

Medical Education News

London Gold Medal



We are both proud and delighted to announce that Imperial graduates have achieved both awards in the London Gold Medal prize. Matko Marlais (*left*) has been awarded the Gold Medal, and Nishma Manek (*below, right*) the Betuel Prize. This is an excellent achievement for both of these candidates.

The academic quality of candidates competing in this event is extremely high. All London medical schools (George's, KCL, QMUL, UCL and Imperial) are invited to nominate a small number of newly graduated students to compete for the Gold Medal annually. The nominated candidates are selected by each School from those who obtained the highest number of Merits and Distinctions and have passed every examination at the first attempt.

This confirms what we already know, that we have both a fantastic group of students AND of teachers at this medical school. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff who support our students, in whatever capacity.

We are sure you would wish to join us in sending warmest congratulations to Matko Marlais and Nishma Manek.



Rector's Award for Excellence in Supporting the Student Experience

Nominations to the Rector's Awards for Excellence in Supporting the Student Experience were sought for the first time in 2011. The Awards recognise the importance placed by the College on the contribution of support staff in underpinning the College's learning environment for students. Rector's Awards for Excellence in Supporting the Student Experience are conferred on the following FoM staff for 2011:



Ms Jo Williams, Faculty Education Office
Miss Julia Cork, Dept of Surgery & Cancer
Mr Chris Harris, Dept of Medicine
Dr Emma Watson, NHLI (+ Rector's Medal)



Jo Williams

Emma Watson

Future Electives in Singapore

Currently at Imperial, electives are for a minimum of 7 weeks, more depending on holidays. Not all students travel overseas with some choosing to take the elective in hospitals associated with Imperial or elsewhere in the UK.



Amina Al-Yassin after a successful delivery in Tanzania!

Students at Imperial who will be undertaking their post finals examinations electives in the academic year 2012/13 have been invited to make an expression of interest for a new experimental structured elective in Singapore designed to aid the students' understanding of some aspects of global health. This programme will be confirmed

depending upon interest shown. Expressions of interest may be made to Professor Martyn Partridge, Senior Vice Dean, the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine: m.partridge@imperial.ac.uk

Medawar Prize – 2010-11



From left - Adam Nawaz, Miss Joan Pitkin, Claire Taylor, Dr Keith Steer

Traditions do matter, not least in institutions with a combined medical and scientific mission. Sir Peter Medawar was one of the most influential Scientists who worked at Northwick Park in the former Clinical Research Centre. This prize has been awarded since 1997 to the medical student who produces the best patient case study – emphasizing the scientific importance of the study. The student has to present the case in the hospital Grand Round where professors, consultants and junior members are present.

The 2010-11 joint winners were Claire Taylor and Adam Nawaz both studying at Imperial College London. Claire's case was on: Familial Adenomatous Polyposis Associated Desmoid Tumours and Adam's was on: Popliteal Artery Entrapment Syndrome.

The prize was presented at Northwick Park Hospital by Miss Joan Pitkin Director of Clinical Studies following Claire's and Adam's impressive discourse on their patient case study. The occasion was a stimulating and moving one.

Stop Press!

Faculty of Medicine, Personal Tutors Awards 2010-11

Nominated by students, the winners are:

Dr Samia Girgis

Dept of Medicine, Investigative Medicine, Hammersmith Campus

Miss Elizabeth Owen

Consultant Gynaecologist, West Middlesex University Hospital

Editorial



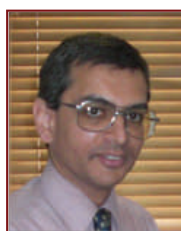
Professor Jenny Higham
Deputy Principal
Director of Education



I am very pleased to welcome to the team Mr Martin Lupton (*right*) as a new Deputy Director of Education, working alongside the rest of my team; Dr Sue Smith (*left*), Professor Karim Meeran (*below, left*) and Professor Martyn Partridge (*below, right*).



Congratulations to our 318 graduates who began their training as qualified doctors earlier this month. It is a delight to see six years of hard work pay off. This could not be achieved without the dedication of our teachers both at Imperial and our various trusts.



