

MG	Club	Students	Others	Date From	Date To	Purpose of Tour	Planned Activities	Recommendation	Questions
A&E	A Capella	15	0	08/09/2014	24/09/2014	The A Capella society are looking to go on tour to the USA in Summer 2014. This will be following the model of the extremely successful tours that have taken place last two years. However this year, the plan is to go to the west coast of America instead of the east, to build new networks and experience the different a capella styles on the other side of the country. The tour will be based around a series of gigs and workshops which we will aim to set up throughout the duration of the visit, as well as socials meeting US A Capella groups, professionals and friends. Though the tour will be based around concerts and workshops held by members of The Technicians, the tour will be open to anyone in the society up to the limit of transportation (flights and car hire (SUVs)). There are currently 15 unnamed flights booked for the trip, with further deposits not required until 8 weeks prior to travel. Full copy of detailed budget and itinerary are available on request, and are constantly being updated as planning continues.	Plans are still being made and we have sent emails out to many schools and musicians, but currently we will be meeting up with the a capella the groups "Fleet Street" and "The Mendicants" at Stanford University. We are also in talks to perform at several sporting events in California. Other cities we definitely plan on visiting are San Francisco and Los Angeles.	Accept	
A&E	Chamber Choir	17	1	05/09/2014	12/09/2014	Mallorca for a week, September 5th-12th. Plan to stay in a member's house near the small village of Canyamel. We are looking at booking a church or two on top of busking to promote the concert(s). On top of this, as ever on a singing tour, there will be workshops and opportunities for the choir to experiment in different roles - conducting for example. Provides a fantastic bonding experience for the choir and the week will be organised to encourage this.	Rehearsals every day, at least two concerts, possible collaboration with other choirs in the area. In previous years, we have represented the union by attending a service at a church and then doing a short performance afterwards, so we will potentially be looking at doing this again on this trip.	Accept	
A&E	Choir	27	12	03/07/2014	10/07/2014	Having put on its biggest performance to date (The War Requiem at Winchester Cathedral in February) the choir would like to showcase its talent and passion for choral singing further afield. The aim of this tour is to allow choir members to gain experience in singing in another country and to a different type of audience. The tour will also allow choir members to develop their repertoire. Furthermore, we aim to be ambassadors for the college when we meet up with Aachen University Choir to perform at least one concert. This will be an excellent opportunity to showcase Imperial College and hopefully create a strong link such that the German choir will be able to visit and perform a concert with us in the future. The tour will be considered a success if the participants feel that they have gained performing experience and had the chance to develop links both musically and socially with Aachen University Choir. As a whole, the tour will be a success if the concerts are enjoyed by the choir members and the international audience and if the audience is left with an excellent impression of Imperial College.	Thursday 3rd: Travel to Amsterdam - Friday 4th: Rehearsal, led by our student conductor (allowing him to gain more experience) - Saturday 5th: Possible rehearsal if necessary, but otherwise this will be a day to explore the city - Sunday 6th: Concert at the English Reformed Church - Monday 7th: Travel to Aachen and have an evening rehearsal with Aachen University Choir - Tuesday 8th: Explore the city and possibly perform an evening concert with Aachen University Choir. Also possible chance to link up with a South African choir (tbc) - Wednesday 9th: Confirmed concert with Aachen University Choir at St Jacob's Church followed by a social organised by Aachen University Choir - Thursday 10th: Travel home Please see event budget 688 for more details.	Accept	
A&E	Dramatic Society	9	1	02/08/2014	10/08/2014	This summer Dramsoc is taking Dario Fo's 'The Virtuous Burglar' to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, the UK's artistic event of the year. Imperial College Dramatic Society was once an established part of it and we wish to re-establish our participation in this world renowned performing arts festival. This aligns with our core aim to promote "The furtherance of drama and theatrical productions in the Imperial College Student community." Performing at the Fringe is an experience unlike any other that has two main benefits to our members. Firstly it provides the opportunity to showcase their work to a wider and more critical audience than is possible with our college based productions. There are also many practical theatrical skills that performing in a festival environment develops, for example: working to strict time and space constraints; working in a professional theatre alongside several other shows; producing effective publicity in a competitive arena. Secondly the festival provides a fantastic opportunity to experience a huge variety of theatre productions from other amateur groups up to TV personalities. This is a great way for our members to learn new methods and will generate artistic ideas and enthusiasm for the dramatic arts that will then feed back into future productions. These opportunities are unique to an event of this scale and we are fortunate in the UK to have such a prestigious festival so close by.	