

### ICSMSU Badminton

#### Purpose of Tour

ICSMSU Badminton is planning a four night tour to the International Student Badminton Tournament in Enschede, the Netherlands from 28th December-1st January. We are looking forward to this opportunity to play our sport in a totally different environment and meet lots of other student badminton players from all across Europe. The tournament has four different categories depending on ability, ranging from social club members up to international standard, meaning that everyone will have a chance to compete and improve at their own level. Our team members will be playing against some of the top student athletes in Europe, so this will be a chance for them to improve their game immensely. As for our social members, they don't normally get the chance to compete in matches against players from outside our club, so this will give them invaluable experience in playing competitively, and maybe even give them the boost in confidence and ability to play for our team in the future. At the end of the tour prizes are awarded in each category, so I would love for our members to do well within their individual categories, and hopefully bring home a few medals. We are also hoping that our match results in the BUCS leagues in spring term will improve as a result of 4 days of intensive badminton training over the Christmas break. This year, in order to reduce costs and therefore attract new and more members to attend, we have decided to hire two 9-seat minibuses instead of flights, which would lead to an average cost of £60 pp, this includes minibus hire, fuel and the euro tunnel fare. We therefore ask for a subsidy of £24pp.

#### Planned Activities

28/12/2013: Arrive at Enschede (Afternoon). Registration for matches followed by evening dinner to familiarize ourselves with students from other universities.  
29/12/2013-30/12/2013: 9am-5pm, Badminton Matches, a ladder system will be used. Afterwards, an evening meal will be provided followed by free time.  
31/12/2013: Final day of Badminton Matches. An awards ceremony will occur in the evening followed by a New Year's Party.  
01/01/2014: Drive back to London.

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**ICSMSU Boat**

**Purpose of Tour**

The proposed tour is a training camp for the Senior Men and Senior Women squads to Marlow, Buckinghamshire. The squads will be staying at Longridge, a purpose built activity centre with accommodation for up to 82 people. A similar trip was undertaken last year by the Senior Men's squad, which was extremely successful. The training camp would consist of 3 days/2 nights (Friday-Sunday) on the 28th February 2014 - 2nd March 2014. This time would be spent training on the river at Marlow in preparation for the Women's Head of the River and Men's Head of the River on the 15th March and the 29th March respectively. This type of training has been shown to be hugely beneficial in the run up to races in spring term, contributing to the success of the Men's Squad in both local and national events last year. Usually, the squads train on the River Thames for two hours, twice a week. A training camp would have the obvious benefit of allowing us to spend a lot more time training on the water as we would be living on site. Although we have access to the river while in London from the University of London boat house, the boat house does not have the facilities and accommodation to allow us to undertake a productive training weekend there.

Both squads consist of two Viii's, each with eight rowers and a cox, plus coaches (3 per squad). In total therefore, each squad would be looking to send 21 people on the training weekend. We would also need to send 2 members of the club as experienced minibus drivers and to act as general supervisors to ensure the weekend runs efficiently (e.g. performing runs to the supermarket whilst the squads are training). As with last year, we would like to use Union minibuses to transport the squads to Marlow and back, which is a journey of approximately one hour each way. The minibuses also allow us to trailer our boats to the venue. The accommodation is self-catering which would allow us to keep costs for our members as low as possible. Last year we were extremely price conscious and managed our food costs effectively by restricting ourselves to 2 'bulk buy' trips to the local supermarket to cover the entire tour, meaning that very little expenditure went to waste. The training camp proved to be an extremely productive event in the ICSMBC calendar and one which we would very much like to repeat. Prior to embarking on the tour last year, the Senior Men set themselves the aim of winning the United Hospitals Head of the river race. As a direct result of both the additional facilities provided at Longridge, and the length of time which they could dedicate primarily to rowing, the Men's 1st Viii went on to achieve this win, beating all other London medical school crews. The rapid improvements made on the camp laid the foundations for Henley qualification later in the year. The winter tour was fundamental to this success and the club is keen to extend the opportunity to take part in such a training camp to more crews this year.

**Planned Activities**

The planned activities of this tour consist of rowing on the river in Marlow for approximately 6-8 hours per day, with two accompanying launches for coaching purposes. These are the only planned recreational activities.

