



## RCSU Management Group Report

### RCSU Exec Activities

Our first term's activities have been hugely successful, with the vast majority selling out. We have held our infamous Autumn and Winter Balls, Fresher's Fair stall, Pub Crawl and for the first time a Tea Party, which proved to be very popular. We have also launched our Science Challenge successfully, which will continue on into next term with the Final Event in March. Next term we are planning to hold our Spring Ball, a welfare week and possibly a weekend trip to Europe amongst other things. We have not hit any major problems this term and any minor ones have been noted to prevent a repeat of the problem!

Financially, we are still in a strong position, although the lion's share of our remaining SGI and Faculty grant will be spent next term on the upcoming events – notably on prizes for the Science Challenge and Welfare Week (which normally is held in the Autumn Term). The table below summarises our Management Groups finances (correct as of 11/12/13):

Name of Club	Status	Full Club Members	Grant (0) (£)	SGI (1) (£)	Harlington (2) (£)	ICTrust (3) (£)	Faculty (4) (£)	Grand Total (£)
RCSU BioChem (631)		32 of 20 (160%)	376.79	870.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	1246.92
RCSU BioSoc (630)		49 of 20 (245%)	450.00	1483.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	1933.96
RCSU Chemistry (633)		11 of 20 (55%)	200.00	8706.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	8906.36
RCSU Exec (730)			-16.68	16212.89	0.00	0.00	1915.04	18111.25
RCSU Maths (634)		34 of 20 (170%)	235.00	3255.86	0.00	0.00	200.00	3690.86
RCSU Physics (635)		25 of 20 (125%)	500.00	-409.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.60
			<b>1,745.11</b>	<b>30,119.80</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,115.04</b>	<b>33,979.95</b>

Please note that the "full club members" excludes students studying that subject who are automatically members!

## BioChemSoc Report

Past Events		
Event	Purpose	Result
Bake Sale May 2013	To Fundraise for future events.	Positive results from biochemists. Cupcakes all sold out. Profit made for future events.
Buddies Event October 2013	For first years to get to know their mums and dads.	Great turn out. Well organized, no chaos and good feedback. First years and second years got a good opportunities to bond.
Treasure Hunt for Freshers	For first years to get to know the campus.	70+ turnout. Freshers were enthusiastic about event.
Biochemistry Halloween Party 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2013	First official mingling event presented by biochem soc.	115 tickets sold. Fantastic turnout, held in the chemistry café. People from other departments showed up. Made profit from ticket sales.
Future Events		
Football Match Social Event Biochem Christmas Treats Social Event Laser Tag  Clubbing Night  Buddies Bar night  Bloomsbury Lane Trip Academic Events: EY events		

## BioSoc Report

### Income

£800 in Sponsorship from Cogent SSC, £450 in grant, some SGI from last year as well.

### Mums and Dads

- Ran a scavenger hunt
- Well attended- probably due to the £50 nandos voucher
- Many families took kids to a bar anyway- no problems with that
- Only problems was length of time it took sorting families out and finding the parents their kids

### Soc Off

- Came 2<sup>nd</sup>, decent effort
- Had the most people there as well

### Noahs Ark

- Again well attended
- Had a careers event in SAF organised by department beforehand
- Caused problems as the crawl is in H&F- so started in eastside and took tube
- 2 pubs were closed, events officers did call ahead to make sure they would be open- one of the parties must have been lying

### Journal Club

- 3<sup>rd</sup> years/ postgrads to run a journal club
- Articles set each week, discussion following week

### Quiz/Bar Night

- Invite families and lectures
- Lecturers didn't come- no surprise
- Turns out we didn't arrange a bar tab like we had advertised
- Sorted it out half an hour before with Stefan from the union- seemed to work alright
- Actually saved more money this way somehow

### Xmas Cocktail Party

- Is now going to be a post exams cocktail party in january
- This will be at b@1

Xmas Dinner

- Las Iguanas on Southbank
- £19 for 2 courses, then we head across river to rcsu ball.

Debate

- Title- "should we keep animals in zoos"
- Need to find people who don't want animals in zoos- not sure who these people are
- Steve Cook, senior tutor said he would look into this at last SSC, doubt he has
- Plan on using some of our grant to cover speakers travel expenses

## ChemSoc Report – Autumn Term 2013

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### ChemSoc Events

- Very successful buddies lunch on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September (catering for 150 new students and 98 established students).
- Freshers' Fair – displayed range of chemistry experiments, competitions for prizes and freebies.
- Careers talk organised on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October, followed by “networking session” in the chemistry common room where food and soft drinks were provided [attendance of ~40 students].
- Arranged a very popular curry night on Brick Lane on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November. 42 students attended and ChemSoc subsidised each ticket, which was £10 originally, by £3.
- ChemSoc organised a Careers4Chemists evening on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November (with Argenta and Zurich present as well as a presentation on postgraduate opportunities) [attendance of ~50 students].
- Christmas quiz organised for Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December – ChemSoc will provide food and soft drinks.

### Future events in 2014

ChemSoc intends to organise another careers evening in close-collaboration with the Chemistry Department. Social events including bowling and dinners will also be arranged. Furthermore, we will be subsidising ChemSoc hoodies for students who would like to purchase one.

### ChemSoc's current financial position:

ChemSoc is in a very healthy financial position and no financial difficulties are foreseen in the coming year. ChemSoc received £1350 worth of sponsorship from GSK and P&G. The remaining funds are rolled-over from previous ChemSoc committees, with a portion of that money given to the society from the Chemistry Department. ChemSoc's accounts will continue to be used to fund ChemSoc events and subsidise ChemSoc hoodies at the end of the academic year.