We will be performing Dario Fo's 'The Virtuous Burglar', in a 5 performance run at Paradise Green Theatre during the first week of the Edinburgh Fringe festival. The play is one act farce with a cast of 6. We have chosen a simple production requiring minimal set enabling us to travel the 330 miles by coach to Edinburgh. Fares vary, but a typical cost on Megabus is £30 return each from London Victoria. The small cast is the result of the limited financial and logistical resources. This group will be cast from auditions open to all members of Imperial College Union. We aim to take around four other members to support the production in technical, artistic and publicity roles, so there are opportunities for those not successful in the auditions. There is no absolute limit on numbers and costumes, set etc. can always be improved by more participants. A successful tour will be indicated by strong audience numbers of at least 100 for the whole run. This will require effective publicity via flyers and media engagement. We also aim to get reviewed and obtain at least 3 stars. The ticket sales will not cover the total cost of the show, so it will be necessary for all participants to make a contribution covering this as well as their accommodation etc. Any money from the tour funding will reduce this cost.	Accept	
A&E	IC Big Band & Jazz	17	1	02/09/2014	09/09/2014	IC Big Band summer tour to Budapest 2014. We propose to go to Budapest from the 2nd to the 9th September. Budapest is host to a very well-established jazz scene with jazz clubs lining the city streets, hence the decision that it would be a suitable location for a big band tour. We anticipate that the tour should cost members no more than £250 each, keeping the cost low was considered an important factor so as not to exclude any members with financial concerns. The primary purpose of the tour is to perform a variety of big band repertoire to a professional level and represent IC on the international stage. This will be a fantastic opportunity for our members to perform in a city with a different culture but with a strong tradition in jazz. We currently have one gig lined up in a jazz club on 7th September, and are in the process of trying to secure one or two further gigs. The main activities during the tour will be performances, the details of which have yet to be finalised but one on 7th September is confirmed with a second potential gig on 5th. We also intend to take full advantage of the numerous jazz clubs offering performances from local jazz celebrities, providing an exciting opportunity to listen to a variety of jazz styles. Clearly we also intend to socialise and get to know one another much better, promoting social cohesion amongst the society for future years.	1) Perform at least 2 jazz gigs in high profile jazz clubs in central Budapest. One already confirmed, a second in the pipeline. 2) Attending jazz gigs performed by local musicians. Budapest has a great jazz scene so many people to see. We are in the process of looking at tickets to book. 3) Sightseeing, take in the history and culture of Budapest. 4) Get to know each other much better as a society, promote social cohesion that is characteristic of IC Big Band. 5) Possible day trip to Bratislava - outside possibility of a gig here too if we stay the night.	Accept (proviso)	Proviso they get atleast 2 confirmed performances or increase core activity
A&E	Orchestra	40	5	16/09/2014	21/09/2014	The primary purpose of ICSO's tour to Helsinki, Finland in September 2014 is to give our members the opportunity to perform a variety of repertoire in several world class venues to an international audience. This will give members a very different experience from the concerts regularly performed in the UK and also allow the orchestra to have a dedicated period of time for rehearsals so that the prestigious performances are given to as high a standard as possible. There will also be the opportunity for members to experience the culture of an international city and bond together through a variety of social activities as well as being a part of raising money for UNICEF and representing Imperial College and Imperial College Union abroad.	We have been asked to perform a concert in aid of UNICEF in Sibelius Hall (judged by Gramophone to have one of the top five acoustics in the world) in Lahti, Finland. * A concert in Tempelaukko Church, Helsinki, a famous concert venue constructed directly from the natural rock. * An additional concert, current plans are for a lunchtime concert in the Church of St. Lawrence, Vantaa. * Opportunity for members to visit Tallinn, Estonia by ferry. * A visit to Sibelius' House in Aino. * Return flights with BA.	Accept	