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**Cross Country**

Purpose of Tour

BUCS Cross Country - This year the BUCS cross country is based in Stirling, Scotland. For the event last year, based in Leeds, the club took 50 people and it was an excellent opportunity for integrating new members into the club as well as a chance of the highest level competition for the A team athletes. Owing to the difficult of this years location we wish to apply for winter tour funding for it to aid the transportation costs and to make the trip affordable for as many club members as possible.

Planned Activities

Friday night - Travel up (plane for A team members (who will pay more) and train for other competitors. Saturday - BUCS cross country race followed by after race party with other universities. Sunday - Group run in Stirling then travel back with options of train or plane.

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**ACC Dance**

Purpose of Tour

The Inter Varsity Dance Association (IVDA) is a non-profit dance organisation holding a national event during the week beginning 24th February 2012 in Blackpool. Its main concern is the promotion of Ballroom & Latin American Dancing amongst students. Blackpool is the dancesport capital of the UK, providing our members with a wealth of training opportunities and knowledge. The tour this academic year will involve the members of the club spending 3 days in Blackpool (residential), provisionally from the morning of 28/02/2012 to the evening of 2/03/2012.

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Planned Activities

Whilst on tour the members of the club will be subject to training & competition experience. They will also benefit from lectures and demonstrations from International Champions of Ballroom Dancing; an inspiring opportunity to get them more involved in the world of university dancing.

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**ICSMSU Dance**

Purpose of Tour

To participate in the Manchester University Dance Competition, competing in the contemporary and ballet divisions.

Planned Activities

Participating in the dance competition on Saturday 15th February, followed by a social with the other university competition teams. Also planning to see a dance show on either the friday or sunday , and enjoy some site seeing in Manchester. Planned mode of transport - by train to Manchester.

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14/02/2014

16/02/2014

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## **RCC Dance Company**

### Purpose of Tour

To compete at Manchester University Dance Competition. All members of the club can audition to be part of either the beginners/intermediate or advanced competition team in Ballet, Tap, Contemporary and Jazz. We will spend a weekend away (2 consecutive nights) as we will need to arrive at the competition venue before 9am and the awards happen during the evening social. The competition will offer us a great opportunity to showcase our hard work in front of a panel of judges and peers from other universities. We attended Manchester Dance Competition last year. However, after carefully considering other competitions, it is the only competition that allows us to enter all dance categories, there is no limit on the number of dancers we can enter (both in terms of total number of dancers and number of dancers per team) and offers us the best value for money.

### Planned Activities

Arrive in Manchester by train on Friday 14th February. We will stay in Hatters Hostel Manchester. Have final, full rehearsal of all dance teams on Friday evening. Attend Manchester University dance competition on Saturday 15th February from 9-18.00. The venue is to be confirmed. Attend dancers dinner and awards ceremony on Saturday 15th February from 7pm-late at Pitcher and Piano, Manchester. Attend dance workshops on Sunday 16th February (details yet to be finalised). Return to London by train on Sunday evening.

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### ICSMSU Drama

Purpose of Tour	Planned Activities	Date From	Date To	Students	Others
Get to know members before main production and enabling the last Tour before our Final Year Medical students turn into Doctors. Date is subject to change depending on availability of members, but will be around early January. Integrating new members into our society would be a massive focus of the tour as well as building bonds between current members as well. The best time for tour for us would be within this Winter Period in order to include as many members as possible. The length of time would only be for the weekend.	Clubbing, Rehearsing, pub, getting to know members better by doing Drama based activities and Games. Grant would be used to subsidise a Performance on the tour as well given the nature of our society. Performances may vary between theatre, musical theatre and stand-up comedy. If the location is coastal, then there may be a quick (albeit cold) trip to the beach if members decided on this. Number of students coming on tour again is subject to change. Estimated travel costs depends on number of members and getting respective 4group train discounts. Accomodation would be at a standard Youth Hostel costing no more than £20/night. Bristol would be the location of choice for Tour given the number of things to do within the City, including the Zoo and Theatres as discussed before.	03/01/2014	05/01/2014	20	0

**Electrical Engineering**

Purpose of Tour

We will be visiting the largest electronics and technology trade show in the world - CeBIT. Held yearly in Hannover, Germany, we feel that as an Electrical Engineering society a visit to CeBIT will enable our members to witness first-hand cutting edge EEE research, development and new product launches. This will also be an opportunity for our members to globally network with a diverse range of business representatives across all aspects of the industry and enhance the reputation of our department and the college as a whole. This is a pilot initiative and we feel that offering a subsidised ticket price for the trip will give members previously unheard of opportunities.

