

Council Report

A note by ICSMSU President Tim Wills

Junior Doctor Job Applications

The process for the national job allocations next year is being finalised as I write. No changes have been made to the application form in response to our lobbying although some other changes that we had not directly asked for offer some consolation for our students. The weighting of the academic aspect of the application form has been reduced and on the face of it this will be advantageous to half and a poor outcome for the other half of our students. However this change has two less obvious advantages. Firstly, UK graduates across the UK are more likely to be guaranteed a job (including our students) for reasons I am happy to explain. Secondly, the inherent unfairness of the academic ranking now exists to a lesser extent. The unfairness stems from the fact that a 4th quartile student at Imperial is given the same academic marks as a 4th quartile student across the country, many would say this is unrepresentative. The system remains in my opinion a poor system for distinguishing between the excellent Doctors and the not so excellent ones.

Summer Ball

The ICSM Summer Ball is on June 18th at the Ibis hotel, SW6. Sales are progressing steadily and we are expecting a good turnout. Entertainments include a bouncy castle, chocolate fountains, a silhouette artist, a Gin Luge (of course) and much more. The ticket price includes free alcohol for 2.5 hours, please come along and join the fun www.icsmsummerball.co.uk

Clubs and Societies

I would like to congratulate all those who have been elected as club and society officers for next year and to wish you every success. The sports dinner a few weeks ago was enjoyed by all and the number of awards given out to clubs demonstrated some of the fantastic successes this year. We look forward to the UL decision regarding the future management of the Chiswick Boathouse and are working with ICU and the medics Boat Club to find a long term solution for the club for the benefit of their members. We have a number of Clubs and Societies on tour this summer including ICSM Music and Imperial Medicals Rugby to name but a few

Admissions

The Students' Union play an active role in the admissions process ensuring that we have the best students coming here to contribute to the life of our medical school. Last term I spoke at the Graduate Entry open day

Events

Immediately preceding the Summer Ball on June 17th is the ICSM Summer Concert which promises to be an entertaining evening for all. Including some classical music as well as some more comedy acts, it is a time for the final years to enjoy a quiet drink before the results on July 18th. The Amateur Transplants will be making an appearance, contact Rupert Levy for tickets.

Exams

We are currently in the middle of exam period with years 1, 2 and 6 due to finish this week. Years 3 and 4 have already finished but year 5 have a little more to go. I have been involved with helping students with extenuating circumstances and much of my time has been spent advising students in this situation.

Elections

Mark Chamberlain has been elected as the new ICSM president in an thankfully un-eventful and successful month of elections. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mark the best of luck next year and also to thank Council for so many enjoyable Monday evenings of debate this year.