

Council Report  
*A note by ICSMSU President Tim Wills*

### **Junior Doctor Job Applications**

This has dominated much of my work last term. In my last report to council I explained the situation that Imperial medical students were facing, a serious inequality regarding first choice jobs when compared to the rest of the country. We have campaigned hard to first help our students that have fared badly this year and secondly to improve the situation for next year. After convening a campaign committee of students with a vast combined experience in this area and to whom I am extremely thankful, we produced the ICSM SU policy document setting out our aims to rectify the problems. I surveyed the final year students to gather evidence (response rate 33% and the report of this survey is on [www.icsmsu.com](http://www.icsmsu.com)). As well as active lobbying internally, I met with Professor Gallen, head of the United Kingdom Foundation Programme Office (UKFPO). Our silent lobby outside the UKFPO review board on 9<sup>th</sup> April was widely held to be very effective with over 100 students turning out to protest but it remains to be seen what effect this has had and whether we have improved the situation for our students next year.

### **Education**

I am soon to finish chairing the last of the Staff-Student Liaison Groups (SSLG's) this year and am pleased that we have managed to voice student concerns effectively. I thank all the ICSM year reps and the SU education reps for their hard work this year. Last term specifically:

- Within year 4 we have successfully pushed for the removal of a BSc project cap meaning that all of our students who want to can do a project as part of their BSc course.
- Within the clinical years, we have brought about the improvement of teaching resources at clinical sites, better end of firm assessment and Mock OSCE sessions for more students. Many other improvements to the course have also been made
- Within the first 2 years, we have ensured the formative exam feedback is comprehensive and useful. We have also managed to improve the lecture resources on the intranet and are in the process of reviewing the timetabling system

The course review is also in full swing and the students are well represented in all focus groups for this.

### **Clubs and Societies**

We continue to support their work and look forward to the sports dinner that is being organised currently. ICSM SU however remains concerned at the support for Clubs and Socs from ICU finance. We are anticipating the usual backlog of transfers between accounts and a delay for figures to appear online as the end of the year approaches.

### **ICSM 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 ensured students were sitting on each of the School of Medicine interview panels and that all students invited for interview were given a tour of our facilities. I have also had the pleasure of organising two of our Undergraduate Open Days, the third we are planning for next term along with the Graduate Entry Open Day.

### **Welfare**

I continue to support individual students, particularly as exam time approaches for many. I am also pleased to have achieved what I have been planning for a while, that is to host 2 training seminars for our Medical School personal tutors. We have had one in the last couple of weeks and have another arranged for the clinical tutors early next month, both timed just before their tutees sit exams. The training of personal tutors is very important given the complex structure of the medical course and its assessment so I will be encouraging my successor to follow this up next year.

### **Elections**

Nominations for ICSM SU Exec positions open on 28<sup>th</sup> April, results will be out on 23<sup>rd</sup> May and I am acting as returning officer for these elections.