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## Imperial College School of Medicine Students' Union President's Report



**A note by ICSMSU President – Dariush Hassanzadeh-Baboli**

### Union

Since October, the 16 other officers of ICSMSU Exec have done a tremendous amount of work and a whole lot of good has happened. There have been at least 10 meetings of the Executive Committee over the year. I wish to thank this year's committee for all they have done for the benefits of the students.

Next Year's Committee

We changed our standing orders this year and the ICSMSU Exec voted to remove one Social Secretary in favour of a Sponsorship Officer. The results for next year's committee are as follows:

**President: Maredudd Harris**  
**Deputy President: Dina Saleh**  
**Treasurer: Rhys Smith**  
**Secretary: Emma Larsson**  
**Communications Officer: Kiran Patel**  
**Welfare Officer: Laurence Pallant**  
**Clubs & Societies Officer: Alex Compton**  
**Sites & Services: Rustam Karanjia**  
**Academic Officer for Early Years: Rebekah Judge**  
**Academic Officer for Clinical Years: Usama Asif**  
**Academic Officer for Science Years: Saloni Datanni**  
**Alumni & Careers Officer: James Bloomer**  
**Entertainments Chair: Mala Mawkin**  
**Social Secretary: Tom Willis**  
**RAG Chair: Samyukta Sundar**  
**Summer Ball Chair: Nina-Joyce Shehata**  
**Sponsorship Officer: Qasim Ali**

I wish the incoming committee the best of luck for the next academic year.

### **Events**

All the events organised by the ICSMSU Exec have run smoothly this year. These include:

- Freshers' Fortnight, selling a record number of tickets
- Snow Ball, enjoyed by all at the 5 \* Chelsea Harbour Hotel
- STFYD Final Year Dinner

We have a few excited events set to take place in the next few weeks including:

- ICSMSU Summer Ball at the Millennium Gloucester Hotel
- Final Fortnight – A number of low key events, mainly in the Reynolds, to celebrate the end of the Year 6 students' degrees
- ICSM Affirmation Ceremony – A sold out event with 850 attendees due to take place in the Millennium Gloucester Hotel.

### **Education and Representation**

In terms of our department this year, we have recently seen a restructure of our key management staff with Mr Martin Lupton taking on the reins of Head of the Undergraduate School of Medicine. It has been a busy year and I look forward to the medical schools and the students' union continued efforts together.

I have chaired 12 Student Staff Liaison Groups throughout the year. Progress has been made in many of them, in particularly the for the Biomedical Sciences course for Years 1 and 2. Often seen as a neglected course, new management and structure has been put in place and they have been very responsive to queries and requests.

We have also helped in the setting up of Mock OSCEs/PACES. We have helped book rooms and lease between different societies. We have worked with the student Academic Societies here to help co-ordinate the events they run, such as Mock OSCEs/PACES, and have been involved in running student teaching for topics you have requested help with. For example, in the summer we organised a Mock OSCE for those retaking.

From next year the 4 Year Graduate Entry course will be disbanded and a new 5 year course will be created. The new students will have a course structure very similar to those studying the 6 year MBBS/BSc, minus the intercalating BSc year. We should be able to assess the success of the course this time next year.

### **Welfare**

Our Welfare Officer has done a tremendous job this year. She not only organised a fantastic Mental Health Awareness Week, but she also chaired regularly drop-in session for students to discuss mental health issues. She also discovered a major flaw in the funding streams for medical student throughout the UK. She collected data

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from all the Medical Schools in London and has brought the issue to the attention to the higher powers in College. I wish her all the best with her continued efforts in this area as well as her incoming role as ICU Deputy President Welfare.

### **Clubs & Societies**

In the beginning of the year all teams were told that they could no longer use the original St Mary's Hospital grounds at Teddington, donated to the medical school over 80 years ago. This announcement was huge shock and upset many members of staff, students and alumni of ICSM. We managed to organise a farewell. The transition to the new grounds at Heston has had its ups and down, with many improvements to be made. However students are happy that they are still able to play their chose sports.

This year's ICSM Sports Dinner took place at Shaka Zulu in Camden. Maredudd Harris, our Clubs and Societies Officer, and Gursimren Lidder, Social Secretary, organised the do for more than 270 guests in order for us to award each clubs' most valuable and most improved player but also the annual ICSM Sporting Awards. This year's Sports Personality of the Year went to Rustam Karanjia, Team of the Year went to ICSM Women's Lacrosse 1<sup>st</sup> XV and Club of the Year went to ICSM Football club.

### **Miscellaneous**

We recently released the Official ICSMSU Mobile app via the App Store and Google Play Store. The app has been downloaded over 200 people and synced to all Year 4,5 and 6 student's iPads. From next year all students will receive an iPad from the School of Medicine with the app pre-uploaded. The app has received positive reviews and there is plenty of scope to make it inclusive to everyone interested in ICSMSU news, information and events.

We have also brought back a historic feel to the Reynolds building. With the help of Car, Reynolds Bar Manager, we managed to get the old signs and signatures back up in the bar area. We have also restored the trophy cabinet and put old memorial, such as old International Rugby shirts, in the mezzanine area. All these small, yet important, additions have been received very well.