A&E	Sinfonietta	30	3	06/09/2014	13/09/2014	Sinfonietta's purpose is to advance the standard of playing of all our players and give them the chance to experience a range of different types of music and concert venues. One of the best ways of doing this is through tour. Whilst there, we organise orchestra socials, which everyone attends (in contrast to when we're back home) including meals and day trips. Although this is undoubtedly important in orchestra, since a feeling of part of the group is key, it is not the focus of tour. While abroad we learn a completely new programme for a concert (probably two) performed at the end of the week. The high pressure of having to learn a programme in such a short space of time means that the orchestra gets much better very quickly. We also benefit from having our conductor, William Carslake, for the full duration of tour.	A trip to Dubrovnik to include at least one concert (hopefully two), evening social events and at least two or three days of rehearsal.	Accept (proviso)	Proviso they get atleast 2 confirmed performances or increase core activity
A&E	String Ensemble	15	1	20/08/2014	21/09/2014	The main purpose of our tour to Barcelona will be to have intense rehearsals and give a performance in a surrounding town of the city, as well as to give members the opportunity to visit cultural sites in Spain. It will also allow the group to strengthen socially as a unit, which improves members' allegiance and will hopefully attract more new members in the future. We aim to stay in a small town outside of Barcelona, where we will have a better chance of making an impact on the community and getting to know locals than we would if we were in central Barcelona. We will rehearse there and hope to perform in a local church or town hall, likely to be a charity concert for a local beneficiary. This gives the ensemble the chance to meet and practice outside of term time. The tour will however include at least one day trip to Barcelona, where we will get a chance to see the sights and have a break from rehearsing.	Rehearsals and a performance in the local community, as well as recreational and cultural visits in and around Barcelona.	Accept (proviso)	Proviso they get atleast 2 confirmed performances or increase core activity
ACC	Cross Country	28	0	12/09/2014	14/09/2014	Imperial College's Cross Country and Athletics Club would like to run a Summer Training Weekend during September 2014 in Somerset. This year we have decided that by opting for a cheaper, shorter trip we can make it more accessible to members, as many have internships and other commitments. With this in mind we have chosen a large 28 bed Hostel as a base for the weekend from which we can conduct a variety of training sessions in the surrounding countryside. This area of Somerset offers an excellent mix of undulating woodland trails and steeper climbs to allow both steady longer runs and also short intense hill training which are not possible in London. With Glastonbury Tor within running distance, we can take on a challenging route up the famous landmark. The hostel is also only 20 minutes from the Mendip Hills, an area of outstanding national beauty, perfect for a long group run. This trip is important as it will act as a stepping stone for club runners to get back into training in first term in preparation for the early cross country races. Our first race is at Parliament Hill in mid October, and the results of a preemptive training weekend will be seen there. It will also serve to boost team relations and good feelings within the club right before the new intake of freshers.	We will have a mixture of sessions over the weekend. Friday night: Optional evening run around the local village of Street followed by a group meal cooked as a group. Saturday Morning: A medium length run around the surrounding woods. A variety of speeds and distances would be available. Saturday Afternoon: Hill Reps or interval session venturing out to Glastonbury Tor. Saturday Evening: Optional short run or group circuit training pre-dinner. Sunday Morning: Afternoon: Drive to the Mendip Hills for a long run around the area of outstanding national beauty. Return to London Sunday evening.	Accept	
ACC	Football	27	0	29/06/2014	05/07/2014	An 8 day football tour to Spain, comprising of 4 nights in Malaga and 3 nights in Seville. Daily activities will include football matches against local opposition and sight-seeing in the cities. The aim of the tour will be to provide a chance to meet new people, both on and off the football pitch, to learn about their culture and bond as a group.	Play three football matches against local sides Training sessions between match days to improve as a team Sight-seeing in the cities to explore the local culture Visit to the football stadiums in each city and the football museum Paintball (or another similar activity) Tour dinner (including awards)	Question	Are all three games confirmed? Will everyone have the opportunity to play?