Congratulations also to our ten winners of the Teaching Excellence Awards for NHS Teachers. We look forward to meeting them all at the awards ceremony in November.



Deputy Directors of Education - Areas of Responsibility

Martin Lupton

Years 3, 5 and 6/Foundation School/Careers/Welfare/SU activities and liaison/Commissioning Education

Karim Meeran

Quality and Enhancement/Learning Resources (including e-learning)/BSc & BMS/Commissioning Education

Martyn Partridge

Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine (Singapore)

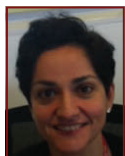
Sue Smith

Exams and Assessment/Postgraduate/Educational Development Unit/Admissions Years 1 and 2 and Graduate Entry. She chairs Medical Studies Committee and jointly chair the Postgraduate Committee.

It is fantastic to have a Newsletter like this to be able to share Medical Education News across the Faculty as well as news of our award winning students and staff!

Best wishes,

Meet... Naomi Low-Beer Curriculum Academic Lead

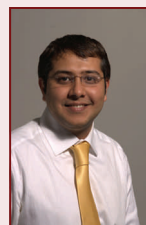


Dr Naomi Low-Beer has combined an academic career in medical education with clinical practice in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

She has had a longstanding commitment to medical education and was appointed in 2008 to a Walport Clinical Lectureship in Medical Education at Imperial. Since this time her academic focus has been on educational research, assessment and curriculum development. In December 2010 Naomi was awarded a Master in Surgical Education by Imperial.

She has recently been appointed to lead the Curriculum Development Team in the creation of the 5 Year MBBS Medicine Course of the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine in Singapore.

Naomi can be contact at naomi.low-beer@imperial.ac.uk.



E-Learning Developments

Mr Ashish Hemani
E-Learning Project Manager



Blackboard

Blackboard has been in use throughout the Faculty of Medicine to deliver its undergraduate online courses requiring VLE functionality. The new version of Blackboard, Version 9, is a combination of the original Blackboard and WebCT products, and is not a straightforward upgrade from our existing version. Hence the College e-Learning Strategy Committee (ELSC) felt that this offered a good opportunity for the College to review its options for a future VLE to support teaching, both now and in future.

ELSC have set up a working group to review the College's use of Virtual Learning Environments (VLEs) with a view to replacing the current VLE, Blackboard. It is anticipated that a new VLE will be in place for the start of the 2012/2013 academic year. For more information about the VLE Review and timescales, please see: <http://www3.imperial.ac.uk/elearning/elc/vlereview>.

BLEnDT - Blended Learning Design Tool

Blended learning combines face-to-face and online teaching and learning. However, finding the right balance for blended learning programmes has been identified as a challenge. The Blended Design Learning Tool (BLEnDT©) helps to guide Learning Technologists, Curriculum Designers, Academics and Subject Matter Experts to identify the best blended learning approach according to the intended learning outcomes.



BLEnDT© is currently used by the e-Learning team for the design of Blended Learning activities at undergraduate medicine level. BLEnDT© is also being used in the design of Blended Learning activities for the new curriculum of the new Singapore Medical School formed by Imperial College London and Nanyang Technological University: the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine. If you are interested in using BLEnDT© please contact: elearning.medicine@imperial.ac.uk.

More information about our current e-Learning projects can be found at:

<http://www1.imperial.ac.uk/medicine/teaching/elearning/>

The Imperial College Medical Management Society



The Imperial College Medical Management Society is a new and innovative society at Imperial College London borne out of the growing realisation that tomorrow's doctors are both clinicians and managers.

The founding students share the opinion that despite management

and leadership skills taking an increasingly important role in everyday clinical medicine, there is little emphasis within the curriculum of medical schools. Therefore, the society set out to create awareness about Healthcare Manage

ment, Social Policy, Clinical Leadership and Medical Entrepreneurship, and also provide a forum where students, doctors, academics and social healthcare policy experts could convene to debate the issues that are revolutionising healthcare in Britain today.

