

Imperial College Union DPGS report

“A note by Deputy President Graduate Students”

Organising the GSA Centenary Event

There have been many deliberations as to the date of this event and also the kind of event we wanted to have. At the moment the consensus is to have a sort of symposium/conference with very high profile speakers. We are thinking that it will go on for 3 consecutive days with the third day culminating in a night-time soiree/event. External collaborations perhaps with the BBC/Sky and banks to get sponsorship.

“3 Colleges Night”

Successful collaboration between the GSA, RCA and RCM. At dB's on the 9th of November. A great part of the last two weeks has been spent on this liaising, getting publicity produced and distributed and organising sound technicians and bands for the night. The event was an overwhelming success with feedback to do many more of them. There are ideas of getting sponsorship and making the event a free one.

PG Common Room

The meeting with Dot Griffiths at Tanaka did not go well regarding the possibility of a PG common room in there café so we are back to the drawing board with this one.

Ladies Day

Will be working with College (Dot Griffiths, Esat Alpay), Ben Harris and John Collins on a way to promote women in research and this will probably consist of speakers and workshops to go hand-in hand with the Athena Lectures in May. We will endeavour to contact high profile women from Imperial College Union and elsewhere.

GSA committees

The GSA Committee has now been elected although the first meeting was held on 27th October with anyone who was interested in helping out with the GSA. It was an amazing turn out and I have since received a lot of support from many PGs in helping run the “3 Colleges Night”. We have also brainstormed about future events for the GSA and I have enlisted help for the Christmas Ball

GSA Christmas Ball

Currently organising the Christmas Ball for the 11th December and we are hoping to get “luges”, an ice bar, comedians, two bands, and dancers along with a 3 course meal for a ticket price of £25 per head. Tickets will be going on sale this week.

“Worthy Week”

I am working to try and combine fair-trade, social careers fair, NGO's, charities, social entrepreneurship etc all under one umbrella and perhaps get very high profile speakers for this. There is a possibility that it will be a whole week culminating in the Festival that Shiv has planned sometime during Easter. Everything is still in discussion stages.