ACC	Hockey	24	0	01/07/2014	09/07/2014	After the success of the tour to Spain last summer, the hockey club are looking to run a similar, European tour to Greece. The aim of the tour is to test our skills against teams in a country with a rapidly increasing interest in hockey as well as experiencing some Mediterranean culture. 24 members of the club, coming from all 6 teams, are going on tour this year which, as last year, should help with the overall cohesion of the club. The group also has a large proportion of 1st years which should help create a strong group going forward into the following years at the club. With the mix of people going we are able to field ladies, men's and mixed teams providing a great variety of hockey.	The tour will be primarily based in the capital Athens where we will play several matches against the local teams. We will also spend a 2 days on the nearby island of Mykonos experiencing the local culture away from the capital.	Question	How many games are confirmed or planned?
ACC	Rugby	22	0	28/08/2014	20/09/2014	Purpose of Tour: ICFRC Argentina 2014 Tour is intended to expose Imperial students to international culture and enrich their rugby experience both off and on the pitch. We will be playing the U21 sides of some of the best Argentine rugby clubs so we see this as an opportunity to raise the profile of Imperial College's sporting reputation abroad and to expand the IC brand in South America. Rugby is second largest sport in Argentina and is widely played at very high levels throughout the country. We will look to learn from these matches and develop for the coming season. The tour will also expose students to south american culture.	Tour activities: 3 rugby matches have been scheduled against Belgrano Athletic Club, Jockey Club Rosario and Mendoza Rugby Club. There will be trips to watch football matches and tango in Buenos Aires as well as Argentine landmarks. We will also do a wine tasting tour and experience a Gaucho show (Argentine cowboys) and students. Optional activities such as rafting or even skiing might also be available depending on the number of students interested.	Accept	
ACC	Triathlon	14	0	29/06/2014	05/07/2014	The key purpose is to continue the cycle and running training in preparation for the summer, and to build on team camaraderie using teamwork and cooperation as a peloton. Third, we hope to use the trip to advertise the club and encourage more to join.	Cycle 600km over 8 days, with two days rest in the middle for swim and run training as well as rest time for those who want it. Leaving Saturday 28th June and returning Saturday 5th June.	Question	What is the location(s)?
ACC	Wushu	10	2	29/03/2014	31/03/2014	To promote chinese martial arts to students in Imperial College and expose them to other clubs outside the UK. To promote friendly exchange between our club and Madrid's Wushu school, Escuela Superior Wudao. To promote bonding between our students and members. To help make a name for Imperial College Wushu Society in Spain.	Joint training sessions with Escuela Superior Wudao, as well as tourist trips and other bonding activities. Students will be graded at the end of the trip in a friendly exam, with joint examiners from both Imperial College Wushu Society and Escuela Superior Wudao.	Question	How much core activity will occur and is this confirmed? Are the dates incorrect?
CGCU	EWB	25	0	31/10/2014	02/11/2014	The main objective is to introduce members of EWB-Imperial, as well as members of other related societies such as Energy Society, practical solutions for sustainability. This trip will also serve as a social to bring members together.	The first night (31/10) will be spent on travelling, either on a minibus, catered coach or rail transport. We will stay in Cardiff or a youth hostel suitable for the group. The accommodation will be used for 2 nights. The whole of Saturday will be dedicated to touring Centre of Alternative Technology. Prior arrangements will be made with the Centre staff to provide a meaningful tour for the participants. A group dinner will also be planned for the night. The students will make their way back to Central London on Sunday, on the same mode of transport as Friday's travel.	Question	What are the activities core to the society? How much of this will occur?
CSMSU	Light Opera	45	0	31/10/2014	02/11/2014	Every november the Light Opera society takes a tour to a changing venue around the country as a group bonding session. We see cultural sites, attend a musical or theatrical show in keeping with our chosen musical that year, and rehearse a segment of the show away from the usual surroundings of the college. In previous years we have also busked to raise extra money in town centres using some of our pre-rehearsed material.	This year we again plan to see a show (exact show dependant on ticket availability and cost), rehearse some of the vocal aspects of the production and see other theatrical venues. It is also a great opportunity for team building, and typically karaoke is planned for one of the nights. We have two large group meals and also some form of physical activity, typically bowling, swimming or something similar depending on what is available.	Question	What is the location? Is the performance for raising money planned?