The committee came together from an intrinsic interest in the subject of medical management, with many having studied the intercalated BSc degree in *Business Management and Healthcare* at Imperial College London. The committee comprises of students from a range of pre-clinical and clinical years reflecting the interest that medical management has at all levels of the medical school. The society was also very fortunate to have the support of those at the Imperial College Medical School, Imperial College Business School and from Mr Colin Bicknell and Mr Oliver Warren.

Although still in its infancy, the Medical Management Society has already hosted two highly successful events, highlighting the enormous interest amongst medical students, clinicians and academics alike. Thus far, these events have introduced the topics of medical management, leadership and entrepreneurship to the general medical school community as well those students and doctors who wish to actively pursue a career in medical management.

The inaugural event titled *The Importance of Leadership in Medicine* was an astounding success with an audience of over 200 medical students and junior doctors, many travelling from as far as Bath and Bristol. Professor Stephen Smith and Dr Tim Heymann delivered highly engaging and thought provoking talks on the role of leadership in the healthcare system and the importance of clinical input in decision making at a hospital, trust and national level.

The society built on this success in the New Year with the second event titled *Can a Doctor Run a Business*. The talk explored the role of doctors as innovators at a micro and macro scale and again boasted excellent speakers. Mr Colin Bicknell spoke about innovation at a ward level and was followed by Professor Martin Elliot who spoke of the lessons that can be learnt from industries and how collaboration and information transfer can bring about hugely successful results for both parties. The evening was closed by a very special talk from the two Imperial graduate founders of *Tournistrip*, providing first-hand evidence and insight into how doctors can be both clinicians and entrepreneurs.



It is exciting times for the society that has come a long way in its first year. The first two events have demonstrated the very significant interest in medical management and laid the platform for continued success and development over the coming years.

Please contact us if you are interested in speaking at future events or would like any further information.

The Medical Management Society

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Website: <http://imperialmanagementsoc.com/about.html>

NEW APPOINTMENTS



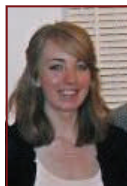
Dr Jane Currie, one of our Teaching Fellows, has been appointed to the post of Joint Academic Lead for Problem Based Learning. Jane will continue her role with us, organising the Year 5 Teaching Skills post.



We are delighted that Chris Harris, formerly Education Manager for the Department of Medicine, joined the Faculty Education Office as Quality Assurance and Enhancement Manager in August.



Dr Mike Barrett has taken up the reins as Electives Director. This falls within Mike's remit as the Faculty lead for off-site working for our students, ensuring that the increasing, and very important, health and safety requirements are fully met. We would like to thank Dr Mike Platt for his much appreciated leadership of electives over a number of years.



Hannah Pietruszewska, formerly Examinations Assistant has taken on the role of Question Bank and Education Administrator. Hannah is responsible for the maintenance and quality assurance of the Question Bank, working towards ensuring that all written examinations are testing the key competencies as identified in 'Tomorrow's Doctors'.

Under Hannah's Education role, she is active in developing commissioning education, holding responsibility for the Teaching Contact Hours Project which we are developing to include all areas of teaching in addition to non clinical. Alongside this, Hannah is supporting various projects that are geared towards improving the student experience; a topic that has generated a lot of interest lately. These include a project lead by Dr James Warner to seek and address student feedback via a number of focus groups; tying in with the FEO staff working groups currently in development to look at all areas of the student experience.

With Postgraduate Education now being part of the FEO's remit, Hannah is enabling integration across the courses through the creation of a forum for course administrators. The forum is proving to be a success and has initiated working groups to focus on corporate identity and staff training/induction.

We are keen to work with departments to address various areas of change. If there is a project or process that you would like our involvement with, please contact Hannah to discuss. h.pietruszewska@imperial.ac.uk.



The Joint Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine in Singapore Makes Swift Progress

The Singapore Medical School continues to make advancements towards various ambitious milestones to ensure all is in place for the inaugural cohort in August 2013.

