

## **Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) Report**

*A report by Lily Topham*

### **Healthy Living Week**

Myself, the DPEW and Alex McKee have been working with Catering (Union and College) and Sport Imperial on this. It is happening this week (from Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Nov). There is a very full schedule of events, with healthy eating options in both College and the Union, free sports and massage sessions in Ethos and catering demos in the MDH. There is a lot of club involvement (from ACC and RCC clubs) which is very promising and hopefully there will be a lot of students and staff who will get involved in their free sessions which are happening in Ethos Sports Hall and Upper Dalby Court at lunchtimes. Club sessions in Ethos are: Indoor Hockey, Floorball, Table Tennis, Fencing, Netball, Handball, Kung Fu, Mountaineering and Swimming. Clubs sessions in Hyde Park and Upper Dalby Court are: Gaelic Football, Boat, Capoeira and Dance. VegSoc are also getting involved in the Ante Room.

### **Clubs & Societies Board**

There have been two CSB meetings so far. The main business in the first was the election of two members of the Executive Committee (Sam Furse ACC Chair, and Adam Baldwin RSM President), and the election of the New Clubs Committee (Andreas Esau – RCSU VPO, Jenny Wilson – RCC Chair and Mark Chamberlain – ICSMSU President). The second CSB was the Winter Tours meeting and considered 16 Tour applications, of which 11 were accepted with one late addition.

I always have a lot of Chairs Business most of which I send out afterwards to CSC/FU Chairs and Treasurers for cascading down to clubs. Hopefully they have been doing this.

### **Room Bookings**

I have recently had to deal with estates regarding club and societies' College room bookings. I will be sending out some updated guidelines for clubs using College rooms to report if rooms are in a very messy state at the beginning of their bookings, in order to cover themselves.

### **BUCS London Division Meeting**

I attended this meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> October at the University of Westminster. Various things were discussed, principally the role of the new organisation BUCS, and the role of the London BUCS Division in the provision of Development of Sporting Programmes, Coaching, Widening Participation, 2012 and Professional Networks.

### **ULU Inter-Collegiate Sports Committee**

I attended the 1<sup>st</sup> ULU ICSC meeting held at ULU on 16<sup>th</sup> October. I was briefly elected as one of the ICSC representatives on ULU Student Activities Committee but unfortunately decided to stand down as all the meeting clashed with our Union meetings.

### **Music & Visual Arts Committee**

I attended this meeting which is chaired by Julia Buckingham on 29<sup>th</sup> Oct. It was good to see how the Music and Visual Arts in College are working with our music and visual arts societies, and I am aiming to develop this for this academic year, particularly 'Arts Imperial' which is still in its very fledgling stages but which could potentially greatly benefit our societies and our students.

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As an aside, I was encouraged to learn that the Blythe Gallery is open to club exhibitions – the curator Mindy Lee is very welcoming and helpful. Due to the high demand for exhibition space, slots need to be booked a year in advance – however she does keep a few days free here and there, so it is worth asking her for clubs who are interested.

### **New Clubs Committee**

The NCC for this year is formed of Andreas Esau – RCSU VPO, Jenny Wilson – RCC Chair and Mark Chamberlain – ICSMSU President (Chair). It met on 28<sup>th</sup> October, and the following clubs were formed: Interact (SCC), Zeco (RCSU), Hellenic (OSC), E.quinox (CGCU) and Ethos (name to be changed, SCC).

The next NCC dates for this term are: 17<sup>th</sup> November and 8<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Whatson**

The A&E Chair and myself will be working on this for the rest of the year. “What’s on” will be a weekly calendar of upcoming Club & Society events. It is a chance for Clubs & Societies to publicise their main events in Felix and will cover events running from Monday-Sunday. Its first appearance will be in the 7<sup>th</sup> November edition of Felix and will cover events from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November. There is a banner advertising this in the Clubs & Socs page of this week’s edition of Felix.

All details must be sent to [whatson.felix@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:whatson.felix@imperial.ac.uk). Deadline for submissions is midnight on the Friday before the edition is published, i.e. to feature in the first edition on Fri 7<sup>th</sup> November, the submission deadline is midnight on Fri 31<sup>st</sup> October. Hopefully lots of clubs will take up this chance to let everyone know what they are getting up to.

### **Silwood Visit**

The President, DPEW and myself visited Silwood on 17<sup>th</sup> October. It was very informative and we were able to meet students, see their facilities and listen to a lot of the issues which they had. All my thanks to Tariq (Silwood Union Chair) and the Silwood Exec for being so welcoming and informative. The DPFS and myself will hopefully soon be meeting up with the Silwood Treasurer to discuss club finances in more detail.

### **Training**

We will be holding some more Principle Officer and Finance training sessions on Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Nov and Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Nov to try and get the final few people who haven’t yet been. Targetted emails will soon be sent and sessions will be available to book online.

### **Club Queries**

This has taken up the bulk of my time and covers everything from room bookings and mailing lists to finance queries.

### **Studentcooking.tv**

This is a new initiative aimed to get students interested in cooking and shopping better, which Sport Imperial have signed on to by filming students doing various things, such as cook-offs and shopping guides which can be viewed online. They have filmed a couple of films and will be filming more. They are launching the Imperial films at the beginning of this week. They are open to suggestions and are willing to work with our clubs & societies; they are currently looking for bands to take part in a ‘Battle of The Pans’ with the winner getting to play in the next Colin Murray night at the Union on 5<sup>th</sup> December.