Planned Activities

For a minimum of 2 days we will be based at Deutsche Messe in Hannover, Germany, attending the main trade show. This will comprise of visiting stalls, networking with companies, attending product launches, listening and taking part in seminars on hardware and software advancements as well as having first-hand demos with the latest technologies. CeBIT is a professional trade show and as such this is very much a business oriented industry trip to learn more about the practical and global applications of electrical engineering.

Date From	Date To	Students	Others
08/03/2014	12/03/2014	15	0



## Fencing

Purpose of Tour	Planned Activities	Date From	Date To	Students	Others
XXII International Fencing Challenge of the École Polytechnique - Is an unaffiliated international student competition consisting of a team competition in foil epee and sabre for Men and individual with the same weapons for Women. Is an excellent introduction for the newer fencers to gain their first international competition experience as it is open for all levels and the standard of competition is friendly.	3 days fencing competition with poules and single elimination knockout guaranteeing a minimum of 4 matches per entrant. Social events and accommodation organized by the competition organizers. Travel is usually via flight or eurostar.	13/02/2014	16/02/2014	12	0

**Gaelic**

**Purpose of Tour**

This winter we wish to travel to Dublin, Ireland for 2 nights. To return to the country where our team sport originates offers the opportunity for our members not only to compete with and learn from well seasoned clubs and players, it is also a chance to experience the social culture connected with the sport which is the heart and soul of the game. The tradition of hard work, sportsmanship and friendship are central to the sport and ties together the communities within which it is played. As many of our members were not familiar with the sport and its social importance before joining university we believe this will be a great experience to drive enthusiasm for the club and form the close friendships necessary for team sport and its organisation.

**Planned Activities**

As several of our members have strong connections in the surrounding area of Dublin we will be travelling from the city centre to two clubs of similar age and standard to ourselves. We will be playing a match against Maynooth Gaelic Athletic Club and a training session with the smaller Kilcock Gaelic Athletic Club, the latter being known personally to two of our members which will offer us the opportunity to see how it is a community sport and the ways in which it is a key part of society.

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20/12/2013 22/12/2013

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**ICSMSU Hockey**

Purpose of Tour

Planned Activities

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ICSMSU hockey tour to Budapest. Aims:  
To promote the club and university  
internationally, to gain experience of  
playing hockey abroad and to gain an  
insight into local culture.

Schedule hockey games against  
local sides, with a view to a  
possible tournament. Visits to  
local tourist attractions. Aim to  
travel there by plane or train  
(depending on price and which  
is most convenient) and while  
there by public transport.

07/03/2014 09/03/2014

Students Others

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**Japanese**

**Purpose of Tour**

The Japanese Society will be travelling outside London for the annual "gasshuku" trip; a cultural tradition of having an extended, intense training session away from home. It will be focused on the dedicated practice of a comedy skit for the International night and will be performed mainly by the Japanese society first years. Participation in International night is an integral part of Japanese society and holds the purpose of welcoming the freshers to our society and Imperial whilst simultaneously conveying a taste of modern and historic Japanese culture at the final performance. Coming a very close second in the International night last year, we hope to use this fact and the experience gained from the previous two successful gasshukus to place a greater emphasis on constructing a more tangible story line to motivate the first years and help them win the International night. The trip is planned to be one weekend long, travelling nowhere further than 3 hours by bus.

**Planned Activities**

Practice for the international night performance - the tradition of having a "gasshuku" is to completely focus fully on training for whatever purpose although for a short period of time, isolated from home to avoid any disturbances.