In London, the momentum on curriculum development continues with additional staff from the Faculty of Medicine and beyond, being asked to contribute to the development. In April, the London Office hosted an afternoon seminar for those working on the project to come together and share thoughts on the progress to date. We also had a highly successful curriculum away day at the end of February where delegates from both Imperial and Singapore came together to agree the joint vision for the new curriculum.

Visit by NTU Infrastructure and ICT Delegation

During early March 2011 Imperial College London played host to a group of colleagues from Nanyang Technological University, the Singapore Ministry of Education, and the National Healthcare Group (*left*). The purpose of the trip



was a fact-finding exercise to better understand the brief needed for the architects who will be renovating 107 Mandalay Road, the new medical school building (*below*).

The visitors explored much of the South Kensington Campus and especially the Sir Alexander Fleming Building and were greatly helped by

briefings from experts from the capital projects and planning team at Imperial before being similarly briefed by the Director of ICT.



They also visited the NHLI and the Royal Brompton Campus followed by trips to the Charing Cross Campus where they saw the pathology museum, human anatomy skills lab, dissection lab and Student Union facilities and followed this with a visit to the Wolfson Education Centre at the Hammersmith Campus and the Cyclotron and Burlington Danes. Finally they were given a tour of St Mary's Hospital including the respiratory research unit and the communication suite.



Members of Imperial and NTU at the Research Techno Plaza at NTU which is being adapted to form part of interim office space until 107 Mandalay on the Novena campus is completed

For more information on the Singapore Project, please visit:

<http://www1.imperial.ac.uk/singaporemedschool> or alternatively if you have a specific question or wish to register your interest in becoming involved, please email: singaporemedschool@imperial.ac.uk

A*STAR Visit

The London Office of the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine was recently visited by Professor Lee Eng Hin, Executive Director of the Biomedical Research Council of the Singapore Agency for Science, Technology and Research and Chairman of the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine Pro-Term Governing Board.

Professor Lee Eng Hin met with Dr Naomi Low-Beer (Curriculum Development), Professor Jenny Higham (Deputy Principal of the Faculty of Medicine), Professor Mary Ritter (Pro-Rector) and Professor Michael Ferenczi (Head of Molecular Medicine, National Heart & Lung Institute) who took Professor Lee on a tour of the Sir Alexander Fleming Building.

He was then invited to tour the Communication Skills Suite at St Mary's Campus in which he was able to obtain a first-hand look at trainee doctors practising their skills within the labs.

Curriculum Update

Following a very successful away day to engage a number of academics in the development of the curriculum in the new school, a large number of Imperial staff have been recruited to the project. Input and work from all involved to develop the curriculum is happening in earnest and the approval process by Imperial College London and Nanyang Technological University is currently underway. For more information see <http://www1.imperial.ac.uk/medicine/teaching/singapore/>

Awards for Teaching Excellence for NHS Teachers 2010-11

The contribution of over 1000 NHS staff in West London to delivering the undergraduate course is valued immensely by the College. Ten prizes are awarded each year and they may be made to staff at any grade and in any profession.

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2010-11 awards:

- Dr Stella Barnes**, The Hillingdon Hospital NHS Trust
- Dr Moustafa Hafez**, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust
- Dr Andrew Harris**, Surrey Primary Care Trust
- Dr Jenny Lebus**, Wandsworth Primary Care Trust
- Dr Sam Nayrouz**, West London Mental Health NHS Trust
- Dr Michael Osborn**, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust
- Dr Gillian Park**, North West London Hospitals NHS Trust
- Dr Gulam Patel**, Ashford & St Peter's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Dr John Platt**, West Middlesex University Hospital NHS Trust
- Dr Aaron Vallance**, West London Mental Health NHS Trust

The awards will be presented on **Wednesday 9 November 2011, 5.30pm to 8.00pm**, at Lecture Theatre 1, Sir Alexander Fleming Building, South Kensington Campus, London, SW7 2AZ and will be followed by Professor Helen Ward's inaugural lecture and a drinks reception. Registration in advance is required and if you would like to attend, please contact Mrs Nousheen Tariq via email: n.tariq@imperial.ac.uk or 020 7594 3005.