**Weekly ChemSoc activities:**

There is a weekly meeting with the committee to discuss upcoming events and any issues relating to ChemSoc. As President I attend weekly meetings with the Chemistry DUGs to discuss how ChemSoc and the Department can strengthen their relationship and encourage more student-staff interactions.

## MathSoc Report

### Finance

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1) How have you spent your Union grant so far this term?

- Grant - £250
  - Hospitality costs for freshers events during the first week

2) What, and how much, are your club's other sources of income? E.g. external sponsorship, Sport Imperial sponsorship, donations, etc. What are you going to spend these on?

Donation:

- IMA - £300
  - Inter-university challenge with UCL, KCL

Sponsorship (VAT excluded):

- Barclays - £500
  - General
- Atass Sports - £700
  - Catering costs for Atass Sports talk: £90
  - Budget for MathSoc football game: £300
- BAE Systems Detica - £2024
  - Sponsorship for Christmas Dinner 4 Dec
- G-Research - £1800
  - Sponsorship for hoodie at £10/garment
  - Budget for catering costs for G-Research talk: £100

3) Weekly events

- Undergraduate Colloquium every Friday at 13.00

4) Past events

- Freshers' party + quiz night (first week)
- Trip to the Science Museum
  - Number of attendees: 22
  - X&Y show by Marcus de Sautoy
- Barclays Female Dinner
  - Thursday 24 Oct at Plateau, Canary Wharf
  - Selected 10 female students to attend a networking dinner with representatives from Barclays
- Atass Sports Talk
  - Number of attendees: 20
  - Academic research talk on tennis modelling given by a graduate at Atass Sports
- Meet IBM event
  - Joint event with PhySoc
  - Number of attendees: 20
  - Networking session with representatives from representatives from IBM talking their experiences

5) Upcoming Events (Autumn term)

- Christmas Dinner – Sponsored by BAE Systems Detica
  - Wednesday 4 December at Hilton London Olympia
  - 150 students + 8 BAE reps + 4 staff members
  - Ticket price: £15



# PhySoc Report

## Sponsorships

To date, PhySoc has secured £2860 including VAT in sponsorship and are in negotiations with Sparx and Oxford Instruments for further sponsorship. The breakdown is as follows:

- TeachFirst - £300
  - £150 was spent on a Pizza event after the Freshers' Fair
- RBS - £400
- Bloomberg - £600
- EY - £600
- BAE Systems Detica - £960
  - The £960 from Detica will go towards sponsoring our Christmas dinner on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

The remaining sponsorship will be spent on society events (for refreshments or subsidising events).

## Events

For the first 6 weeks, we were short of a media officer, so our advertisement was mainly through weekly newsletters and through facebook groups/the society page

## Freshers events

- After the Freshers fair we held our first event – the TeachFirst pizza, which had a turnout of roughly 70 people.
- Our Mums and Dads Pizza had a turnout of 100 people

## Trips+Tours

- JET trip, 06/11/13
  - We only found drivers 3 weeks before the event started and they were only able to arrange for a minibus test a week before the event, which had to get postponed and by which time it was far too late to book a minibus.
  - Students travelled by tube and train instead, and the society initially only paid for train tickets.
  - £120 was recalled from our grant in order to reimburse students £5 for the tube journey.
- CERN tour, 14/12/13 – 18/12/13
  - Successful in getting tour funding for Winter Tour period – tickets were sold at £175 per person after a subsidy of £30 per person from the society.
  - Unable to get funding from the department as there would only be 33 people involved.

## Other events

- UROP talks
  - We have had two lunchtime talks given by students who completed UROP placements last summer, which have proved popular amongst our members
- Simon Singh book talk, joint with Maths Soc, 25/10/13
  - Physics Alumnus Simon Singh came to talk about his new book and held a book signing after the talk where students could buy his book. There was a turnout of around 50 people from physics and none from maths as Maths society forgot about the event.
- Meet IBM, 21/11/13
  - Also held with Maths Soc, there was a turnout of 20-30 people to hear about graduates at IBM and chat with them afterwards.
- PhySoc Careers Event, 25/11/13
  - Firms that attended include RBS, Bloomberg, MathWorks, IOP, TeachFirst and IBM
  - The event was supposed to start with brief introductions from each firm (~5 mins) in the lecture theatre before the networking and nibbles, but RBS arrived late and neither our chair nor our careers officer were present, leaving the vice chair unsure of how to start the event.
  - £100 was spent on subway sandwiches and a further £70 on finger foods
  - As a result of the poor start to the event, we have implemented a system where whoever organises an event writes a document with specific instructions to other members of the committee on how the event will be run
- Christmas Dinner, 05/12/13
  - Up to 50 students can attend, with prices down from £35 to £15 per person (£15 subsidy from Detica and £5 subsidy from PhySoc)
  - To be held at Rydges Hotel on Gloucester Road, with 6 representatives from Detica attending
- Christmas Party, 10/12/13
  - The Christmas party will be organised with the Department as it has previously been supported by members of staff
  - Entertainment includes students and a member of staff being DJs, giant games, karaoke, live music, challenges
  - PhySoc will provide soft drinks and snacks

## Future Events

In the spring term, we will hold a number of applications-focussed events with our sponsors, as well as some regular and informal event, including 5-a-side football tournament, SciPhy film nights, UROP talks.

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