Good shit.

6/11/12 - Scientists into business by Deloitte - Deloitte presentation + networking. Turnout: 25. Not as great as would have been hoped, but our sponsors seemed pretty okay with it.

6/12/12 - ChemSoc Christmas Quiz - Christmas quiz with £300 worth of food. Turnout 60.

## **Maths Society First Term Events**

### **Careers**

#### **Insight into Investment Banking**

Talk by Gwyn Day, employment consultant, on tips and tricks for getting into the IB industry. 30 students RSVP'd, 70 showed up, and majority of attendees were first- and second-years. It was very well-received, and hence we will be holding another Gwyn Day session in the second term for interview and assessment centre preparations.

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Academic

### **Lunchtime Lectures**

The series consisted of eight lectures over the term, with four targeted at first- and second-years and four at third- and fourth-years, given by professors in the Maths department on any topics their hearts desire. The lectures will be continued in the second term but with lower frequency.

Social

### **Fresher's Party**

The party was a chance for new students to mingle amongst themselves, with the aid of cocktails, pizza, and apples, funded by departmental grant. An estimated 100 students attended, and the evening passed without any impediments.

### **Fresher's Picnic**

Students met with their assigned families and spent an afternoon in Hyde Park with food and drinks, funded by union grant.

### **Christmas Dinner**

The dinner was held at Med Kitchen for approximately 120 students and professors, funded by sponsorship from BAESystemsDetica, departmental grant, and ticket sales. There was some slight confusion and subsequently panic, with Med Kitchen having gone into administration a week before the event, but thankfully in the end all was carried out according to plan.

### **Secret Santa**

Students signed up and we organised the logistics and the gift-exchanging party, complete with mulled wine and mince pies, funded by departmental grant.

## **RCSU Physics (635) – First term Activities Report**

### **Events in the autumn term**

- Physics Freshers/ Mums & Dads Welcome Drinks (11<sup>th</sup> Oct)
  - Social event at the beginning of the year for PhySoc members
  - Held on Blackett level 8 Physics common room
  - Attendance of around 150 people
- Freshers Lunch (all Freshers attended)
- Guest lectures (5 in the autumn term)
  - A series of academic lectures by each head of the research groups in Blackett LT1
  - Very popular, had over 260 people attending each time
  - Food and drinks were available afterwards for a chance to speak to the lecturer, professors and postgrads from the research groups
- Professor Tom Kibble Lecture- What is the Higgs? (8<sup>th</sup> Nov)
  - Over 300 people attended the lecture
- Held in Blackett LT1 and an overflow room in Huxley
- JET Tour (28<sup>th</sup> Nov)
  - Attendance of 30 members (limit set by JET), tickets were sold out quickly
  - Travel arranged by PhySoc
- Physics Assassins Game (from the middle of the term to end of term)
- Physics Christmas Party (13<sup>th</sup> Dec)
  - Held in the Physics Department Foyer and Level 2 common room
  - Attendance of at least 150 people, great response from members
- Social networks (Facebook page, twitter page)

### **Future events**

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- Maths vs. Physics Quiz night (Feb)
- Skills based seminars with Teach First
- More guest lectures by heads of research groups (at least 4 more in the spring term)
- UCL paintballing
- Joint UCL, Queenmary social event
- Visits to SELEX Galileo, Diamond and Magpie
- Easter Egg Hunt/ End of term party
- End of year BBQ at Physics Level 8 common room

**Hoodies:** Being organised

Overall, PhySoc is making a loss however we feel that the money was well spent on our members. We are also applying for a grant, further to our affiliation with the IOP, for our upcoming events. We feel that the year has been very successful so far and look forward to our future events.