CSMSU	Music	55	0	07/07/2014	15/07/2014	Every two years, ICSM music society holds and international Summer Tour and this year we are travelling to Lisbon, Portugal. This gives us the opportunity to perform in a foreign country and to an international audience. The tour is also unique among music societies' events as all of the groups within the society - the choir, chamber choir, orchestra and jazz band - travel and perform together. This strengthens the society as a whole and also improves the standard to which the groups play by providing a larger team who travel and stay together. Before the tour itself we hold a whole day rehearsal during which all the groups will practice to prepare them for the concerts. The pieces are a mixture of previously performed pieces and new pieces to suit the international audience we will be performing to. On top of this we would also have rehearsals in Portugal to allow us to become accustomed to the venue and generally allow us to maintain a high quality of performing. The tour has been planned by two tour managers, voted in at the society AGM and with the aid of our chairperson and treasurer. This allows us to budget effectively and monthly meetings enable us to organize essential tour agendas such as flights, accommodation and concerts. We have also met with members of the finance team in South Kensington for advice. We have booked 51 return flights and 2 single flights and the accommodation for 55 people using the union credit card (£8386.69) and bank transfer respectively. We will also be hiring a mini-van to ensure that our equipment and instruments can be transported securely. The minivan will be driven by our previous chairperson (who drove during the last international tour) and one of our current tour managers who are both over 21 and have had over 3 years of driving experience. The cost has been estimated to be £2000 (two way) - Van hire £600, contingency for insurance £100, fuel £780, Channel Crossing £160, Road toll in France, Spain and Portugal £260, overnight stay for drivers in France £100. We are planning on performing at 4 concert venues with a budget of £100 for hire per venue. This will allow each of our groups (and therefore members) to perform at least twice. Whilst we understand that the tours board offers 33% of travel cost, we only need help funding the cost of van transportation (£2000) and venue hire (£400) as these are essential to the aims and objectives of the tour - to allow us as musicians the opportunity to perform in a country which is new to many and provide an experience that they are unlikely to be able to have again.	Performance at 4 concert venues (dates and venues to be finalised). Cultural trips such as those to Sintra Palace, the oceanarium and the Palace of the Gulbenkian (dates to be decided once concert dates are confirmed)	Accept	
CSMSU	Yoga	8	0	07/09/2014	13/09/2014	ICSM Yoga aims to offer its current members a chance to experience a Yoga retreat abroad. As a club we haven't taken on such a big project so this will be a challenge for us but we've had a good level of interest. We aim to get eight to ten people committed to joining the trip.	We plan to spend 7 days in Portugal on a Yoga programme where each day there are yoga sessions. As well as these sessions there are optional workshops regarding the various aspects related to yoga. Food and accommodation are included in the programme price (£371 not including travel to and from destination which will roughly be £200). Website -> http://www.bookyogaretreats.com/yoga-holidays-portugal/7-days-yoga-and-yurt-glamping-retreat-in-portugal So the cost per student currently stands at about £571. We are aware this is a lot but from the most affordable and we are under way for negotiating the price with those who run the programme. As well as a yoga intense programme students will also be able to explore the surrounding country and as part of the trip the company offers a trip into the local town one afternoon.	Accept	
RCC	Chess	9	0	11/07/2014	21/07/2014	After competing against Columbia, Princeton and Pennsylvania Universities in the summer of 2013, thereby defeating the current Ivy League champions, the Chess Society wants to continue representing Imperial College on the international stage. We are the most successful university chess society in the United Kingdom, having become British Universities Team Champion in 2013 and repeating this success in 2014. This year, our second team even managed to win the "Plate" section of the championship, helping our first team bring two titles back to London. Compared to last year, we increased our overall membership by more than 30% and doubled our female membership.	Compete in the 37th Ikaros International Chess Tournament on Ikaria Island in Greece. Nine rounds from July 12th to July 20th. The official tournament announcement can be found at http://ikarichess.blogspot.co.uk/ . Our squad will be composed of experienced tournament players, who have represented England and Scotland internationally, alongside more casual players and novices who will gain their first exposure to the big world of international tournament chess.	Accept	