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31/01/2014    02/02/2014

**Malaysian**

**Purpose of Tour**

ICU Malaysian Society is organising a winter ski tour to La Tania Ski Resort, La Perrière, France. This tour is inclusive and open to all our members, irrespective of their skiing ability or experience. As an overseas student club, our objective is to bring together Malaysians from all walks of life, caring for their welfare and ensuring a well-rounded university experience. Hence, our aim for this tour is to foster stronger bonding between members across all years and enhance their university experience by learning a new set of skills (most of the members are beginner skiers). A lot of times members in their 1st year are busy settling down to a new life in a new city thus struggle to plan their winter holiday. This winter ski tour gives our members a convenient option to travel together, and get to know each other better. A location at France is chosen because we feel our members would like to have a good taste of Europe, which is a get-away place from our usual activities within London or in the UK. We will be travelling to France by plane (including airport transfers) then take a bus to the Ski Resort. We have done our own research to find the most competitive rate for our travelling.

**Planned Activities**

The major activity for our winter ski tour is essentially self-explanatory. We plan to go for skiing at the La Tania Ski Resort. There will also be a beginner lesson throughout the week for members who are completely new to skiing, so that they will be engaged and not being left out by experienced skiers. Apart from skiing, there will be other games and activities in the evening to achieve our aim for this winter tour.

Date From	Date To	Students	Others
14/12/2013	21/12/2013	50	

## **Mountaineering**

### Purpose of Tour

The purpose of Mountaineering Club's winter tour is to encourage both beginner and proficient members to partake in winter climbing and mountaineering, with the aim of improving confidence and gaining experience which can be passed on to younger members of the club.

### Planned Activities

Beginners will undertake a two-day winter skills course with a trusted and previously-used instructor. Meanwhile more experienced members will have a chance to climb some more challenging routes. Once the beginners finish the course, they will be paired up with more experienced members for the remainder of the trip and have a chance to practice the skills they learnt on the course. There will be at least one rest day, which will largely depend on the weather forecast. Rest day activities include slacklining, visiting distilleries, and a range of local activities to be decided by the group.

Date From	Date To	Students	Others
14/12/2013	22/12/2013	15	0

## RCSU Physics

### Purpose of Tour

The tour to CERN and Geneva has a principal focus on education. CERN is a world renowned research facility at the forefront of modern particle physics, and the opportunity to visit this facility with members of the CMS team from Imperial's own Physics Department, who are greatly involved in the experiments at CERN, is one that would otherwise be unattainable to any physics student. The tour will provide 33 students with this exceptional chance to get an insight into the experiments going on, see the machinery and have expert guidance over the course of two days; from this the attendees will learn a great deal about particle physics and what the research going on at CERN is hoping to show, as well as an understanding of what is involved in the experiments, how the machinery works, and how it would feel to work at CERN. The latter is particularly important as many students in physics would like to continue in academia in the field of particle physics, which would likely lead them to work at CERN in the near future. A secondary aim of the tour is to explore the city of Geneva and its culture, and potentially visit the offices of a unique company based in Geneva who specialise in using physics to produce very specific products ranging from quantum keys and physical random number generators. Again, this would present the students with an otherwise unattainable opportunity and likewise would be a great experience.

### Planned Activities

We will fly to Geneva on the Saturday (14th December) to begin the tour on Sunday. The tour will include: two days of touring CERN facilities (16th and 17th December), exploring the different experiments and learning about the physics involved, guided by Imperial researchers; a trip to the UN Palace in Geneva (18th December); a visit to a science-oriented firm based in Geneva (18th December); a "free-day" to explore Geneva (15th December). People will then make their way either back to the UK or to elsewhere on the 18th December. We are only booking the flights to Geneva as international students may wish to fly to other destinations than London.

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15/12/2013	18/12/2013	33	0



**Wushu**

Purpose of Tour

To promote chinese martial arts to students in Imperial College and expose them to other clubs outside the UK. To promote friendly exchange between our club and Stockholm Wushu School. To promote bonding between our students and members. To help make a name for Imperial College Wushu Society in Sweden.

Planned Activities

Joint training sessions with Stockholm wushu school, as well as tourist trips and other bonding activities. Students will be graded at the end of the trip by a friendly exam, with joint examiners from both Imperial College Wushu Society and Stockholm Wushu School.

Date From

10/01/2014

Date To

12/01/2014

Students

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Others

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