

A note by the Deputy President Graduate Students for Council 21/05/07

PhD Careers Fair

Jointly organised by the GSA and the Careers Advisory Centre, this was the first PhD Fair to take place at Imperial (and possibly nationally) so I am pleased to say the turn out was very good. Both the stalls area and the seminar area were packed with the latter overflowing seating for two of the presentations. It was also a good promotional tool for the GSA as different types of students were reached than normally. On the GSA stall, there was publicity about the Women in Research event, general GSA info, upcoming GSA elections and info about the Graduate Summer event. We also collected a few subscriptions to the PG mailing list.

GSA elections

Pending Council's final reading of the DPGS role changes, nominations for the GSA Chair and Treasurer will open. Publicity for this has already been created and some sent out.

Women in Research

The event has now been fully organised and the publicity has begun. It will take place on the 31st of May and we are still finalising panel members. We have five confirmations so far.

GSA newsletter

We have been receiving well-written and entertaining articles and cartoons and Alex Guite is doing a sterling job as editor. We have set the provisional launch for the 15th of June and I will be writing the editorial and an interview article for it myself.

Graduate School Management Committee Meetings

Both Graduate Schools will have their meetings this week and I have submitted two papers for decision. One is to allow GSA Officers who are PhD students to receive Transferable Skills Credits and the other paper is presenting the results of the MSc Merit survey so far. We have had over 35% response which is better than ROLE so I hope it doesn't get sent back again on grounds of not enough respondents!