RCC	Fellwanderers	10	0	27/08/2014	10/09/2014	The Fellwanderers Summer Tour this year will be to the Apuan Alps in Tuscany, Italy, an underrated area of outstanding beauty. "Alpi Apuane distinguish themselves from the near Apennines for their harsh morphology, their deep valleys, and their imposing and very inclined slopes. Apuane are famous for the beauty of their marbles, their deep abysses, and the great cavities of the subsoil characterized by karst phenomena." - translated from http://www.parks.it/ We plan to spend 2 weeks there, using a small villa (in the village Fornovolasco) as a base of operations to do daywalks, and multi-day treks in the surrounding area, which has been booked. On the multi-day treks we plan to stay in the local 'rifugi' or 'bivouacs', which can not be booked more than a few months in advance, so they have not yet been reserved. They provide beds at the rifugi, so tents are not required for trekking purposes. We plan to use the multi-day treks to explore more of the national park, including summitting the highest peak in the region, Monte Pisanino (1946m). Most summits in the region are of the order of 1500 - 1900m in height, with the valley floors being ~300-400m asl. Precise flights have not yet been booked and will depend on prices (as our accommodation is flexible) but will be within the region of time specified and the tour will last approximately 2 weeks. A couple of rest days are planned, which include stop-offs in the beautiful cities of Lucca and Florence. The number of attendees is limited to 10, the capacity of the villa.	Hiking, Trekking (minus tents)	Accept (proviso)	Proviso spaces are allocated fairly

RCC	Outdoor	10	0	31/08/2014	14/09/2014	This tour will be to Corsica to trek the GR-20 trail, renowned for being the hardest hiking trail in the world, and to do some via ferrata routes. The long and difficult trek is something completely new to this generation of the Outdoor Club and it will allow everyone to develop and test their technical hiking skills, fitness and teamwork. It will allow experienced members of the Club to teach and pass on their skills to the next generation. Corsica's famous via ferratas will enable the Club to make use of its via ferrata kit and provide experience of a new activity for many members. The plan is to spend two weeks in Corsica (this fits in with flights direct from the UK) and spend 11 days walking the trail and two days on via ferratas routes.	Hiking, scrambling, via ferratas, camping.	Accept	
RCC	Underwater	8	2	07/07/2014	14/07/2014	We plan to take our summer tour overseas to Fuerteventura, where we will be able to dive both wrecks and reefs. This location means that we will be able to further our diving experiences, by visiting sites that are new to the club and by diving in different conditions to usual. By going to the Canaries, we are able to dive warmer water, which is more accessible to newer members than diving in the UK, since less specialist equipment, such as a drysuit, is required. The particular location has been chosen so as to be suitable for both new and more experienced diver	Diving in various different dive sites off RIBs	Accept	
RCC	Wakeboarding	6	0	26/09/2014	05/10/2014	To progress our members wakeboarding ability on a more intensive trip than our regular weekly sessions. By travelling to a warmer climate, members will be able to enjoy spending more time progressing their wakeboarding in an environment which we never get in the UK. In addition, by spending more time with our members, it plays an important role in enhancing the club social environment. As a secondary objective, we would also like to give our members the chance to learn and try out some kitesurfing.	We're planning a 10 day trip where we plan on visiting several wakeboard cable parks from those closer to Paris to Toulouse, after which we plan on staying on the SW coast to experience the wakeboard venues there and the added option of doing some kitesurfing. We plan on visiting: Cergy, Albi, Rouffiac and Toulouse on the way down to the coast. We will be staying in accommodation at the wakeboard venues in addition to hostel/bungalow accommodation as required. Regarding transport, we will be hiring a union 9 seater minibus and driving to France via the Eurotunnel. We will hopefully have several drivers to share the driving load which may vary but we estimate to be about 30 hours total. We have 6 confirmed attendees and could potentially have more. The 9 seater is the most economical way of running the tour and should allow us to take up to 8 people. Also, a similar trip was run last year and the year previously, both trips were a success and as such we have good experience with the logistics.	Question	Would more places be available if interest increases? If not, how will these be allocated?